



Friday, September 22, 2017

This week, **Money Magazine** named **Franklin, TN #4 in Best Places to Live in America!** This is a great compliment to our community and to our City team that works hard every day to provide a great quality of life in our great community. The magazine said, “Franklin has mastered the art of blending the traditional with the modern, offering plenty of jobs and amenities within its city limits. While you’ll see few chain stores as you stroll through Franklin’s picturesque downtown, just minutes away is the Cool Springs Galleria, a major regional shopping center. Several health care-related companies are located in town, including [Community Health Systems](#), Optum, and Healthways. You’ll also find Nissan’s North American headquarters here, along with outposts for other big companies such as [Verizon](#) and Mars Petcare—all of which help keep unemployment low and job forecasts sunny.” Great job, Team Franklin! To read more and learn about the methodology, go here:

<http://time.com/money/collection/best-places-to-live-2017/4924110/franklin->



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On Thursday, the **Franklin Police Department** hosted the **Police Officer Trainee Graduation** at Rolling Hills Community Church. Seven new officers graduated. Congratulations to new Officers **Braydon Dodd, Dylan Donegan, Connor Jones, Joshua Koch, Nicholas Smith, Troy Stephenson, and James Williams**. Within our group three received top honors in their recruit training class which included Police Officer cadets from across the state. The Franklin Police Department top award winners include: Brayden Dodd for top academic performance, Joshua Koch for top defensive and tactical driving, and James Williams received the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP) Outstanding Officer recognition. Great work by all of our officers! Appreciation goes out to the training staff as well, including; **Lieutenants Eric Anderson and John Lawrence, Sergeants Paul Arnold and Mike Simpkins, MPO's Chad Black, Adam Cohen, Tami Crowe, Ryan Frazier, Robert Gibson, Matt Lamarr, Keith Martin, Steve Small, Richard Spaulding, Meghan Valentin and Officer Chris Marlow**. During the ceremony, **Officer David Collins** received the **Distinguished Service Medal** and MPO **Richard Spaulding** received the **Life Saving Award Medal**.

Earlier today, the **Tennessee Local Development Authority (TLDA)** approved three loans totaling \$100 million for the City's upgrade and expansion of the Water



Reclamation Facility. The loan is for a 30-year period at an interest rate of 1.47%. This is a great deal for Franklin and will **save our rate payers at least \$30 million over the life of the**

loan compared to typical bond financing. A big thank you to our team for their work on securing this loan! While many helped along the way, I specifically want to acknowledge the work of **Mark Hilty, Michelle Hatcher, Shauna Billingsley, Kristine Tallent, Russ Truell, and our Finance team**. Also, a HUGE thank you to the **Board of Mayor and Aldermen** for their support throughout this process.

The City is gearing up for the **3rd annual Pilgrimage Festival** this weekend. Several staff are working the event from many departments. I appreciate your hard work throughout the year and this weekend to make this event a success. The City held a social media contest on Facebook titled **#MyPilgrimagePal** to give away a pair of 2-day passes to the event. See that story here <https://williamsonsource.com/city-franklin-gives-away-tickets->

[pilgrimage-festival/](http://franklintn.gov/Home/Components/News/News/7368/1354) . There will be traffic changes on Franklin Road from Harpeth Industrial to First Avenue and also on Liberty Pike. For more information on that go here <http://franklintn.gov/Home/Components/News/News/7368/1354>

REMINDER: Our **second annual City of Franklin Lip Sync Battle is happening September 27. GROUP TEAM WINS LUNCH FOR ENTIRE DEPARTMENT and the INDIVIDUAL PRIZE IS A \$50.00 gift card.** This year, we are going to add a new wrinkle to the lip sync event. **Yours truly (Eric Stuckey) will perform a lip sync to a song based on your vote. The votes are in and he will sing one of these four songs!**

1. **Let it Go – Frozen soundtrack**
2. **Stayin Alive – The Bee Gees**
3. **Ice, Ice Baby – Vanilla Ice**
4. **Party in the USA – Miley Cyrus**

Mark your calendars! **Flu shot clinics** will be **October 18th** and **November 13th**. This year will be a **four-strain shot**, which is better and more effective than the three strain. More information to come regarding times and location.

Thanks for *all* you do!



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