



*Friday, December 1, 2017*

**Station 8 was recognized with a 2017 Station Design Award CAREER 2 NOTABLE.** The judging was split into two categories this year with CAREER 1 recognized with facilities over 15,000 square feet and six honorable mentions and CAREER 2 are for stations under 15,000 square feet. In our category there was a Gold, Silver and Bronze winner with our facility being recognized as one of six honorable mentions. Also if you were not aware the facility did reach a LEED SILVER recognition regarding design and construction. Not bad at all considering projects were submitted from all over the United States and Canada. Great job to **Brad Wilson, Chief Garzarek and our Fire and Facilities Management teams.**



[http://media.cygnus.com/files/base/FHC/document/2017/10/FIR\\_SDA\\_2017.pdf](http://media.cygnus.com/files/base/FHC/document/2017/10/FIR_SDA_2017.pdf) see page 87.



**Hillsboro Road is now fully open to traffic. Thanks to project manager William Banks and our Engineering team.** This project was the second phase of the Hillsboro Road Improvements Project creating roadway and utility infrastructure upgrades. We experienced a few delays but overall this project enhances one of the major entryways into downtown Franklin. The project entailed Widening from a 2-lane roadway with shoulders to 3-lanes (includes a new center turn lane) with curb and gutter (widening is symmetrical along the

roadway's existing centerline); New 4.0' Bike lanes on both sides; New 3.0' grass strip with street trees; New 5.0' sidewalk along both sides of the roadway, up to 916/917 Hillsboro Road; New street lighting along both sides using decorative street light poles; Northbound right turn lanes (in addition to the 2 travel lanes and center turn lane) to be added in front of Franklin High School and at both of the Joel Cheek Blvd. and Claude Yates Drive Intersections; Installing a traffic control signal at Claude Yates Drive to help with Franklin High School Traffic; Upgrading the Joel Cheek Blvd. traffic signal; Relocating all overhead utilities into underground duct banks; Upgrading older and undersized water and sanitary sewer utility lines; and Installing a new storm water sewer system with catch basins and yard inlets. These upgrades take place in both State Rights-of-Way and City/Public Easements.

Recently, **Alderman Clyde Barnhill and Finance's Michael Walters Young** traveled to **Gallatin** to speak with their government leaders about that City's long-term strategic plan. Michael and Clyde shared our Franklin Forward Strategic Plan with the group. Gallatin Mayor Paige Brown mentioned traveling to Franklin in the near future with Gallatin's council members to see how City leaders implement Franklin Forward. Franklin Forward was established in 2013 and sets a unified vision for the future of the city measured in themes: safe, clean livable city, effective and fiscally sound city government providing high quality service, quality of life experiences and sustainable growth and economic prosperity. Read more about the meeting in the Tennessean here <http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/sumner/gallatin/2017/11/17/how-gallatin-plans-shape-growth-citys-future/872537001/>



The **Franklin Police Department** is looking for toy donations to fill toy boxes made by the father of a Franklin woman, Kristi Clark, and her 10-year-old son, Carter that were killed in 2015 during the ice storm. Citizens can bring a new, unwrapped toy for children up to 14-years-old and leave it in the toy box in the Franklin Police Headquarters Lobby. New toy donations are accepted Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Monetary donations are unable to be accepted. Read more about the toy drive here.

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The **Franklin Fire Department** is also conducting their 10th annual toy and clothing drive. The gift requests of more than 300 Williamson County children are adorning the holiday fire hydrant displays outside Franklin fire stations and Franklin City Hall. The Franklin Firefighters Toy and Clothing Drive has provided coats, clothes, shoes and toys to hundreds of children each year since 2008, according to Captain Clay Mackey. He said the recipients are identified by representatives of the **Williamson County Chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of Middle Tennessee**, who work with other charities to prevent duplication of efforts. Read more about the Franklin Fire Toy Drive here

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The City of Franklin is teaming with **Spring Tree Media** to light up the square **TONIGHT** at 6pm to make the 2017 Christmas tree lighting spectacular! Freedom Intermediate School Honors Choir and Independence High School Choir will sing with special guest performer Grammy nominated and award-winning singer, Matthew West (a Franklin citizen) before **Mayor Ken Moore** flips the switch on the tree. This year the event is sponsored by Spring Tree Media, Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation (MTEMC). Williamson Medical Center sponsors the free photos with Santa beginning at 5:30 pm, one hour before the program starts and Mars Petcare is offering another photo opportunity on the square that is pet friendly, so pets are welcome! Characters from **Gaylord Opryland ICE, A Charlie Brown Christmas** will be on hand to take photos with kids, plus more surprises. The Downtown Franklin Association is participating with fun happenings in downtown stores and





they will stay open late that night so shoppers can get an early start on their Christmas shopping. The **Franklin Noon Rotary** and the new **Downtown Franklin Rotary** will hand out free refreshments. Special thanks to our **Communications team** for planning this event each year. Also, we couldn't have the tree lighting if it were not for the **Street Department** who stores the fabulous tree and puts it up each year and **decorates our beautiful downtown** for the holidays! Also, thank you to **Facilities Management** for helping set up for the tree lighting and Santa photos, **Angela Jackson** who creates the Santa scene and all the **volunteers** who make this a special event for our citizens and visitors. For more details visit <http://www.franklintn.gov>

Thanks for all you do! Enjoy the Tree Lighting and the Christmas Parade tomorrow beginning at 2pm.



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