



Friday, December 15, 2017

Last Friday, five new **Franklin Police Officers** graduated from **Walter State**. The five officers are **Johnny Phommachack, Andrew Clements, Jami Lawlor, Victoria Hutchinson, and Michael Oliver**. They will now return to Franklin to begin their field training. **Two Franklin Officers received top awards: Andrew Clements - Firearms Award (Top Gun) and Johnny Phommachack - Courage & Determination Award**. We are proud of all these Officers and look forward to their service to the citizens of Franklin.

Pension Fund Report. Attached is the third quarter performance report for the **Employee Pension Fund** (through September 2017). The total portfolio is now \$102.2 million. Currently, \$91.4 million of the overall portfolio are is under the management of TCRS (Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System). Overall, our employee pension fund continues to be strong financially.

Last night, I joined several City of Franklin team members (including Alderman Brandy Blanton) and many citizens in “wrapping up” the **Franklin Firefighters 10th Annual Toy and Clothing Drive** at Station 5. **More than 100 volunteers wrapped approximately 1,100 gifts for 220 Williamson County children in less than two hours!** As you’ll see in the photo below, my wife Lisa, daughter Beth, and I successfully wrapped a large beanbag chair proving that nothing is impossible with enough tape and paper! Thank you, Sarah Glenn, for this “special assignment!” The gifts will be distributed to the children next Thursday. **Over the past 10 years the Franklin Firefighters working with our generous community have provided coats, shoes, shirts, pants and toys to more than 2,500 local children, totaling over 25,000 individual gifts!** Thanks to all who have helped over the years to make this worthwhile event a success!



This week, the **Fire Department** completed a time capsule project for **Station**

8. Coordinated by **Engineer Wylie Jones**, the capsule was sealed in the wall of the front entrance, with instructions that it should be opened no sooner than August 21, 2066. That date is 50 years after the station's first day of service. Special thanks to the city's **Facilities Management team**, including **Kevin Failey, Jim Maxwell and Brad Wilson**, for helping to make this project possible. Kevin and Jim also did a great job of hanging Station 8's LEED SILVER award while they were there.



Eng. Wylie Jones signs the time capsule



L-R Kevin Failey, Eng. Wylie Jones, Lt./P Max Cook and Jim Maxwell



Station 8 LEED certification award



*place the time capsule in the wall
at Station 8*

The **Communications Division** received a special **thank you note** from “The Flakes.” They are a group of women born and raised in Franklin that donated money for the new star atop the new Franklin Christmas Tree.

*Dear Communications Division,
“Just a note from ‘The Flakes’ to say thank you for all you did for us to make the tree lighting special for us. As you can see from the photo we love the sweatshirts and the thought behind them—what fun we will have wearing them. Thank you. -Eunetta Kready for “The Flakes”*

The **Annual Employee Christmas/Holiday Breakfast** is **Wednesday, December 20th, 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** in the City Hall Commons Area. **Employee Service Awards** will be announced at 8:00 a.m. All employees with 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service please make plans to attend. New this year, we’ll have a **Christmas tree skirt and Christmas tie competition**. We’ll announce the **tree decorating prize winner** as well. There will only be one prize and it will be a trophy that will pass around to the various winners year after year. Everyone is really getting into the spirit, here is a sneak peek at some of the trees around City Hall.









That's it for this week! Thank you for *all* you do. Remember the **City Holidays are December 25 & 26 and January 1**. Have a great weekend.

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