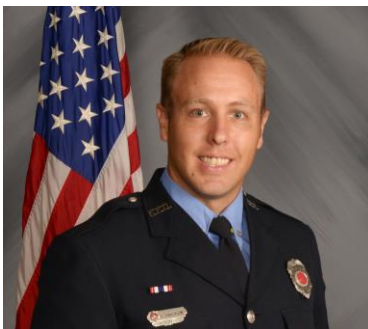




Friday, January 12, 2018

As you all probably know by now, we are closing City offices today at noon due to the prospect of weather conditions worsening throughout the day. A special thanks to our folks that will continue working despite the weather (public safety, our 24/7 operations, and Streets crews). Thanks also to all who made it in today despite the weather concerns. Payroll folks will be notified by Finance/HR regarding how to handle the closure in the pay system. Essentially, we will provide a half day paid time for all employees. It will be treated like a holiday (but for only a half day).

The City of Franklin was recognized by **Trip Advisor** and **Expedia** this month. Trip Advisor named Franklin in the **top 30 places to visit in 2018**. It's the first time, that we have seen, that both Franklin and Nashville made the list (usually if Nashville is on a list, then Franklin is not). Here is the link: <https://www.tripadvisor.com/VacationRentalsBlog/2018/01/02/top-usa-cities-to-visit/> Expedia says Franklin made the list of best cities for a stay-at-home vacation! Franklin is number six on the list and cites our history, breweries, juiceries and local shopping as the highlights. Read more here <https://viewfinder.expedia.com/features/8-cities-will-inspire-staycation/#Franklin>



Youth Leadership Franklin had their Government Day on Wednesday. **Mayor Moore** and I got the chance to kick off their day with an introduction to city government. They also had the opportunity to visit with our **Public Works Department** and tour the new **Water Treatment Plant** and **Fire Station #8**. Thank you to all our employees who helped make this a special day for these future leaders!

Congratulations to **Paramedic Dustin Anderson** who was recently promoted to **Fire Engineer from the rank of Firefighter**. Dustin joined the FFD in 2011 and is a 5th generation firefighter. He was actually featured in a recruit video during his recruit training. You can view it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFExHIWVsBE&t=2s> Congrats, Dustin!

Congratulations also to the **Parks Department's Suzanne Carter** who recently passed the Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) exam. The Certified Park and Recreation Professional certification is the national standard for all parks and recreation professionals who want to be at the forefront of their profession. Attaining the CPRP designation shows you have met education and experience qualifications, and illustrates your commitment to the profession as well as your knowledge and understanding of key concepts within parks and recreation. Congrats, Suzanne!

The following is an email I received from Marianne DeMeyers, President of the **Downtown Franklin Association** and owner of the Tin Cottage to **Amanda Rose** in our **Planning and Sustainability Department**.

Hi Amanda,

I was just reading the article regarding "Franklin could update its historic inventory to National Register of Historic Places". I was reminded of the wonderful work that you do and how appreciative I am that you are so dedicated to your position with the City of Franklin. What an incredible town we live in that our city administration and our community know that this place matters. I am sure I speak for all of the DFA when I say thank you for all that you do.

Best,

Marianne

That's it for this week. Thanks for all you do and keep warm this weekend.



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