



*Friday, April 27, 2018*

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of Earth Month, the **Stormwater Management Division of Engineering** partnered with Cumberland River Compact to host a stream cleanup in Mallory Branch (this is the stream that runs between Mallory Lane and the west side of the mall). Funded by the TVA, a group of 28 volunteers including individuals from TDEC, the Williamson County Democratic Party, REI and City of Franklin Stormwater staff signed up for the effort. Safety and trash collection supplies were provided by Keep Williamson Beautiful and collected by our **Sanitation and Environmental Services Department**. A total of 560lbs of trash were removed from the stream, including 12 bags of material sent to recycling! The most interesting item of trash collected was an unopened jar of pickles dated 1997! Stormwater runoff carries litter to our storm system, then to our streams, and



eventually the Harpeth River. This is a great example of how littering can remain an issue in our waterbodies many years after it is discarded.

Congratulations to **Paige Cruse from Parks**, who was honored as a 2018 Strobel Volunteer Award finalist from Hands on Nashville. Paige was honored as a

Direct Service Volunteer which recognizes individuals who have contributed significant volunteer time, energy and/or resources to help an agency's constituents. **Paige was nominated as a volunteer for Alive Hospice.** More than 600 volunteers and community members attended the luncheon and ceremony at Music City Center. The annual event recognizes volunteers for their outstanding contributions to the community, and celebrates the life of Mary Catherine Strobel, a Nashvillian with an outstanding dedication to service. Community members submitted 126 nominations for the 2018 Strobel Volunteer Awards. Thanks for your dedication to service, Paige!



**Count it! Lock it! Drop it! The Williamson County Anti-Drug Coalition** is hosting a drug take-back this Saturday, April 28 from 10am to 2pm. You can drop off any unused or expired prescription over-the-counter and/or veterinary medications

for proper disposal at the Walgreens on Murfreesboro Road, Fred's Pharmacy in Fairview of the Brentwood Police Department on Maryland Way. For more information contact 615.310.6391

In honor of **Preservation Month** in May, the City of Franklin announces the **2018 My Historic Franklin Photo contest** with hundreds of dollars in prizes, plus a chance to win goodies from our friends at Grays on Main, Kilwins, Tin Cottage, New Day Photography, The **Williamson County Convention and Visitor's Bureau** and the **Heritage Foundation of Williamson County, TN**. The contest runs May 1-15<sup>th</sup> on the City of Franklin Instagram page **@cityoffranklntn**. The winning photos will be displayed at **Tin Cottage** on Main Street in Franklin and be shown at The Franklin Art Crawl. Awards will be given for Best Architecture Photo, Best Landscape Photo and Peoples' Choice. For more information go to <http://www.franklntn.gov/Home/Components/News/News/7707/1354>

The **Franklin Police Department** has scheduled two, free 1.5 hour seminars designed to help keep citizens safe during the unthinkable. It can happen anytime, anywhere – and it does. Acts of mass violence in public places continue to rock communities to their core. Franklin Police Officers will share with citizens, employers, and community leaders, ways to improve their response to an unforeseen, mass violence encounter. During both of the one-and-a-half hour seminars, officers will discuss three main, national best practices: Avoid, Deny, Defend. The seminars are free and open to the public – but pre-registration is required. The seminars are scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2018 6-7:30 pm, or Tuesday, May 1, 2018 6-7:30 pm, at the Police Headquarters Community Room. Register here: <http://www.franklntn.gov/government/police/active-shooter-citizen-response>

**Here are this week's new hires.**

**John Hall, STREET. Traffic Signal Technician**

John is from Murfreesboro and is married with 4 children. John previously worked for S & W Contracting. In his spare time, he loves hanging with his kids, working in the yard, and cooking. John's favorite team is the Tennessee Titans.



**Mike Vaporis. BNS. Building Inspector**

Mike lives in Fairview with his wife and 3 children. Before joining the City, Mike worked for Publix. Mike enjoys walking trails and his favorite sports teams are the Cleveland Browns and the Tennessee Titans.

**Welcome to the City of Franklin team, John and Mike!**

**The Franklin Main Street Festival** is happening this weekend on Saturday from 10-6pm and Sunday 11-6pm. New this year is the Williamson County High School Battle of the Bands. The festival will also feature all the usual music, food, crafts and kids' area. Organizers expect over 140,000 people to come to the festival. To see the schedule and details go here: <https://williamsonheritage.org/eventsarchives/main-street-festival-day-1/>. Thanks to all the Team members that will be working the Main Street Festival. You all really make this event "go!"

Thanks for *all* you do. Have a great weekend!



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