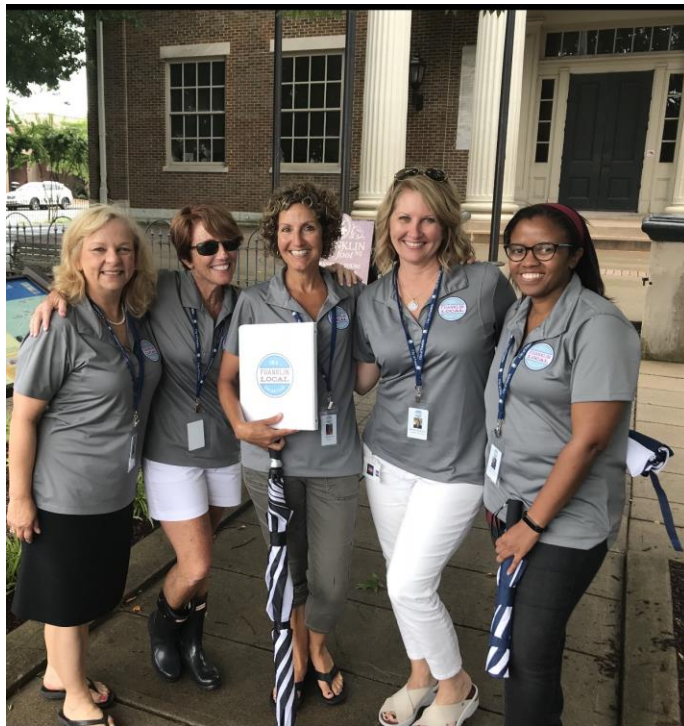




Friday, June 22, 2018



The **Franklin Locals** greeter program started Thursday in Franklin. Two from our Communications team **Monique McCullough and Milissa Reiersen** participated. The program entails volunteers on Main Street during the busy tourist hours greeting folks and providing assistance with information on stores, restaurants, restrooms, the Visitors Center and more. Milissa and Monique spoke with about 20 groups in a two-hour time span with some visitors being from California, Wisconsin and Michigan. Volunteers will be out today and through the weekend. You should be seeing many more locals on the streets this summer! **Other Franklin Locals** pictured from L-R are: **Kristy Williams** from DFA, **Joni Cole** from

Grays and Julie Brown.



Congratulations to **Building and Neighborhood Services Director, Chris Bridgewater**. Chris received the “Boss Hog Worker Award 2018” for his hard work during the **Franklin Noon Rotary, Great Americana Barbecue Festival** at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm last year. The Barbecue Festival started in 2016 and this year will be the 3rd Annual Event on August 25th. To purchase tickets, go to www.greatamericanabbqfestival.com. All proceeds go to the Franklin Noon Rotary foundation which benefits many charities throughout Williamson County and Internationally through Rotary International. This year, Chris is the chairman of the committee organizing the festival.



This Friday, the **Parks Department** is hosting a **Movie in the Park** at Pinkerton Park. The movie is **Lego Ninjago Movie**. The movies are free. Concessions are available for purchase. Stay tuned to the weather as decisions are made closer to movie time if a cancellation is in order.



Last week, we celebrated the completion of the **Water Treatment Plant** upgrades. This week, local reporters took a tour of the plant and published stories. You can read those stories at the links below.

<https://franklinhomepage.com/step-inside-franklins-new-state-of-the-art-water-treatment-facility/>

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/williamson/2018/06/21/franklin-water-treatment-plant-gets-13-9-million-upgrade/721240002/>

Recently we re-posted **Mayor Moore’s “Happy” video** that was created in 2014 with the popularity of Pharrell Williams’ “Happy” song. Many new employees may not have ever seen the video or the scenes from Pharrell’s video and the Despicable Me 2 movie that inspired some of the scenes in the video. We posted a split screen of the video showing the scenes and their similarities on YouTube. See it here! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7512VqsUJLE>

Thousands are expected to attend the popular **Franklin on the Fourth** celebration on the square happening Wednesday, July 4th in Franklin and sponsored by the **Franklin Lions Club**. Festivities begin at 10:00 a.m. with music, food and craft vendors, antique cars, a kid's zone and much more. The event will also feature a Children's Patriotic Parade at 5:00 p.m, line-up for the parade begins at 4:45, to register go to the Lions Club Booth on the square at the event. There will be prizes for best costume and decorated bikes and wagons. Pets are welcome.

The Park at Harlinsdale is the prime spot for viewing the fireworks show. The show is sponsored by **WAKM** and the **City of Franklin**. **Friends of Franklin Parks** is hosting the community in the **Tractor Supply Arena** featuring two bands, concessions for purchase, beer tents, and a kids area featuring old fashioned kids games. The two bands are People on the Porch at 6:00 p.m. followed by Rubiks Groove at about 7:00 p.m.

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



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