



Friday, July 13, 2018

Congratulations to the **Planning & Sustainability Department** who recently applied for **two Historic Preservation Fund Grants** in January, both of which have been recently awarded. One is for an update to the **National Register of Historic Places listing for the Hincheyville Historic District**. It was listed in the 1970's and has not been updated since that time. The update will evaluate an expanded period of significance, note new construction and demolitions, note any omissions to the survey, include additional information on accessory structures such as outbuildings and garages, and correct street addresses, as needed. The update will be helpful for maintaining a thorough historic resources inventory. The second grant is to complete **restoration on select windows on the Hayes House at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm**. The primary focus will be on the front and west elevations on the Queen Anne residence. The contracts are currently being written by the State and will be presented to the BOMA for its consideration when they are completed.

The **Board of Mayor and Aldermen** approved **new parking laws** for the downtown core of Franklin. Instead of four-hour parking on the street it will be changed to two hours excluding holidays. Data collected during the parking study regarding parking duration has been mentioned. Attached is an image of the summarized data regarding actual parking duration recorded on Main Street and in downtown in general.

BOMA also unanimously approved the **\$133 million project to upgrade the City's Water Reclamation Plant**. The upgrades will help our water department produce cleaner discharge and a more efficient Class A solid allowing for more disposal options. This is the largest capital expenditure Franklin has ever experienced. Read the media stories here:

- <https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/williamson/2018/07/10/franklin-start-132-million-upgrades-sewer-plant-water-treatment-plant/771334002/>
- http://www.williamsonherald.com/news/article_0329a59c-85ef-11e8-8384-5be1e43ef56d.html
- <https://franklinhomepage.com/city-awards-133-million-water-reclamation-facility-bid-to-top-ranked-infrastructure-company/>
- <https://www.newschannel5.com/news/on-the-rise/franklin-approves-wastewater-treatment-plant-upgrades>

The **Finance Department** will host a training session on updates to City policies on **Wednesday, August 1st, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. in the City Hall Training Room**. These

updates were approved by BOMA on June 26. Sign-up information will be sent to each department soon. **The updates to be covered are the travel policy, payroll policy, disbursements policy, and internal controls.** The training will also include **a discussion of project numbers for project tracking and reporting.** The updated policies are available on the City's website under *Government-Finance and Administration-Financial Policies*.

Welcome to our new employees!



Joseph Hargrove. PARKS. Grounds Worker.

Joseph is from Santa Fe, Tennessee. Joseph is married and has a 2 year old son. In his spare time, Joseph enjoys camping and fishing. Before joining the City, Joseph worked for Sunbelt Rentals.



Alyssa Hartmann. PARKS. Research and Planning Specialist.

Alyssa is originally from Port Richey, Florida and most recently from Tallahassee. Alyssa has a B.A. in English and Political Science from F.S.U. She also has her J.D. from F.S.U. Law School. Alyssa is currently engaged and getting married in October.



Dustin Taylor. SES. Equipment Operator.

Dustin is originally from Franklin. He is married with 2 step-sons. Dustin previously worked for Williamson County and has a CDL.

Here is a nice thank you letter from a citizen.

*Hello! I wanted to share a quick story regarding an interaction my husband had with a Franklin police officer yesterday - please feel free forward this email to any relevant parties! My husband's SUV broke down yesterday, and he had to pull over. One of your officers, I believe his name was Officer Martin, pulled into the lot where my husband was waiting for a tow truck. The officer was the embodiment of care and service - he offered my husband (who was wearing a full suit in the summer heat) a seat in his car to cool off, a charging cord for his iPhone (which was almost dead) and stayed with him until I arrived. We are a biracial couple in the south, and my husband (who is black) has experienced a bit of racial profiling in the past. After the officer left, my husband commented that his experience with the Franklin Police Department restored his faith in police officers, and even made him aware of some of his own preconceived notions of law enforcement that he had been harboring. So, we wanted to be sure to write in and say THANK YOU for not only showing the utmost care and concern for us, but for being a real-life example of a law-enforcement body that is worthy of the upmost respect and honor. We are so grateful for your service! All my best, **Becky Pendergrass***

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

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