



Friday, July 27, 2018

Congratulations to the Parks Department's Paige Cruse who was a finalist in Franklin Tomorrow's Volunteer Awards 2018. Paige was nominated by Parks Director Lisa Clayton. Paige Cruse has been an invaluable Alive Hospice volunteer for the past 10 years. Paige has been dedicated to serving grieving children and teens who have lost a parent through Alive Hospice's camp programs: Camp Evergreen, Camp Forget-Me-Not and the Alive Teen Retreat. Paige has been an employee of the City of Franklin Parks department for the past 10 years where she coordinates youth programming. She brings her professional talents to these camp programs by helping run games and activities for campers. She also volunteers as a small group leader at the grief camps providing direct support for these grieving children and teens.



Paige has taken on the task of making each moment at camp as much fun as possible. She teaches children and teens that they can still have fun, laugh, and play. This is critical to their ability to be resilient and know that they can still be kids and find joy in the midst of their pain and grief. Paige

makes sure these children and teens know that someone cares and is there to support them during what is often a very dark and difficult time. Her love and generosity has resulted in hundreds of grieving children and teens finding support, understanding, knowledge, and joy!

Next Monday, July 30, The **Breakfast Rotary** club is hosting a group of British and American wounded veterans with the **Walking with the Wounded program**. The group is walking across America and will stop in Franklin. The group will walk along Mack Hatcher to Hillsboro Road, Third Ave North Extension to the square and stop at the historic Williamson County Courthouse where they will be met by **County Mayor Rogers Anderson, City Mayor Ken Moore** and a general from Fort Campbell. There should be about 18 people participating, including 6 veterans. You can learn more about the group here wwtw.org.uk.

School starts in two weeks and **Franklin Police** will be enforcing a new law that prohibits the use of a cell phone in a school zones---please watch the short video for details. Please keep this new law in mind as you are traveling in the community on City and/or personal business. Thanks. Here's the video

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Five **Franklin Police Department** team members participated in the **Fraternal Order of Police, Shop with a Cop**, event this past weekend at Walmart. **MPO Matt Lamar, MPO Clint Buchanan, Detective Sergio Guerra, Officer Rose Steagall and Officer Dwayne Burress** participated. The police officers assisted children from pre-screened families with their back-to-school shopping with money generously donated by local residents and businesses. Thank you all for showing extra care for these students and their families!



Heads up! City Team members have a makeup day to take advantage of their employee discount at the **Williamson County Fair**. The original tickets are for Saturday, August 4th. The makeup day is on Wednesday, August 8, between 10am-4pm. **Employees can also purchase a \$10.00 pass at the merchandise booth for unlimited rides between 10am-4pm on either of those days.**

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.*

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 8th**, in the **City Hall Training Room** from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. To make an appointment, you can go to the online scheduling system at www.redcrossblood.org. In the "Find a Blood Drive" box, type in: **FranklinTN19**. If you need help making an appointment or if you have any questions, contact moniquem@franklintn.gov or X6606.

Some nice compliments from residents this week.

Joe York, Margaret Martin** let me know that you and your team are responsible for the flowers on Main Street. My wife and I love what you do with them as it makes the downtown area so much brighter and beautiful. Thanks for taking so much pride in it. I'm also curious if you farm it out to a third party or use a specific nursery for the flowers as we have been looking at improvements for our house on 3rd Ave S. Thanks so much.—**Bob Ravener

***John Price, Ginger Martin, and Alex Brown,** I recently participated in a meeting that included **Alderman Brandy Blanton** and Hooper Inman who is placing the finishing touches on his new West Main office building. Mr. Inman was very complimentary for the guidance and support each of you have provided during the permitting and construction process. He specifically noted the patience you provided,*

assistance in uploading applications into our electronic plan review portal, and overall process guidance. It was obvious the personal attention you offered was appreciated and reflected well on you and our team. Thank you again for a job well done!—Vernon

Plenty of activities coming up this weekend. **Blue Grass Along the Harpeth Festival** is happening on this evening and all day Saturday. **Polo at The Park at Harlinsdale Farm (Tractor Supply Arena)** and **St. Paul's Barbecue** are also happening on Saturday evening. Thanks for *all* you do.



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