



*Friday, October 19, 2018*

The City of Franklin announced today that it has achieved **LEED for Cities Silver certification**, making it the first city in the southeast to be certified. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, was created by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and is the world's most widely used green building rating program. Launched in 2016, [LEED for Cities](#) enables communities to measure and track 14 key metrics that include energy, water, waste, transportation, education, health, safety, prosperity and equitability. Performance is tracked through [Arc](#), a digital platform that connects actions and tracks progress using a performance score. Through the program, USGBC has gathered data on cities from across the U.S. and the international community. Franklin performs well in comparison, particularly in the Waste, Water, and Human Experience categories (indicators including household income, education attainment, unemployment rate, public safety, and air quality). "The City of Franklin remains committed to the principles of sustainability, which requires a balance of economic development, environmental protection, historic preservation, and quality of life issues" said **Mayor Ken Moore**. "Franklin's participation and certification in the LEED for Cities program affirms the city's commitment." The **City's Sustainability Commission** worked hard to achieve this recognition. Special thanks to staff liaison to the commission, **Andrew Orr!**

**Photo Credits: (Mayor Ken Moore and City Administrator Eric Stuckey with Sustainability Commission)** Pictured L-R back row: Mike Leonard, Andrew Orr, Todd Palmer, Micah Wood, Eric Stuckey, Mayor Ken Moore, Patrick Baggett. Front Row L-R- Emily Hunter, Dana Kose, Alderman Beverly Burger, Nancy Whittemore.

Development Review Team (DRT) members from **Planning, Engineering, and BNS** staff were given a tour of the new **Mars PetCare Headquarters** currently under construction on McEwen Drive. DRT (Design Review Team) is responsible for reviewing site plans, development plans, rezonings, and plats, so we rarely get to see the inside of the buildings for the sites we approve every month. This was a great opportunity to hear about the building directly from the architect and the construction project manager. William Hastings and David Meek gave a great tour!

**Picture is: TOP Josh King, Amy Diaz-Barriga, Chris Andrews, Jason Arnold, Joe Marlo; BOTTOM: Tom Marsh, Kevin Long, Lance Fittro**

**We have an internal Thank You note from Ron Yeary of BNS about the team work that goes into solving issues that come up.**

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*I would like to say thank you for everyone's help!! In response to Service Request #328868 -- Graffiti on the street signs, Railroad Bridge underpass and the City sidewalks at Jamison Station Lane. The City of Franklin signs were replaced within 24hr! The FPD and Street Department did an outstanding job getting this corrected in a short amount of time. The Parks Department and BNS came together to remove all the tagged sidewalks and the underpass bricks. To the Department Directors, Lt. Willhite and team, Trey Childress, Robert Blount and team. I would like to say Thank you! You have wonderful staff all over the City of Franklin who stepped up to correct this issue. I want you to know how impressed I was with the way all Departments work together on this issue within the City of Franklin. Their attention to detail helped Building & Neighborhood Services work with all departments smoothly, without a single snag. Their knowledge of the codes and remarkable problem-solving abilities are rare indeed. If the quality of all employees is an indication of future success, then the City of Franklins future is indeed bright! Please convey our appreciation to all your employees for a job well done, and your leadership. May your future endeavors with the BNS department be as successful as this one. You are fortunate*



*indeed to have such employees with integrity and work ethics. Best wishes to them and the rest of the Leadership.*

*Very Kind Regards, Ron Yeary, City of Franklin*

Mark your calendars! It's time to **fight the flu!**

The City of Franklin is providing **free** flu shots again this year! Flu shots will be offered **November 12th** for **all employees** and **covered spouses**. They will also be **free** to **retirees** and their **spouses covered by the City's health plan**.

Please see the attached flyer with additional information. If you have questions, please **contact Ashley Peery in Human Resources**.

**Welcome to the following new employee.**



**Mark Pagan-Parks, Grounds Worker.**

Mark is originally from Philadelphia but has been a Franklin resident for 21 years. Mark is married to Angela and they have one daughter who is a freshman at Belmont University. Prior to joining the City, Mark was a Government Contractor assigned to USPS.

**Ulanda Lucas-SES. Equipment Operator**

Ulanda is from Franklin and was born and raised in the area. Ulanda enjoys riding motorcycles and playing softball. Prior to joining the City, Ulanda worked for Nissan of Cool Springs. An interesting fact that Ulanda shared was that his great-grandmother lived across the street from City Hall years ago prior to the mall and City Hall.

**Adam Scott Lentz-Parks, Grounds Worker**

Adam is from Columbia and attended Columbia Academy. In his spare time, Adam enjoys fishing, duck hunting, coaching baseball and cheering on the Tennessee Vols. Prior to working at the City, Adam worked for Going Yard Lawn Care.

**Cody Dunavant-SES, Equipment Operator**

Cody is from Columbia and attended Culleoka High School. In his spare time, Cody enjoys fishing and spending time with his family. Prior to working at the City, Cody worked for Dunavant's Body Shop.

Everyone is invited today, at **11:00 a.m.** for our **Breast Cancer Awareness Walk** with **Mayor Moore!** We will start the walk outside of City Hall. Just like last year, we will accept donations for the **American Cancer Society's Breast Cancer Awareness Division**, but this year we will have lots of fun giveaways! We will also have a representative with us from the **American Cancer Society** and will be inviting others from community. At the end of the walk, we will serve pink lemonade for all that attend. Please come out and enjoy this event with us!

Thanks for all you do! Enjoy your weekend!



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