



Friday, December 7, 2018

Our **annual holiday competition** is happening again this year. We will again have a **tree decorating contest** and at the **Holiday Breakfast on December 19th** we will have a **holiday spirit contest**. You can wear a tree skirt, Christmas tie, Christmas sweater or dress like Santa! Both competitions are anything goes, as long as it is work appropriate! **Milissa Reierson in Communications will bring judges by on Friday December 14th to judge your trees. We only have two departments registered so far.** Please email her at Milissa.reierson@franklintn.gov if you are entering the competition.

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12th, in the City Hall Training Room from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The American Red Cross is experiencing a severe blood shortage. All presenting donors with a valid email address will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card via email within a few weeks of the drive. 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.



Congratulations to our **Walking Challenge Winners**. We had **three teams compete for a total of 4,618,167 steps over the last 5 weeks!** That's a total of around 2,078 miles! Excellent job to everyone that pushed themselves in this fun challenge! Congratulations to Programmed to Win who came in first place with 1,830,207 steps and a team average of 366,041 steps!! Congratulations also to our **Planks giving Challenge** winners **Andrew Orr and Angela Jackson** our first place winners and also to **Zach Parr and Emily Hunter**, our second place winners!

The Human Resources Department will have **Dr. Arthur Williams** at City Hall conducting a lunch and learn titled **Mental Health: Coping with Depression and Mental Illness**. We welcome everyone who has concern about themselves or a loved one. Please see the

attached flier for more details. Lunch will be provided so please let Brittney Lindsey know by the end of today if you are interested in attending.

The City of Franklin **broke ground** Tuesday on the \$132.9 million upgrade project to the city's **water reclamation facility** on **Tuesday, December 4 at 1:00 pm at the facility located at 135 Claude Yates Drive**. The Water Reclamation Facility modifications and expansion project (the largest capital investment project in Franklin's history) was awarded to Kiewit Infrastructure South Company and will upgrade equipment and processes to provide additional wastewater capacity as identified in the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP). The construction process is expected to take 3.5 years. The city will maintain operations throughout the upgrade project. Temporary access from Mack Hatcher will be open for construction vehicles. Thank you to all who attended!

Special Thanks to all our departments who worked the **Franklin Tree Lighting on Sunday**. We had to postpone and it turned out the weather was perfect on Sunday, if not a little windy. It has grown so much over the years and really does take a village to put on this big event. The tree lighting has truly become special holiday traditions for our citizens. See the video here <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityOfFranklin>



This weekend will bring the 34th annual edition of Dickens of a Christmas in downtown. The festival will run Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dickens is middle Tennessee's largest outdoor Christmas festival! Thanks to all who will be working this event.

Thanks for *all* you do! Enjoy your weekend!

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