



*Friday, November 30, 2018*

The City of Franklin recently became the **310th community to join The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)** Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The network encourages cities to prepare for the aging of the U.S. population by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults. Age-friendly communities have walkable streets, housing and transportation options, access to key services and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities. Membership benefits include information sharing, opportunities for partnerships with other cities, public recognition, and speaking engagements. Franklin will work to better understand the needs of the aging population and how to address them. Thank you to our **Planning and Sustainability Department and Andrew Orr for making this happen.**



The City of Franklin will **break ground** 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.



Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://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](mailto:moniquem@franklintn.gov) or X6606.

**Please welcome the following new employee.  
Matt Muenzen, Assistant City Attorney, Legal Department**

Matt is originally from Allendale, New Jersey but has lived in the Nashville area since 2008 and Franklin since 2013. He is married to his wife Leslie and they have an 8 year old daughter and one on the way! Matt received his B.S. from Penn State, M.A. from Seton Hall University and his J.D. from Pace University. In his spare time, Matt enjoys powerlifting and strongman competitions.

Welcome to the City, Matt! We are glad you're here!!!

Our **annual holiday competition** is happening again this year. We will again have a **tree decorating contest** and at the **Holiday Breakfast on December 19<sup>th</sup>** 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 Reieron in Communications will bring judges by on **Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>** to judge your trees. Please email her at [Milissa.reieron@franklintn.gov](mailto:Milissa.reieron@franklintn.gov) if you are entering the competition.

Special Thanks to all our departments who were able to be flexible and action-oriented when it came time to reschedule our **Tree Lighting Ceremony**. **There are many departments who work hard to make this event a success and I appreciate what you do. The new time will be Sunday, December 2, at 4:30-6:30pm.** All of the vendors and performers will be the same. Only Centennial High School had to drop out. Let's keep our fingers crossed the forecast for Sunday remains sunny. Many of the downtown merchants will stay open late on Sunday to accommodate the expected crowds. For more information go to our website at <https://www.franklintn.gov/our-city/christmas-tree-lighting-on-the-square>. The Kiwanis Christmas Parade will happen rain or shine, there is some talk it could be delayed, so stay tuned for any changes. A BIG thank you to all our City team members that have planned for and will work these special community holiday events. They have truly become special holiday traditions for our citizens.

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



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