



Friday, January 18, 2019



Congratulations to **Franklin Firefighter James Demastus** (center), who was promoted on Tuesday to the rank of Engineer! James has served on the **Franklin Fire Department** since 2004. Pictured L to R: **Battalion Chief Eddie House, Captain Jonathan Jenkins, Deputy Chief Glenn Johnson, Engineer James Demastus, Chief Rocky Garzarek, Lt. Shawn Donovan, Deputy Chief**

Todd Horton.

Teens and young adults who have an interest in firefighting and/or emergency medical services are invited to apply for the **Franklin Fire Department's Explorer program**. The **FFD's Explorer Program** is for young men and women who are 14 to 20 years old. Explorers are paired with firefighters who serve as mentors and provide instruction. They gain hands-on experience in first aid, basic firefighting, tool and equipment maintenance, community relations, fire prevention and more. Explorers who complete necessary training requirements also have the opportunity to ride on fire apparatus to real emergencies. **The 2019 program will begin on February 9th. You must register by February 1. See the media release here.**

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Congratulations to the **Parks Department** on achieving **Environmental Facility Certification for Jim Warren Park** from the Sports Turf Management Association! Environmental Facility Certification officially confirms that STMA environmental best practices are implemented throughout the facility in 10 areas of management. Special thanks to **John Wagoner in Parks** for helping the department achieve this certification, the department's efforts shows their commitment to environmentally responsible management.

Sister Cities of Franklin and Williamson County and the Williamson County Public Library invite you to Passport to the World—Germany! The event is Sunday, January

27th at 2pm at the Williamson County Library. The event is free and open to the public. It will be a cultural celebration of German history, food, music and more. The two guests are MTSU professor Lisa Langenbach and Doug Berry, Honorary German Consul for the State of Tennessee.

The **City of Franklin United Way 2019 Campaign Event** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 23rd at Public Works!** The kickoff event will feature darts and cornhole tournaments, lunch, tournament cash prizes, and door prizes! Bring \$5 for lunch and come cheer on your coworkers! This year, we have two cornhole divisions – Competitive and Recreation. The winner of the Competitive division will take on the top players from Brentwood and Williamson County and could be crowned the Best Cornhole Team in Williamson County! Please see the attached flyer for more details and instructions on how to sign up for the tournaments.

Monday is **Martin Luther King Jr. Day and City offices are closed.** There is a **Celebration Program and March beginning at the First Missionary Baptist Church and ending at the Williamson County Court House** on the Square in downtown Franklin. The Ceremony begins at 11am at the church. The pastors and local historian who are working on the “Fuller Story” project will be honored at the ceremony and will speak along with Alma McLemore of the African American Heritage Society.

Thanks for *all* you do.



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