



***Thursday, April 26, 2019***

A group of **City team members, including emergency personnel**, recently took a tour of the first phase of Franklin's very **first mountain bike trail** near Columbia State Community College. The purpose of the (0.5 mile) walk-through was to discuss emergency access and trail marker design. The goal is to have the first phase of the trail open this Summer! Stay tuned for updates and see more details here <https://www.franklintn.gov/.../ath.../mountain-bike-trail-system>

Coming next week, April 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a public workshop to gather input from community members to share recommendations for the **South Corridor Study**. The **Greater Nashville Regional Council, WeGo Public Transit, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation** is looking to build regional interest to expand public transportation options across Middle Tennessee. The South Corridor experiences some of the heaviest traffic volumes in Tennessee and continues to be one of the fastest growing parts of the nation. The study is being conducted to identify investments that can help manage traffic congestion and improve connectivity between people and businesses. Specifically, the effort will be used to:

- ♣ Identify potential transit/ transportation investments,
- ♣ Assess the financial, economic, and technical viability of each, and
- ♣ Identify steps to move the project forward.



You can pre-register for the workshop and learn more at this website [www.southcorridor.org](http://www.southcorridor.org). The event will happen on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30-8:00pm at the Williamson County Library at 1314 Columbia Ave, Franklin TN. The session will be a open house style meeting which allows citizens to “come and go.”

It was a big week for the Franklin Fire Department. On Tuesday the department broke ground on Fire

Station 7 which will be located near the Ag Center off the Goose Creek Bypass. The station will be similar in design to Westhaven’s Station 8, with the addition of an ambulance wing, which will be funded by Williamson County. The ambulance will be staffed by Williamson Medical Center EMS personnel. Although Station 7 has been planned for several years, the temporary station was established as an emergency measure. It was created to deliver emergency services to southeastern Franklin after a fatal gasoline tanker explosion destroyed the Goose Creek Bypass-Peytonsville Road bridge in 2014.

On Thursday, our City Team celebrated the 29 year career of **Deputy Chief Todd Horton**. The City Hall Boardroom was packed full of co-workers and friends as they said good-bye to Todd. Todd worked his way through the ranks in Franklin from firefighter, engineer, lieutenant, captain, assistant chief, deputy chief, and even acting chief. In his present role he serves as Deputy Chief of Administration and Emergency

Management. **Deputy Chief Horton will leave the City to accept the position of Director of the Williamson County Emergency Management Agency.** Franklin Fire Chief **Rocky Garzarek** said, “Very few people dedicate themselves to their job in the manner Deputy Chief Horton has over the past 29 years. We will forever be grateful for his endless hours of hard work, service, and commitment as a tireless professional, loyal comrade, and faithful friend. To say we will miss him does not seem to sufficiently express how much he means to us, our





department and our city. We wish him well in his new role and know he will have many more years of great achievements.” Thank you, Chief Horton for your dedication and care for the City of Franklin. We look forward to working with you in your new position!

Welcome to our new employee in our **Water Management Department team.**

### **Mia Montega-Water Operator 1**

Mia lives in Chapel Hill, Tennessee. She is a graduate of MTSU in Criminal Justice. Mia previously worked in Emergency Management for over 20 years! In her spare time, Mia enjoys Yoga, Off-Roading and spending time with her five dogs and two cats.

Welcome to the City!

Franklin Police are offering a four-day self-defense series. The 12-hour program is designed for *the average woman* with no previous experience or background in physical skills training. Mothers & daughters are encouraged to attend this free training together. “Helping to provide this training is something that I always look forward to,” said RAD Instructor, Sergeant Amy Butler. “Participants walk away from this experience with a renewed feeling of confidence that they can avoid or overcome an attacker, we just show them how.” Classes start in May and registration is required. The classes are May 6,7,13 & 14 from 3pm-6pm at the Franklin Police Headquarters. For more information or to register, email [Sergeant Amy Butler](#) Download the RAD registration form [here](#).



Reminder- notes from the **HR Department**:

- The **City Hall Fitness Center** is getting a few updates! Please forgive our mess as we create a better space for your wellness needs. Stay tuned for more details!
- May 3, the Human Resources Department will hold a second **Supervisory Mental Health Seminar** from 7:30-9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Training room. All supervisors are invited to attend. This seminar is voluntary.
- May 7, there will be another **Mental Health Seminar** for all employees who are interested. That will be held at Eastern Flank Battlefield Park Facility and take place from 10-11:00 a.m.
- May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Human Resources Department will hold the annual **Health and Safety Fair** at the Factory from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This weekend is **Main Street Festival**, thank you to all the men and women who work this popular event every year and keep it safe and enjoyable for everyone. We could have a record attendance this year with the NFL Draft taking place in Nashville (along with the marathon too). Thanks for *all* you do!





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