



*Friday, May 3, 2019*

Next week is **Public Service Recognition week** to **honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees.** Throughout the country, mayors, governors, agency leaders, communities and public service organizations show appreciation to government employees by issuing proclamations, hosting award ceremonies, sharing stories of excellence in public service and more. Look for our **Human Resource Department** to visit your department to celebrate employees with some yummy treats. Also look for some employees to be highlighted on social media.

The **Franklin Fire Department** is selling **Fire Bicentennial T-shirts** to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Franklin Fire Department. If you'd like a t-shirt call Fire Administration at 615.791.3270 or stop by if you are in City Hall.



Fun stuff from the **Parks Department**:



**Diana Beasley and Kevin Lindsey** visited the **BGA Lower school** (Kindergarten class) for a mock park dedication project that the kids had to complete this year. The project is handed out to the children by the teachers and then the teachers have very limited input about the design of the park going forward. The children are asked to create a committee in which all the park amenities/ideas are discussed. The construction phase of the park consists of

colored paper cut-outs for all amenities on a bulletin board size wall that creates the foot print of the park. Each child will then stand at the park and share what they have built and show its location in the park. This year they named the park "The Ultimate Park" and it was around 8 to 9 acres in size. They included the Harpeth River that runs through the center of the park and even had a café to purchase coffee while visiting. After they



presented to the city we shared the **South East Park concept** plan to show the relation.

The **Parks Department** started a new program in April called **Walking Trail Tuesdays** and led walks in many of the parks. The last event was at The Park at **Harlinsdale Farm**

this past Tuesday. During the walk **Mr. Clay Harlin** gave the history of the farm, which all the walkers really enjoyed!

Next Saturday the Franklin Parks Department is hosting another **Urban Birding Hike at Pinkerton Park from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** This will be the last hike of the Spring series. The hike will follow the paved trail that runs along the river toward Fort Granger. The forested and open habitats should provide views of both resident and migrant species! The Hike is free and appropriate for ages 12 and older. The event is led by **Susan Bradfield**.

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

- 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.

Tonight is **Eat the Street Food Truck Festival at Bicentennial Park from 5-10 p.m.** This event benefits the 21<sup>st</sup> District Recovery Court. Thank you to all departments that work this event and make it successful in our community. Thanks for *all* you do



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