



Friday, May 31, 2019



Just wanted to give a shout out about the great work the **Parks Maintenance Division** has done at the dog park at Harlinsdale. The structures were built in response to supplying the “humans” and “canines” shelter during hot summer days or inclement weather. The team built two barn style shade structures, a cross fence between the paddocks and a

concrete pathway will be completed soon. Installation of a steel frame structure in paddock two will take place in June. Thanks guys! Pictured L-R are **Otto Zeise, Henry Beard, Tanner Warf and Randall McCord**.

In March 2019, the City of Franklin partnered with the **National Resource Center** to perform a **community-wide survey** of Franklin residents to get their perspectives about the quality of the community and available services as well as residents' priorities for Franklin. A random scientific sample of 2,800 households received surveys. Their confidential responses were weighted and analyzed to determine just what a representative sample of Franklin thinks about the community, governance and participation. A similar citizen survey was used two and a half years ago. The national citizen survey is used by over 600 cities across the country with populations ranging from 500 to over one million citizens.

Here are some highlights of the citizen survey:

- Almost **all** residents rated the quality of life in Franklin **as excellent or good – 97% combined**. In fact, compared to national benchmarks (and over 600 other cities participate in this survey), Franklin **ranks 3rd in the nation for quality of life**. (Franklin rated 8th in the nation for quality of life in 2016).
- **99% of residents rate Franklin as Excellent/Good as a Place to Live**. In fact, compared to national benchmarks (and over 600 other cities participate in this survey), Franklin ranks **6th in the nation for a place to live** (we were 13th in 2016) and **1st in the nation for overall image and reputation** (we were 3rd in 2016).
- **93% of residents rate the overall quality of City Services as Excellent/Good**. Services provided by the City were rated by citizens as mostly higher than comparative benchmarks. Franklin ranks **11th in the nation for Overall Confidence in City Government and 6th in services provided** compared to other cities/jurisdictions.
- **83% of citizens feel the Sense of Community is either Excellent/Good**. This is higher than national and comparative benchmarks. 88% of residents indicated they had not reported a crime and 94% had not been the victim of a crime.
- Less than 1 in 10 said they had used public transportation & 4 in 10 residents reported they had walked or biked instead of driving.
- 7 in 10 residents indicated they had participated in each aspect of Natural Environment and Built Environment.
- 2/3 said they had attended a City-sponsored event or participated in religious or spiritual activities, both levels were higher than the benchmark comparison.
- 80% rated their satisfaction of the City's management of growth as either Very or Somewhat Satisfied.

See all the reports on our website <https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-a-j/finance-administration/the-national-citizen-survey>

The **Mayor's Walking Challenge** continued this week with **Margaret Martin, Brandy Blanton, Pearl Bransford and Dana McLendon**, we are not sure who the winner is yet, but everyone who participated is definitely a winner for getting outside and becoming more physically fit. The challenge was organized by **Franklin Tomorrow**.



Congratulations to **Police Sgt. Paul Arnold who is retiring**. His celebration is happening **June 6, 2-3:30 in the Police Community Room**. Stop by and wish him well and thank him for his service!

That's all for now. I am headed to Ohio for my Dad's 90th birthday celebration! Enjoy your weekend!

Thanks for *all* you do!



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