



Friday, November 15, 2019

Congratulations to our newly elected **Aldermen and Mayor** who were sworn in earlier this week at the Board meeting. **Mayor Ken Moore and Aldermen Clyde Barnhill, Brandy Blanton, Pearl Bransford and Ann Petersen** will serve another four years as board members. We thank you for your dedication and service to the community!



We are very excited to make our donation to the **United Way's 'Full Tummies, Warm Hearts' food drive**. The food will be picked up today and distributed to families in need for

Thanksgiving! Nearly every department of the City participated in gathering food and supplies for this effort. Thank you to **Admin's Vicki Parr** who organized this food drive and to **all the City Team members** who donated and helped fill a container to feed families in need in our community!



See new fire trucks including Tower 2, and new Hazmat and Rescue Trucks!
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Tour Franklin's biggest and busiest fire station!
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Free carbon monoxide alarms to qualifying households
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Giveaways for children and adults!
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Early Christmas shopping - purchase Franklin Fire Department t-shirts
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Pick up Franklin Firefighters Toy & Clothing Drive gift request tags
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Holiday Fire Safety Tips
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Chicken minis, donuts, cider and coffee



Tomorrow,
the
**Franklin
Fire**

Department will host an Open House and new fire truck dedication at **Fire Station 2, at 907 Murfreesboro Road from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** The event will include a ceremonial “wetdown” of the new apparatus, which will start at 10 AM. During the wet down, officials will throw buckets of water on the trucks, and children will be given towels to help dry them off, shine them up, and place them into service. There will be station tours, apparatus demonstrations, and refreshments. There will also be giveaways for children and adults, including **free carbon monoxide alarms** for qualifying households. Franklin Fire Department commemorative bicentennial t-shirts will be available to purchase. For those who want to support the **Franklin Firefighters' Toy & Clothing Drive**, gift request tags will be available. Additional parking will be available at Full Service Insurance at 903 Murfreesboro Road.

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11th**, 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 and enter sponsor code: FranklinTN19. You can streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. If you need help making an appointment or if you have any questions, contact moniquem@franklintn.gov or at extension 6606.

A nice note was posted on the Fieldstone Farms Next Door page regarding City of Franklin Employees, see note below.

S Susan Hatcher, Fieldstone Farms

City of Franklin employees
 While preparing to move from Franklin, I had several occasions to contact waste management, the water department, etc. I found that the employees of the agencies which I contacted were all personable and professional, and all went out of their way to assist me. I emailed the mayor expressing my appreciation. During my final contact with these departments, employees thanked me for the emails. I am now living out of state, and I appreciate the City of Franklin employees even more!

I encourage you to recognize those who go beyond their job description to assist you.

The holidays are upon us and our **Leadership Team** have been thinking of ways to spice up our Christmas competitions. We have two new competitions this year. The main competition (which used to be the door decorating and then became Christmas Tree decorating) will be a **Gingerbread House competition!** It's a no holds barred on size, ingredients etc, but **some component needs**



to be edible. This competition will take home the trophy and your Department Director will wear the Elf suit at next year's holiday breakfast! Another new competition is an **"awkward holiday photo"** competition between departments. If departments need help taking the photo, please contact our new social and digital media producer Gavin Nevill at gavin.nevill@franklintn.gov or (5705). You can also use our Franklin TV studio which has curtain backdrops if you really get serious. Be creative and super awkward, but let's keep it clean, team! (Unlike this questionable photo we found which may or may not be Assistant City Administrator Mark Hilty!) The winner of this competition will win some type of food gathering (pizza, donuts, sushi, etc.) with me and the Mayor in 2020. We will continue the

Christmas Spirit clothing competition at the **City Hoiliday Breakfast** which will be held **December 18 at 6:30 am with service awards at 8:00 a.m.** (more details to come).

Welcome to the following new City Team member:



Jon Carman, Capital Projects Inspector—Engineering Department

Jon is from Hermitage Tennessee and is married with one son and two dogs. In his free time, Jon enjoys camping, kayaking and basketball. Jon received his degree in Mass Communications and previously worked for Gresham Smith.

As a City team, you all do so much to serve the community. As a part of this year's **United Way campaign**, we want to further recognize and encourage efforts made to support the community through gifts to the United Way and through volunteer efforts. With this in mind, we are launching the **"Give a Day.**

Serve a Day. Get a Day." campaign. If you give a contribution of at least \$100 or more to United Way (I'd challenge you to consider giving the equivalent of one day's pay), and commit to volunteer at least 8 hours over the next year with your chosen cause (i.e. – non-profit, church, school, etc.), you can receive an EXTRA personal day in 2020. **The campaign will run through the end of November.** The additional personal day will be awarded on January 1, 2020 and must be used during the 2020 calendar year.



Here's the details:

- Your 2020 pledge to United Way can take the form of a payroll deduction (spread over 26 paychecks in 2020) or as a one-time contribution, which ever works best for you. The minimum pledge to qualify is \$100. You should make your financial pledge using the United Way Pledge Form, which should be available through your department payroll person or through the Human Resources Department.
- We ask that you sign a 2020 volunteer pledge that includes your name, department, and the cause/organization(s) that you are committing to dedicate at least 8 hours of volunteer time (non-work hours) this coming year.(Attached) The choice of where and how you volunteer is up to you. You may also want to work with other City team members to volunteer as a group. If you are looking for some ideas, United Way has an online volunteer resource: <https://uwwc.org/volunteer-resources/>.
- Once you have made both your United Way pledge and your volunteer pledge you will be credited with an additional personal day on January 1, 2020. The personal day must be used during the 2020 calendar year.

Attached is a form to document your pledge to United Way and to make your volunteer commitment. The attached form will need to be accompanied by your **United Way Pledge Form**. If you have already made your United Way pledge, you will just need to add the attached form to document your volunteer commitment to be eligible for the additional personal day.

That's all for now. Enjoy your weekend!
Thanks for *all* you do.



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