

Friday, February 14, 2020

At the 2019 Kids Art Festival of Tennessee the Parks Department had the kids make the flag in the photo to the left. Since then, we have had it on display at the 4th of July Fireworks show at Harlinsdale, in the City Hall art gallery for the months of Aug and Sept of 2019, and now it is currently at the Leu Gallery in the library on campus at Belmont University. It will be at the gallery until Feb. 28th and the name of the piece is Unity Flag. We also believe that the flag will be displayed at the 2020 Presidential Debate at Belmont University on October 22, 2020. https://news.belmont.edu/belmont-university-receives-yes-vote-to-host-2020-presidential-debate/ https://belmontdebate2020.com/ The connection between the festival and Belmont is that Dr. Meaghan Brady Nelson serves on the arts festival committee and as an Assistant Professor of Art Education at Belmont. The 2020 Kids Arts Festival is scheduled for March 28 at Pinkerton Park.

Last Saturday, the **City of Franklin** was presented with a preservation award from the **African American Heritage Society** for the City's efforts to preserve and tell the "Fuller Story" on the square in Franklin. I was fortunate to accept the award along with **Pastors**



Hewitt Sawyers, Kevin Rigs, Chris Williamson, Historian Eric Jacobson and Aldermen Ann Petersen and Clyde Barnhill. The "Fuller Story" tells the African American story in Franklin before, during and after the Civil War. Read more here www.williamsonherald.com/black-tie-affair/collection cdf35066-46c8-11ea-bab7-6fb8b12f16cc.html#6 Read about the "Fuller Story" initiative here

http://www.williamsonherald.com/communities/franklin/fuller-story-historic-markers-



<u>unveiled-to-commemorate-franklin-s-african/article 3bbad082-f1c0-11e9-88c6-4738c48ab6ea.html</u>

Reminder from **Human Resources**:

We are excited to continue offering both **Yoga** and **ELDOA** at The City! We are making changes to class times in hopes of accommodating more employees'

schedules. Please see below for updated class times. These changes will be effective next Tuesday, February 18th.

- Yoga Tuesdays from 12:00pm 12:45pm
- ELDOA Thursdays from 12:00pm 12:45pm

Please review the attached ELDOA flyer to see what's coming up over the next four weeks!

Welcome to the following new City team members:

John Wilson, Building Inspector II, Building and Neighborhood Services

John is from Almaville, Tennessee. He is married to wife Margaret who works in our Finance Department and two children, James and Elizabeth. Prior to joining the City, John owned a consulting company.

Arthur Rieman, Water Operator, Water Management Department

Arthurs is from Wooster, Ohio. He has three children ages 13, 10 and 8. In his free time, Arthur enjoys woodworking and hanging out with his kids.



Ryan Matlock, Water Operator, Water Management Department Ryan is from Savannah, Tennessee. He has a daughter named Rylan and girlfriend, Dempsey. Ryan enjoys playing with his baby girl and going to sporting events and concerts. He previously worked for Kroger.



Travis (Hunter) Caldwell, Utility Service Worker, Water Management Department

Travis is from Fairview, Tennessee. His is married to wife, Kylie. Travis enjoys hunting, fishing and cheering for the Titans! Prior to joining the City, Travis worked for Hughes Excavating.

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 17**th, 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.

That's it for this week, Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for all you do!



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