



Friday, December 6, 2019



Congratulations to the **Franklin Police Department!** On Wednesday, **The Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP)** awarded the city the **2019 City Award** for a city, agency, or individual that gives their support and assistance in the pursuit of the goals and objectives of the TACP. Mayor Moore and Chief Deb Faulkner accepted the award with me. They awarded it at their bi-monthly meeting held Wednesday at Embassy Suites.



Firefighter-Paramedic Seth First Lieutenant in the

National Guard, has returned home from a recent deployment to Biedrusko, Poland. Seth is working with NATO forces to help coordinate an international training exercise there in May. Called "Defender 20," it will entail the second largest deployment for a training exercise in Europe since World War II. Seth is a transportation officer and commands a company of 158 personnel.

Frost, who also serves as **Tennessee Army**

Congratulations to our retirees this month! Diana Beasley in the **Parks Department** is an Administrative Assistant with 11 years of service Her party will be Tuesday, **December 10th at 2 pm at the Jim Warren Park shop. Ginger Ring with Building and Neighborhood Services**, is an Administrative Assistant with 30 years of service. **Ran Edwards**, also with BNS, is a Plans Examiner with 15 years of service and **David Wright**, with BNS is a Building Inspector IV, five years of service. The BNS department will be honoring their retirees on **Thursday, December 12th at 1:30 pm in the City Hall Training Room.**





The **Sanitation Department** received their first load of blue bins to get ready for January delivery to Franklin households. To date, 7,932 people have signed up for the bins! Thank

you to our Sanitation and **Communications folks** for getting the word out and promoting this program and getting it off the ground!

We received a few nice thank you notes:

*I am a new resident to Franklin, moving here from East Tennessee after living there for 43 years. After being accustomed to the friendliness and cordiality of city and county office staff there, I was a little apprehensive about finding such people in a big city like Nashville and its suburbs. I was pleasantly surprised when I spoke to one of your fine employees, **Todd Benne** regarding setting up of waste water and solid waste services for my new home. He was very courteous, pleasant and extremely helpful in welcoming me to the new community and services you provide. Such are the people who make a difference between good and bad governance anywhere. I hope that Todd will continue to flourish in the profession he has chosen and will continue to be a good representative of your team. I just wanted to say that you all have a good job in hiring and training him to be such an excellent public servant. Thank you—Suresh Ponnappa*

And this from our Facebook Reviews:

Franklin is beautiful, clean, organized, always renovating, up-to-date with public services' equipment and best work habit practices caring for this city. I love the standards set out to maintain the city and surrounding areas and the fact it doesn't need to abuse tax payers to get it all done. Efficient. Other cities and towns around this country should learn from Franklin, TN. What I love the most: it is pro-business, pro-small business without undermining its roots and history, fomenting hard work instead of a welfare heaven making this city a pride to those who are from here and who came here to live in it. We all should take care of it and never give-in to fiscal practices that have failed many around this country. Love Franklin and its people: honest, kind, caring, friendly, hard-working, happy, ambitious, welcoming, law-abiding and respectful and proud of their history. Don't change and don't give-in to one-sided beliefs, politics, ideology nor to utopian political craze. I feel my kids and I are safe here. Thank you City of Franklin, TN.—Karina DA Kata

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@franklinton.gov or at extension 6606.

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! **We'll be coming around to judge on Monday December 16, 9-10:30 am.** Please email Melissa.reierson@franklinton.gov if you want to be included in the competition.



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@franklinton.gov or (5705) **If you take the photo yourself, email it to Gavin by December 13!** We may do an employee vote for the best photo! Be creative and super awkward, but let's keep it work appropriate! 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 Holiday Breakfast** which will be held **December 18 at 6:30 am with service awards at 8:00 a.m.** (more details to come).

Tonight's the night we **light the Christmas Tree on the square.** We expect several thousand folks to join in the festivities. The event starts at 6 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:45 p.m. and the tree being "lit" by 7:15 p.m. This year we will have **Kathie Lee Gifford** hosting along with performances by Grammy-award winning band **Jars of Clay** and the **Freedom Intermediate Choir.** A BIG THANK YOU to the many City team members that help make this special community event happen!

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



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