



Friday, December 20, 2019

Thank you to all who were able to come out to our Employee **Christmas/Holiday Breakfast** on Wednesday. We estimate a record-breaking 375 team members came out for the breakfast! Thank you to the **Admin Team** led by **Lanaï Benne and Monique McCullough** who managed the breakfast logistics. HR provided over 90 gift cards for our team members! Thanks to everyone who pitched in and made this an incredible time for all of us. Congratulations all of our contest winners: **Maricruz Fincher, Law Department, who took first place in our Christmas Spirit Attire contest** and to the **Planning Department who took first place in both the Gingerbread House Contest (with their fantastic rendition of the Franklin Theatre) and the Awkward Family Photo contest.** Here's a link to photos of the Gingerbread House and Awkward Family Photo entries:



[F:\ Digital Pictures\ Events\2019 Christmas Breakfast.](#) Our Departments really outdid themselves this year! The judges had a hard time deciding.

Congratulations, also, to our **employees who achieved service milestones with the City this year.** See list below. At the Christmas Breakfast, the Mayor, Aldermen, and I unveiled a new addition to City Hall – a **Commitment to Service Wall.** We’ve added the names of all of our employees who have served the City for 20 years or more. We’ll continue to add to the list and will take this “wall” to our new City Hall. It’s just a small way to recognize our employees for their commitment to serving the citizens of Franklin. A big thank you to the **HR team** and the **Facilities team** for their work in getting the wall up in time for our Holiday Breakfast!

20 Years

- Eric Anderson – Police**
- Rick Clouse – Police**
- Devin Dean – Streets**
- Duwan Eslick – Streets**
- Wayne Goode – I.T.**
- Lori Jarosz – BNS**
- Allen Lewis - BNS**
- Mike Lowe – Finance**
- Monique McCullough – Administration**
- Mike Proctor – I.T.**
- Nate Ridley – SES**
- Robert Schaaf – Water Management**
- Paul Seltz – Fire**
- Charles Warner – Police**



COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

Tracy White – SES

25 Years

Dan Doss – Fire

Joseph Hill – Fire

James Jennings – Fire

Earl Johnson – Fire

Scott Legieza – Police

Scott Mainord – Fire

Larry Morgan – Fire

Todd Stapleton – Fire

Joe York – Streets

30 Years

Angela Hardemon – Police

Ginger Ring – BNS

40 Years

Mike Jordan – Police

Seventeen employees **retired from the City in 2019**. We wanted to make sure that each one of them were recognized and thanked for their service to the City. Each and every one of these public servant made an important impact on the community! Thank you all!

David Barker – Fleet

Darren Barnes – Police

Diana Beasley – Parks

Ran Edwards – BNS

Chris Gentry – Police

Todd Horton – Fire

Eddie House – Fire

Jim Jennings – Fire

James Miller – Fire

Mike Morgan – Fire

Molly Pike – BNS

Ginger Ring – BNS

Sean Smith – Fire

Larry Stanfill – Water Management

Cyndi Wright – Fire

David Wright – BNS

Joe York – Streets





The **Police Department** held their annual toy drive and filled 10 toy boxes created by **Mr. Brad Lewis**. Lewis is the father and grandfather of a Mother and son where were killed in a horrible car crash in Franklin several years ago. Lewis' wife Bonnie passed away this past May. This is the **Police Department's 4th year to do Christmas** boxes with Mr. Lewis, with the goal to bring extra joy to some families in our community. They also take the toys to children who will be at Bridges shelter during the holidays.

Congratulations to **Rob Thomas, Parks Department**, for passing the Certified Park and Recreation Professional exam! The Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification is the national standard for all parks and recreation professionals who want to be at the forefront of their profession. Attaining the CPRP designation shows that you have met education and experience qualifications and illustrates your commitment to the profession as well as your knowledge and understanding of key concepts within parks and recreation.

We have one new hire this week! Please welcome **Michael "Jake" Brady**.

Michael is a new **Wastewater Operator** in our **Water Management Department**. He is from Columbia Tennessee and is happily married with a daughter. In his free time, Jake enjoys farming, hunting and work. Jake went to Santa Fe High School and studied HVAC at Tennessee Technology Center in Dickson.

If you haven't already, **please take the brief survey** we've pulled together to help us better understand how we can improve our communication. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/COFCommunication>

Thank each of you for the part you've played in making 2019 a great year. I hope you enjoy the holidays with your family and friends. A special thanks to the many City team members that will working and serving the community over the holidays! City Hall is closed Tuesday (12/24) and Wednesday (12/25), and also New Year's Day.

Thanks for *all* you do.



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