

E-Brief 2020



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Friday, August 7, 2020

Good morning, team,

Congratulations are in order! **Kris Bull** is your new employee representative on the Employee Pension Committee! He will serve along with Jeff Rowe, our other employee representative elected last year. Kris Bull has been a member of the Fire Department for 13 years and has held the rank of Engineer for the last 5 years. Kris has a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Lipscomb University and has served as Chairman of a Steering Subcommittee as well as member of the Pay Study Committee for the Fire Department. He is excited to bring his experiences to the Pension Committee to help the City provide the best benefits possible to its team members.

SAVE THE DATE! The Human Resources Department will be hosting a Virtual College Fair on September 10th from 12:30-2:00. There will be a variety of schools available. Stay tuned for more information to come on how to sign up!



This week, we held a swearing in ceremony for Police Officers Tim Tranberg and Colton Livingston. Tim is originally from the Middle Tennessee area and previously worked for the Hall County Sheriff's Office. Colton is from Cadiz, Kentucky and previously worked for the Cadiz Police Department. Welcome, Officer Tranberg and Officer Livingston!



As you may have heard, **Teresa Byram's (Streets)** last day with the City is today. Teresa wanted to express her thanks to everyone on the City of Franklin team for a wonderful experience. She has poured her heart and soul into her



colleagues and into the outstanding work she has performed, building great friendships with people in virtually every department. We'll miss her but wish her the best!

A couple of nice notes of appreciation:

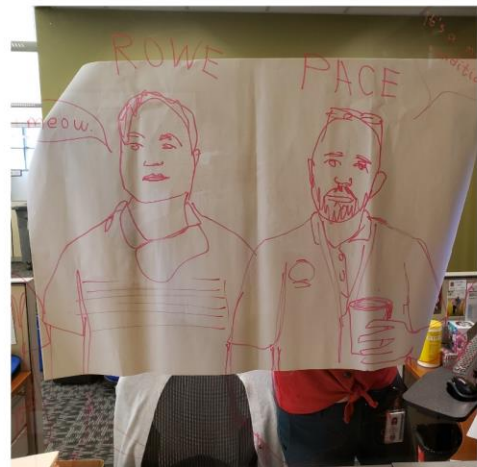
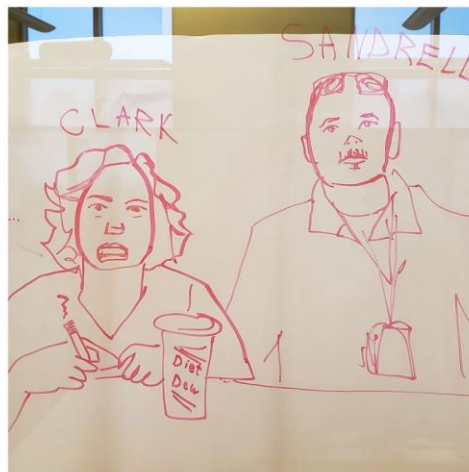
*Hi: I just wanted to send you a thank you because our street (in the Rizer Point neighborhood) had a large truck blocking driveways and trash cans. We had issues getting the truck to move to get our cars out and we were worried you would not be able to pick up our trash. I appreciate your team moving all the bins (Probably 8-10 bins) for all the homes who were blocked by the truck to where you could empty them. We appreciate you working around that truck for us. Thanks again! (This note is for **Daniel Santiago, Sanitation**)*

*Good morning,
I wanted to express my appreciation of the outstanding assistance provided by several City of Franklin staff members. My husband and I wanted to plant flowers around the base of our mailbox which is located across the road from our house. According to the information we gleaned from the Williamson County Online Internet Mapping site our mailbox is on the public right of way. A representative at the Franklin Zoning Department assured us our neighbor's property line is well behind our mailbox. The Post Office also agreed the mailbox is on public land. Unfortunately, our neighbor continued to claim mailbox is on her property. She even posted a "No Trespassing" sign in front of our mailbox and threatened to sue us for trespass if we did anything, including mow the grass, near our mailbox. Last Thursday (July 30, 2020) she even called the police. The responding Officer informed us he had been told "there was a problem at (our address)." I explained that we had not called the police and apologized for the inconvenience our neighbor had caused. We were struggling to find a way to defuse this increasingly ugly situation. Finally, last Sunday (August 2, 2020) we had an encounter that set us on the right path. My husband and I visited the Franklin Police Department and spoke to Officer Richard Spaulding. Within two days the problem seems to have been resolved. It would not have been resolved without the wise advice from a Franklin Police Officer (**Richard Spaulding**) and prompt, respectful actions by two additional Franklin city staff members (**Ron Yeary, BNS and Michael Wilson, BNS**). The modest flower bed is now in place, the temporary plants are cheerfully greeting neighbors passing by and our neighbor has removed the "No Trespassing" sign. It is our hope neighborliness and peace will prevail once again. Thank you for selecting great people to help maintain peace and order in our wonderful community. Best Regards, Paula Frank*

Congratulations, Team, for once again bringing home the **United Way Government Challenge Trophy and the Circle of Caring Award for our 2019 campaign!** We more than doubled the total amount pledged from the previous year and got more than 3 times the number of donors. Thank you! Your donations made a tremendous difference in the lives of people who have gone through so much this year. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks on the 2020 Campaign.

Detective Jeff Rowe sent us this note about his co-worker: *Our talented and gifted Administrative Assistant **Anna Boshers** had "COVID" plexiglass installed around her workstation. Because of this, our team can no longer mingle around her desk. Apparently, she misses us standing there..... so she drew in her fellow team members in the spots where we normally stand. Even when we can't be around her – it is nice to know she still wants us there!*

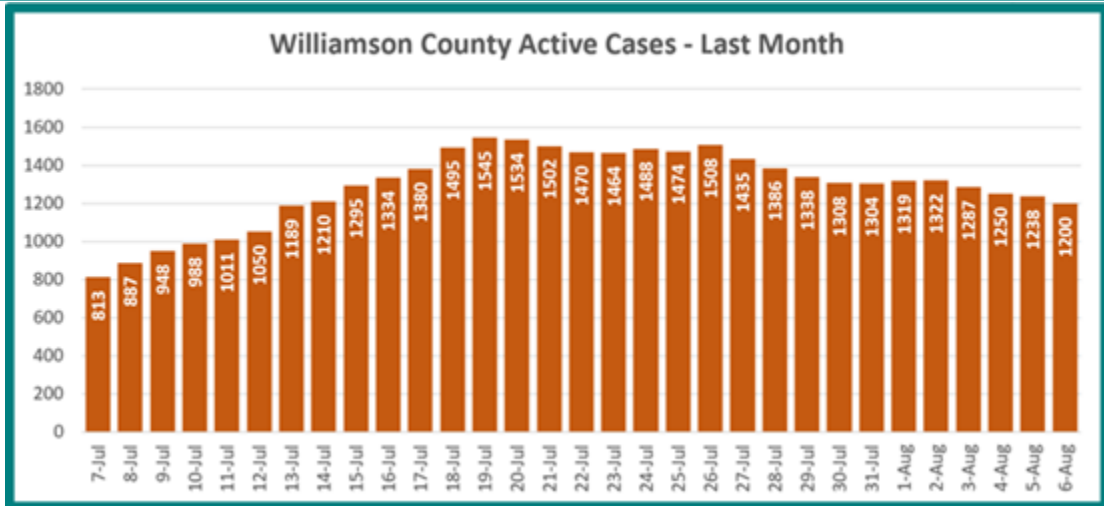
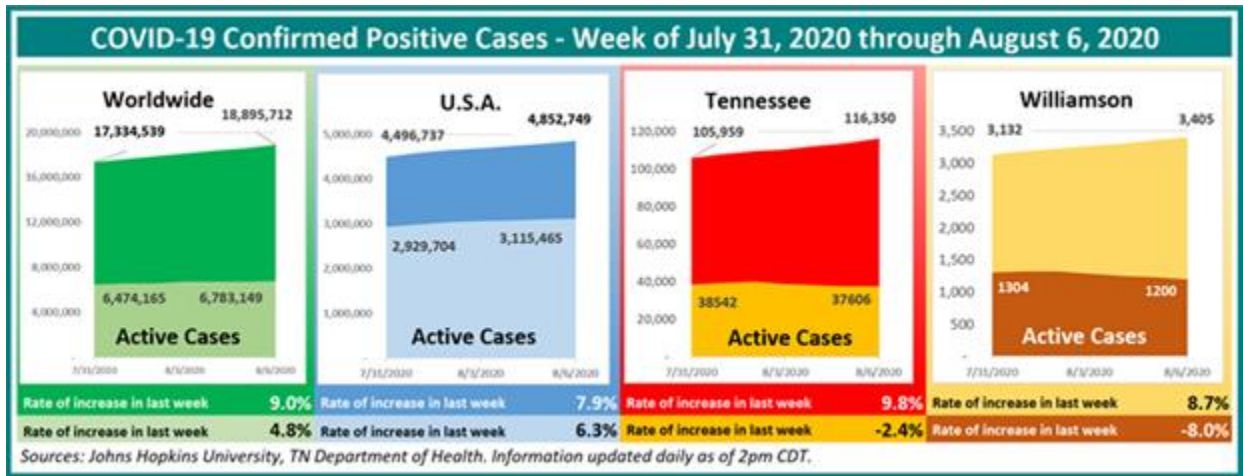
Coronavirus Update:



Thursday's COVID-19 case report (8/6/20):

Key Changes:

- Up 2,252 more** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (116,871 total positive cases - **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)
- Up 202 more** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (37,602 total active cases)
- Up 42 more** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (3,405 total positive cases - **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)
- Down 38 fewer** active cases day over day in Williamson County (1,200 total active cases)
- Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **2.9%**
- Up** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **7.9%**
- Level** Williamson County **sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee
- Up 3** additional death in Williamson County (25 - up to **seventh** highest in state)



Updated COVID-19 information is posted daily on our website (www.FranklinTN.gov/Covid-19), usually after 3 p.m.

That's it for this week! Thanks for *all* you do. Enjoy your weekend!

Eric



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