



Friday, September 11, 2020

Good morning, team,

Today is September 11, and the 19th anniversary of the attacks on the United States that killed nearly 3,000 Americans. Due to COVID-19, our Police Department is had a private commemorative ceremony at headquarters this morning and our Fire Department hosted a virtual memorial event. Here is the link to the “virtual” 9/11 Commemoration hosted at Fire Station 6 and shared on Facebook live this morning: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=322713349154098&extid=B6oddV3yaKD9op11>

Let us all join in remembering the lives lost on 9/11 and how that day impacted our country forever. Let us also apply what we experienced in the response in the days following 9/11 to the challenges we face now. I pray that we may all see hope in the human spirit and our ability to come together to help one another and come through a trying time stronger than before. Thank you all for your service and dedication. I truly believe that public service is an important light when our communities, our country, and our world faces dark times.

The City of Franklin **Human Resource Department** is offering **free flu shots September 22-23** at the **City Hall Boardroom**. Employees are asked to enter the building through the Fire Administration entrance. Please follow the social distancing routes in the hallway and don't forget to wear your mask! Flu shots are available for all full time employees and their spouses, part-time employees, retirees and their spouses covered by the City's health insurance. **Shots are available on Tuesday, 9/22, 6-9 a.m. and Wednesday, 9/23, 6-9 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.** See more details in the attached flier.

The special presentation on suicide prevention aired last night on City social



platforms. You can see it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6LWU_5diHI. The program hosted by **Mayor Moore** and Franklin **Police Chief Deb Faulkner** focuses on two Williamson County residents who survived a suicide attempt, and one local father who lost a teenage son to suicide. The



program also features local mental health experts talking about the mental health resources in our community. Mayor Moore last year created a blue ribbon panel on mental health and from that formed the website www.findhopefranklin.com. On the website, people can find local resources to assist those dealing with mental health issues. Mental health is a critically important part of building a strong community. Thank you **Mayor Moore, Chief Faulkner, Milissa Reierson** and many others in the community that are working to provide this important information and support to our community.

Marygayle Alley, who works in **Revenue Management**, was nominated to the **East Tennessee State University National Society of Leadership and Success**, which is the school where she pursuing her **Online bachelor degree**. **The National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS)** is the largest leadership honor society and selects students based on their academic standing or leadership potential. NSLS provides a step-by-step program for members to build their leadership skills through participation either at campus or online. Marygayle was selected and is the **Success Networking Team (SNT) Coordinator** who helps to facilitate and create the schedule for the executive board to assist at the SNT meetings for all groups. She also helps train and connect with SNT facilitators during meetings, and to remind members to submit reports within 24 hours of each meeting. **Congratulations Marygayle!**

The City received two nice thank you messages for our **Communications Team**:

*Thank you! I don't know who (or what team)(**Gavin Nevill and Milissa Reierson**) is running your FB page but they've managed to stay calm, professional and informative (during the City's Covid-19 safety messaging.) My wife works with pediatric infectious diseases and I work with data so we both clearly understand the importance of mask wearing, and we continue to be appalled at the attitudes of others towards this one simple thing that can help so much. When this is all over, I owe this person/team a beer, latte or whatever they want. Hang in there!—**John Williams, Facebook follower/Franklin resident***

Milissa you guys really nailed that! This program on suicide prevention is thoughtful, powerful, inspirational, and full of critical resources. I am so proud of this major effort from the City of Franklin and Find Hope Franklin. The City of Franklin jumped on board to support this and **Milissa Reierson, the Director of Communications** for the city was able to utilize the city's marketing team (**Robert Mott**) to film these stories and put together an absolutely incredibly moving virtual event. She has been a total rock star through this process and given this project so much time and passion.—**Amy Alexander, Executive Director, The Refuge Center**





Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 29th**, 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.

It has been a while, but we have a **new employee** to introduce to everyone.

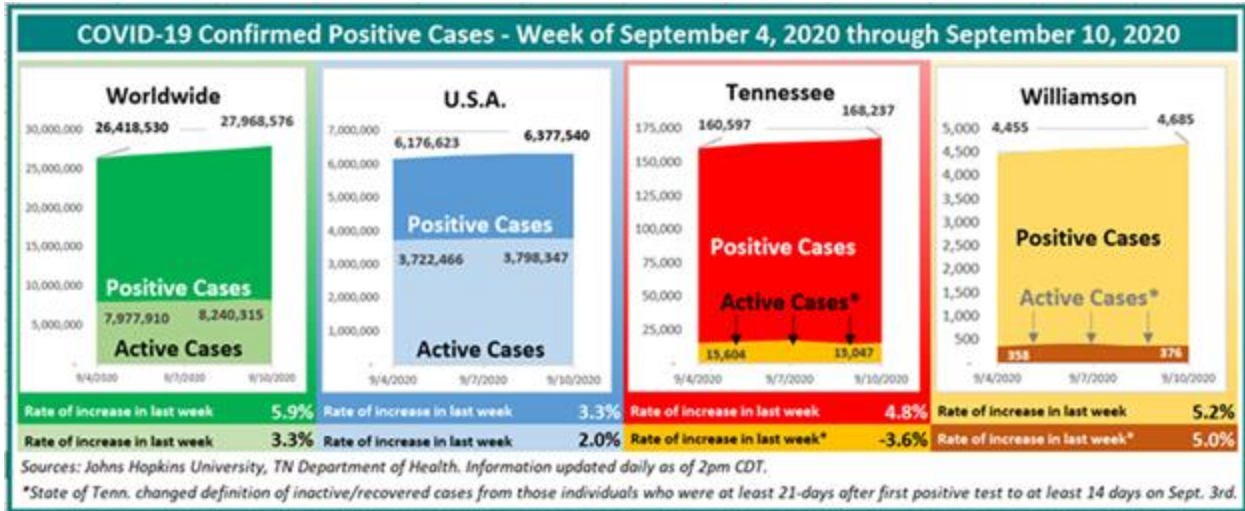
Bryan Chandler. Arborist, Franklin Parks Department

Bryan is from Chattanooga, Tennessee. He has a BA in Project Management and previously worked for RBC Tree, LLC and the City of Charlotte, NC. Bryan has two grown children, a son and daughter. In his free time, Bryan enjoys mountain bike riding, backpacking and family activities. Bryan was attracted to Franklin for its history, charm, landscape and scenery.

Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report 9/10/20):

Key Changes:

- Up 1,650 more** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (168,237 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)
- Up 89 more** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (15,047 total active cases)
- Up 76 more** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (4,685 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)
- Up 11 more** active cases day over day in Williamson County (376 total active cases)
- Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **2.8%**
- Level** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **7.7%**
- Level** Williamson County **sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee
- Up Two (2) additional** deaths in Williamson County (**34 – tied for ninth** highest in state)



That's it for today. Thank you for all you do! Have a good weekend.

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