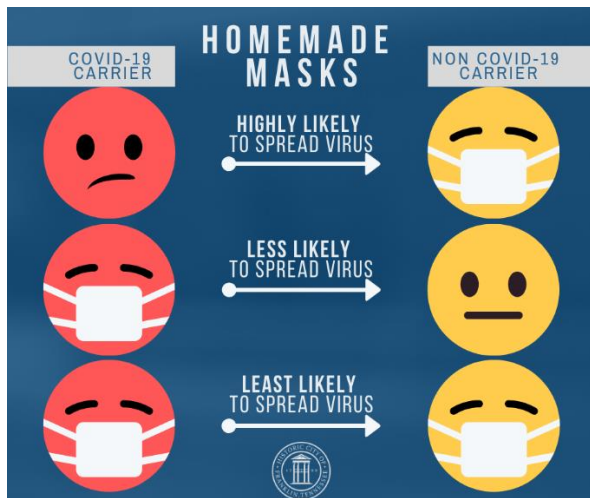




*Friday, September 25, 2020*

Good morning, team,

The City of Franklin was named the **8<sup>th</sup> Best Places to Live by Money Magazine**. This year, Money looked at towns and cities with a population of at least 25,000 and ranked the **Best Places to Live** putting the greatest emphasis on economic factors, like employment opportunities, as well as supply and demand for homes, cost of living, quality of schools, racial and economic diversity, and health and safety. Money magazine reported Franklin as a strong contender for the past few years, twice ranking in the top 10. One of the top reasons mentioned was the Pilgrimage Festival. The magazine also said Franklin has seen a 44 percent job growth in the last 10 years, matched by a 33 percent increase in population. The median household income of \$110,000 and the median price for a family home is \$495,000. Another big reason was the quality of our schools. For Money's complete list of the **Best Places to Live**, [click here](#). To learn more on the methodology of the ranking, [click here](#).



Overall I want to commend our team for exercising appropriate caution during this **COVID-19 pandemic**. I understand it is tiresome, but we need to stay vigilant. We have had employees test positive and employees who have had to quarantine. I would like to **remind everyone to wear your mask at work and places where you cannot physically distance**. Also as a reminder, Williamson County and the State do not require people to wear masks, but as an employer, similar to many others across the country, the City of Franklin chooses to continue to be cautious and require masks for

our employees on the job. In addition, there are right and wrong ways to wear your mask. Take a look at this video as a reminder.

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**Franklin Fire Department engineer promotional testing took place this entire week at the Franklin Fire Training Center.** Our HR team, as well as assessors from Murfreesboro Fire and Rescue



Department, were onsite facilitating the daily assessments. These included a written exam, as well as mapping, aerial testing, pumping and driving tests.

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:moniquem@franklintn.gov) or at extension 6606.

We received two very nice thank you notes for our **Fire Department and Parks Department.**

*Eric, I wanted to pass along my thanks for the helpful service I received from two Franklin firefighters this morning.*

*We were awakened this morning at 1:00 AM by our smoke alarm. Thankfully nothing appeared to be wrong, however it was concerning to my husband Dan and me. We were planning to leave town for a week and didn't want to worry about the safety of our home. I reached out this morning to the fire department and explained the situation. Within minutes a couple of firefighters from Station 5 on Noah Drive were at my door. They checked out our house and took a look at our smoke detectors. They recommended changing the batteries, which we did. The gentlemen were very professional and polite. I appreciated that they wore masks. We are glad the City of Franklin is able to provide this helpful service to the citizens.—*  
**Gena Ryan**

*Just a thank you for the quick response to my suggestion about a trash can at Old Liberty Park. Wow! Very impressed. It's done and had two follow up calls and I'm totally impressed. Just another reason why everyone loves Franklin!—*  
**Miles Johnson**

**Welcome to our new employee in our Police Department**

**Stephen Hall, School Patrol**

Stephen is from Franklin and is a retired Patrol Sergeant from the Williamson County Sheriff's department. He was with the Sheriff's department for over 21 years. Stephen is

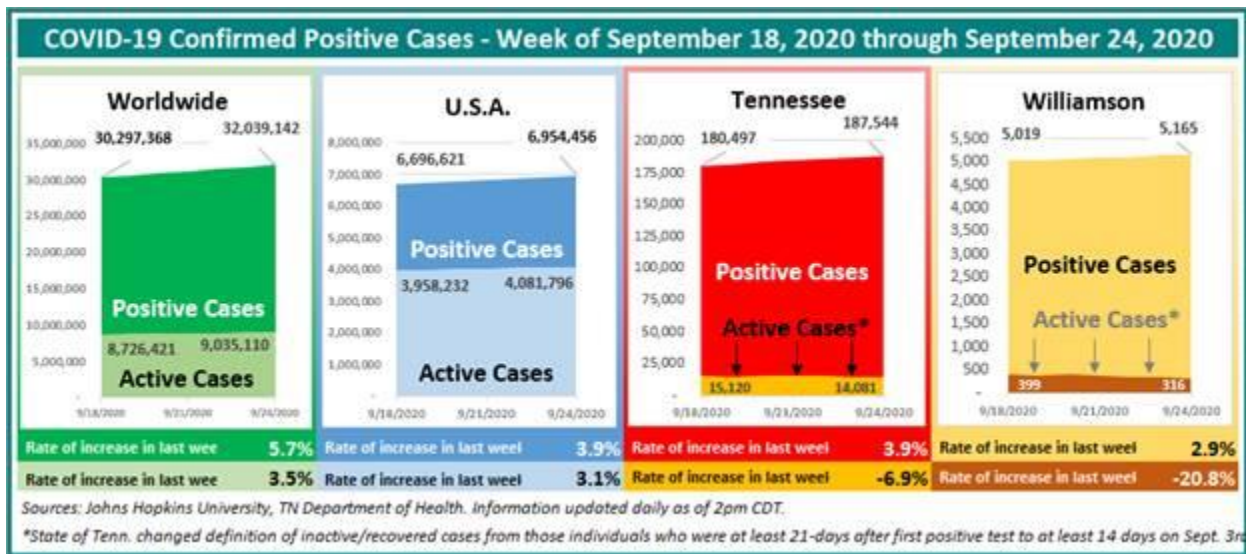
married and has two daughters, one grandchild, a dog and a cat. In his spare time, Stephen enjoys reading, walking, hiking and watching the Philadelphia Phillies.

Welcome to the City!

**Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report 9/24/20):**

**Key Changes:**

- Up 835 more** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (187,544 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)
- Down 704 fewer** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (14,081 total active cases)
- Up 26 more** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (5,165 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)
- Down 30 fewer** active cases day over day in Williamson County (316 total active cases)
- Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **2.8%**
- Level** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **7.5%**
- Level** Williamson County **sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee
- Level** **No additional** deaths in Williamson County (**36** – **eleventh** highest in state)



That's it for now. Have a great weekend! Thanks for all you do.



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