



**Friday, October 16, 2020**

Today is **Paint the City Pink**. E-mail a photo of yourself decked out in **pink** for Breast Cancer awareness to [ashley.peery@franklintn.gov](mailto:ashley.peery@franklintn.gov) **TODAY!** For every employee that participates, the City will make a donation to **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation!!!** We'll also have a prize drawing for all that enter!

The **Human Resources Department** will be hosting the second online trainings titled **Mental Health Awareness** on **October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00PM**. Each class will be taught by Kelsey Burton, LPC-MHSP, EAP Coordinator at LifeServices EAP. This training is open to all employees to attend. To register, please visit *Inside the*



City: <https://franklintn.sharepoint.com/hr/training/Pages/default.aspx>. Zoom link information will be sent out to employees at a later date.

**The third annual Unite Williamson event is going virtual Saturday, Oct. 17, with the program set to go live on Facebook at 9 a.m.**

[Access the event directly here](#) or through the [Unite Williamson page](#) on Facebook. The need



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for hope, healing, connection and understanding is greater now than ever before, and Unite Williamson has been sharing inspiring stories through a series of videos via its social media channels in the weeks leading up to the

event. Speakers include **Unite Williamson** founders **Franklin Mayor Dr. Ken Moore** and **Shorter Chapel AME Rev. Dr. Kenneth Hill**, **Centennial High School student Devon Reed**, local author **Pam Horne**, certified **Professional Golfers Association Pro Butch Rhodes** and “**Living Legacies**” **Alma McLemore**, **Calvin LeHew** and **Julian Bibb**. Musical videos and inspirational messages will be interspersed from a range of faith traditions and congregations, including Church of the City, Congregation Micah, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, St. Philip Catholic Church, Franklin First United Methodist Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Brentwood United Methodist, Graceworks and the Hard Bargain Association. To learn more about Unite Williamson, visit [unitewilliamson.com](http://unitewilliamson.com).

Earlier this week at the **Board of Mayor and Alderman Work session, Parks Department Director, Lisa Clayton** shared with the board that a new inclusive park on the City’s South East area will be named after **Alderman Brandy Blanton’s granddaughter Elliott Grace Castro**. She passed away last year from a terminal and rare form of dwarfism called rhizomelic chondrodysplasia punctata. The new inclusive playground will be called “**Ellie G’s Dream World**” and will have a safari theme, something Ellie G would have loved according to Alderman Blanton. The 2 acre playground is one component of the 188-acre Southeast Park. Read more about the effort in the Williamson Herald at [http://www.williamsonherald.com/communities/new-franklin-park-name-to-honor-memory-of-young-resident/article\\_5cce9a40-0dc8-11eb-9e2c-cb921729fc5f.html](http://www.williamsonherald.com/communities/new-franklin-park-name-to-honor-memory-of-young-resident/article_5cce9a40-0dc8-11eb-9e2c-cb921729fc5f.html)

A couple weeks ago we forgot to mention the retirement of **Sergeant Don Zelaya** with the **Franklin Police Department**. We did feature him on our Facebook page. But if you missed the social media post: Don or as his fellow officers liked to call him Z-Man or simply Z began his 27 year career with the FPD in 1993. Serving as a Patrol Officer, Narcotic Detective, Narcotic Supervisor during his time with the FPD, Zelaya has also done extensive work as a Special Federal Officer while on assignment to the FBI’s Violent Crimes Task Force, investigating serious cases across the Midstate. Sergeant Zelaya was named Officer of the Year by the Fraternal Order of Police for his work in a major state and federal drug



investigation. His contributions to the creation and development of the Franklin Police Department's Flex Team have been immeasurable. Z is loved and will be greatly missed by his FPD family. Sergeant Zelaya looks forward to spending more time at home with his wife, Pam, and their two children, 24 and 16.

**United Way “Full Tummies, Warm Hearts” has officially changed to Give Thanks!** While the name might be different, the impact is more important than ever: to provide meals to families in need. Most of our City of Franklin Departments have already begun collecting food for this worthy effort. Please look for your department's plastic tub (and required food item list) and join in and help us provide the families in our community with a Thanksgiving meal!

Don't forget about our **“Give a Day. Serve a Day. Get a Day.”** campaign for United Way. If you **give a total contribution of at least \$100** to United Way (I'd challenge you to consider giving the equivalent of one day's pay), and **commit to volunteer at least 8 hours over the next year with your chosen cause** (i.e. – non-profit, church, school, etc.), you can **receive an EXTRA personal day in 2021**. The additional personal day will be awarded on January 1, 2021 and must be used during the 2021 calendar year.

Here are the details:

- Your 2021 pledge to United Way can take the form of a payroll deduction (spread over 26 paychecks in 2021) or as a one-time contribution, which ever works best for you. The minimum pledge to qualify is \$100. You should make your financial pledge using the attached United Way Pledge Form or request a form from Administration or Human Resources.
- We ask that you sign a 2021 volunteer pledge that includes your name, department, and the cause/organization(s) that you are committing to dedicate at least 8 hours of volunteer time (non-work hours) this coming year (attached) . The choice of where and how you volunteer is up to you. You may also want to work with other City team members to volunteer as a group. If you are looking for some ideas, United Way has an online volunteer resource: <https://www.unitedwaynashville.org/volunteer>
- Once you have made both your United Way pledge and your volunteer pledge you will be credited with an additional personal day on January 1, 2021. The personal day must be used during the 2021 calendar year.

**The “Give a Day. Serve a Day. Get a Day.” campaign runs through November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Both forms will need to be returned to Human Resources. If you are submitting via e-mail, please send both forms to [jasmine.dickerson@franklintn.gov](mailto:jasmine.dickerson@franklintn.gov).

**Williamson Medical Center** is once again urging members of the community to continue to adhere to **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines** to help



reduce the spread of COVID-19. Over the past few weeks, Williamson Medical Center, similarly to other hospitals across the state, has reported a rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations. As of last week, Williamson Medical Center's COVID-19 inpatient census was up roughly 50% from two to three weeks prior, the hospital said in a news release, with a peak of 23 COVID-19 hospitalizations. Read more here [https://williamsonmedicalcenter.org/in-the-community/media/williamson-medical-center-media-statement/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=organic-post&utm\\_campaign=WMC&fbclid=IwAR15m92KiaoXXzjzUYpyc3Q4RBk\\_DId6Hj8GLF2SgitETA8kfPEtyaFB5b4](https://williamsonmedicalcenter.org/in-the-community/media/williamson-medical-center-media-statement/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=organic-post&utm_campaign=WMC&fbclid=IwAR15m92KiaoXXzjzUYpyc3Q4RBk_DId6Hj8GLF2SgitETA8kfPEtyaFB5b4)

### **Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report 10/15/20):**

As a City team we are doing very well. Our numbers are about as low as they have been since the beginning of the pandemic. Keep up the good work. Unfortunately, October has seen a surge in active case numbers for the community overall (a 64.5% increase in active cases since September 30<sup>th</sup>). Stay vigilant and exercising the safeguards for you, your family, other team members and the community.

Here are the most recent COVID numbers:

#### **Key Changes:**

**Up 2,289 more** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (222,827 total positive cases **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)

**Up 554 more** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (19,799 total active cases)

**Up 80 more** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (6,274 total positive cases – **most total positive cases since the pandemic began**)

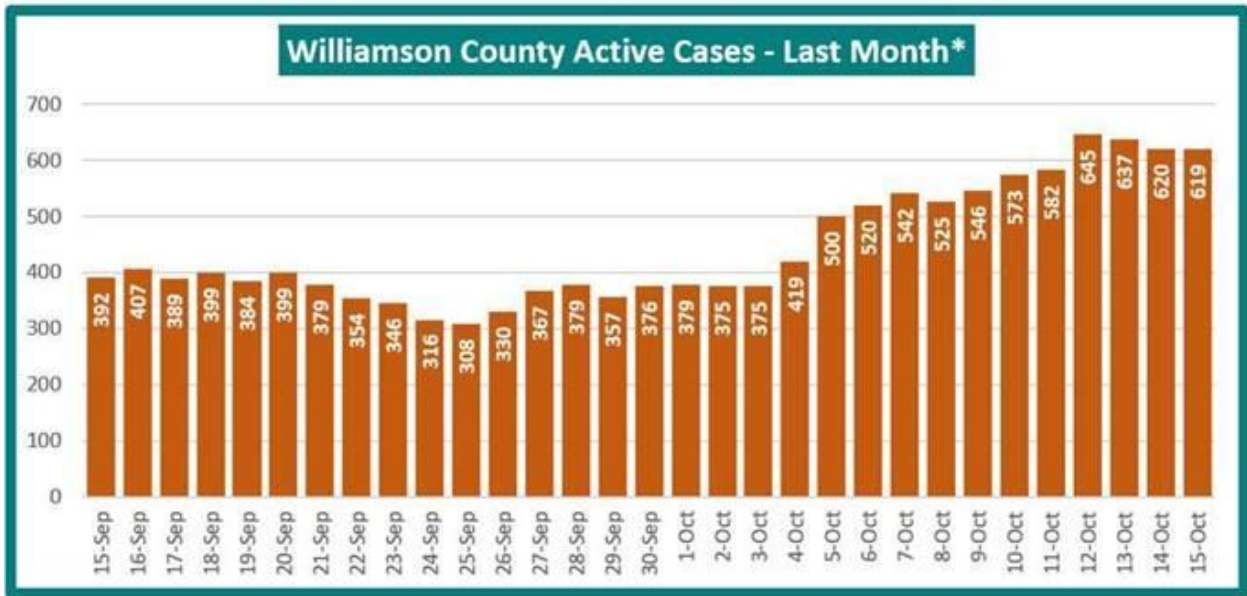
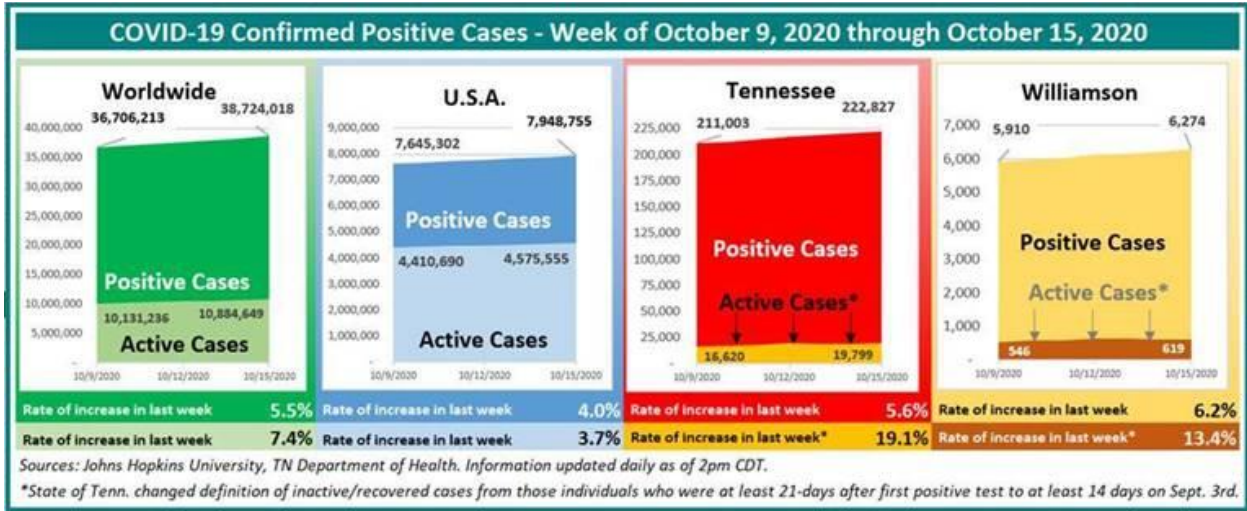
**Down 1 fewer** active cases day over day in Williamson County (619 total active cases)

**Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **2.8%**

**Level** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **7.4%**

**Level** Williamson County **sixth** highest # of positive cases in Tennessee

**Level** **No additional** deaths in Williamson County (**47 – twelfth** highest in state)



\*State of Tennessee changed definition of inactive/recovered cases from those individuals who were at least 21-days after first positive test to at least 14 days on September 3rd.

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