



Friday, November 20, 2020

City departments gathered 22 bins of food for the Give Thanks United Way food drive. Great work by our team! The holidays are an expensive time and can be especially difficult for families and individuals whose food budgets are already limited. The average family of four receives \$465 a month for food through public assistance programs, which breaks down to \$5.16 per meal. The average cost of a traditional holiday dinner is roughly \$60. That's 12 times the amount a family has available to spend on a single meal. For United Way's second-annual Give Thanks, **more than 500 groups, individuals and companies** collected food supplies and donated money for families throughout our region. Special thanks to **Administration's Vicki Parr** for organizing this food drive.

The **Communications Division** was hard at work yesterday producing the City's first Virtual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The program will **debut Thanksgiving night at 6pm** on Franklin TV and all the City Social Channels. **Communications Manager Milissa Reiersen and Public Outreach Specialist Monique McCullough** organized the filming that took place all over downtown Franklin culminating with a music video type shoot on Main Street. It truly takes a village to coordinate a production like this and the Communications Department would like to thank the **Fire Department, Streets Department, Police Department and the Parks Department with making the production run smoothly.** **Thank you to our sponsors Middle Tennessee Electric and Williamson Medical for helping us produce this event for our community.**

The Streets Department received the following thank you message:

Hi Steve, my name is Kevin and I live in the City of Franklin and I wanted to call and give you some feedback. I know this is a crazy time of year and you guys are pulling your hair out trying to figure out how to manage the growth and build the roads and maintain what you have. I just want to call and tell you that you guys are doing a great job! Every Street



Department has its challenges, has its struggles, but all in all this is a great place to live. It is a pleasure to drive around Franklin. You all are doing a great job and I just wanted you to know that.

The Planning Department's Joey Bryan was recently featured on Newschannel 5 for his off duty work as the Communications Manager for the Nashville Steam Preservation Society. Joey has been working hard on the train restoration for Locomotive 576, which was retired in the 1950's and put on display in Centennial Park. Johnny Cash even used it for several album covers and a magazine shoot. Joey is working to raise money for the Tennessee Central Railway Museum to rebound after the Pandemic. The museum is now open and ready for visitors. They also recently held a virtual benefit concert featuring Marty Stewart and Old Crow Medicine Show. Here is a link to the news story for more information. <https://www.newschannel5.com/rebound/tenn-central-railway-museum-reopens-following-pandemic-closure>

Congratulations to Angelique Franzoni with the Finance Department for completing the Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) program. This is an impressive and important achievement!

Congratulations to Officer Carlos Cordero who is retiring from the Franklin Police Department. During his amazing 25-year career, Officer Cordero excelled at assignments in the 21st Judicial Drug Task Force, as a Detective in the FPD Criminal Investigation Division, and most recently as a day shift Patrol Officer known (and loved) for walking or riding his police bicycle on the downtown Franklin beat. His pleasant demeanor, bilingual abilities, and passion for keeping Franklin safe is sincerely appreciated and will be missed by residents, business owners, and his City of Franklin family. Thank you, Carlos, for your dedication to this community.

Info from the HR Office in case you missed it:

We will be adding to the ***Commitment to Service Wall*** at City Hall which recognizes those



employees who have served our organization for 20 years or more. If your name is incorrectly listed, or know of a name that was inadvertently missed please send the corrected information to jasmine.dickerson@franklinton.gov no later than Monday, November 30th. If you have any questions, please reach out to our HR Department.

30 days of Gratitude Challenge

2020 has brought new trials and obstacles! Let's use the month of November to focus on things in life that make

us THANKFUL! Get a jar, a cup, a bowl (whatever!) and add a note each day this month listing something you are grateful for. It can be anything – from your family, to your pet or your hot cup of coffee in the morning...anything goes! Send us some of the things you're grateful for, and we'll enter you in a prize giveaway! Check out this article for more great ideas! <https://www.happierhuman.com/30-days-gratitude/>

Speaking of gratitude . . . I want to express my thanks and heartfelt gratitude to all of our City team members. You each make a difference every day with how you serve the community. 2020 has been a strange and difficult year. Through it all, you have demonstrated your dedication to doing the job well and caring for our citizens and one another. Franklin is consistently recognized as one of the best places to live in America. Your work helps make that possible. Thank you for all you do. This coming week, you will receive a special holiday bonus as a token of appreciation from Mayor Moore and the Board of Aldermen for your contributions throughout the year. Thank you and have a great and safe Thanksgiving.

~ Eric

Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report 11/20/20):

Key Changes:

Up 2,887 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (328,088 total positive cases)

Down 1,047 Fewer active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (40,175 total active cases)

Up 62 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (10,055 total positive cases)

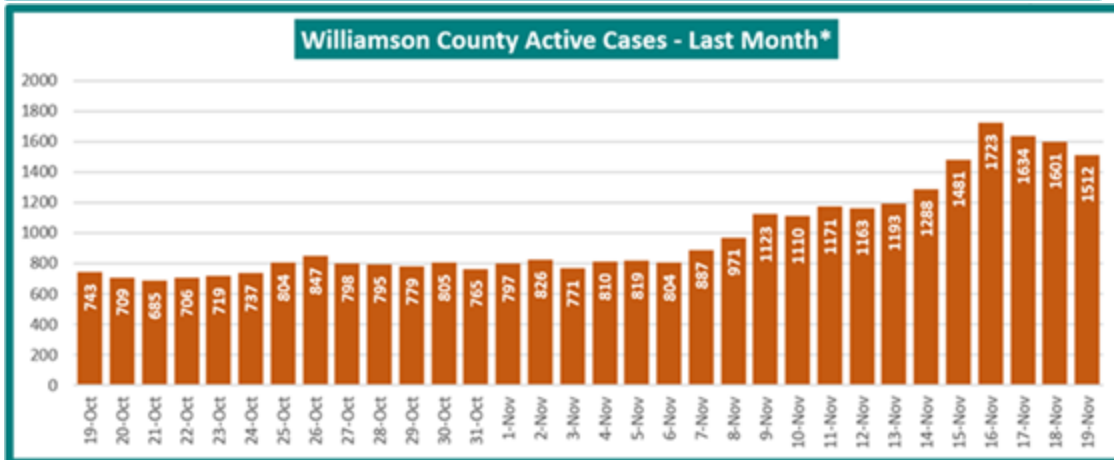
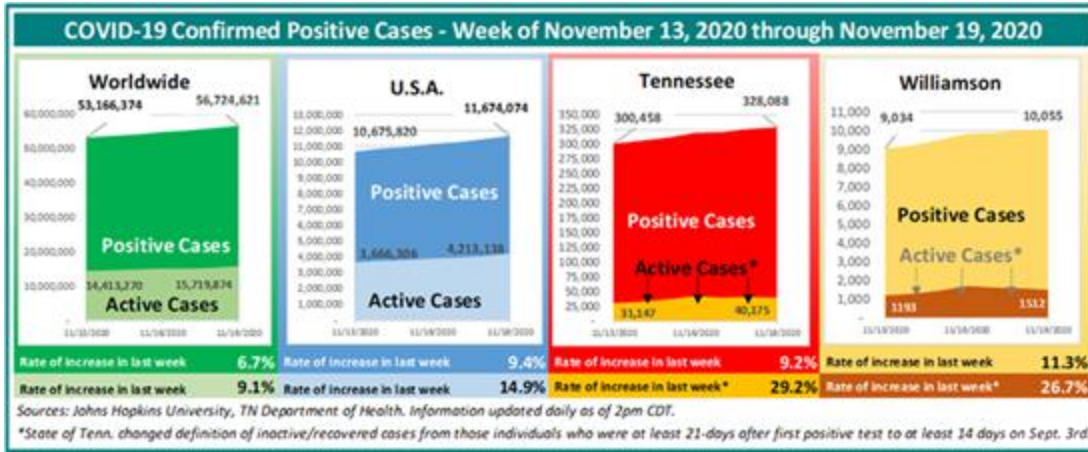
Down 89 Fewer active cases day over day in Williamson County (1,512 total active cases)

Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at 3.1%

Level Percent Positive / Total Tested at 9.6%

Level Williamson County Seventh highest # of positive cases in Tennessee

Up 1 new death in Williamson County



Thank you for *all* you do! Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

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