



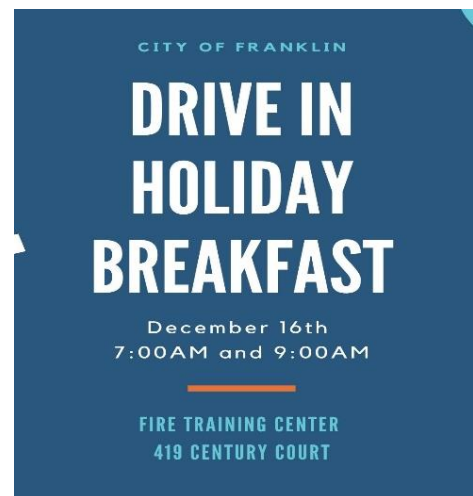
***Friday, December 11, 2020***

Sad news to report this morning: former **Mayor Tom Miller** passed away yesterday afternoon. Tom served as Mayor from 2003-07 and also served for six years as an At-Large Alderman. Tom was also chairman of the Franklin Planning Commission for five years. During his service with the City, Mayor Miller was instrumental in important initiatives such as the building the new Franklin Police Headquarters, the recruitment of the Nissan Headquarters, and the acquisition/addition of Harlinsdale Farm and Eastern Flank to the City's park system. Mayor Miller also played a key leadership role in establishing the City of Franklin's relationship with troops at Fort Campbell. We are grateful for Tom's service to the community and for his many contributions to Franklin. While I never served with Tom, I know from my interactions with him over the years that he cared deeply for our City team. Tom Miller will be missed. Please keep Lydia, the Miller family, and Tom's many friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of loss.

**HOLIDAY BREAKFAST NEWS:** We asked and you answered! We are excited to announce the **Holiday Breakfast Drive-In will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at the Fire Training Center – 419 Century Court.** To accommodate a large group of employees, we will have two time slots available to drive in for the Breakfast program: 7:00AM and 9:00AM. The 7:00AM time slot is reserved for those employees who work early shifts within the City. We will announce availability for this time later in the week if we don't reach capacity. If you are interested in reserving a spot at the 7:00AM program, your department rep will reach out to you soon. Registration for the 9:00AM program can be done online on *Inside the City* at <https://franklintn.sharepoint.com/hr/training/Pages/default.aspx> **please notify Human Resources if you would like to request a vegetarian option** for the Breakfast. Registration is open until 4:30PM on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> and space is limited!! See attached map for drive in layout.

At the BOMA meeting on Tuesday night, we shared a video tribute for **Pearl Bransford** and also that **Franklin Tomorrow and community leaders** created a **scholarship fund in health sciences study in honor of Alderman Bransford.** You can see the tribute video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRXwHuhMAEs>.

Thank you to **Robert Mott in Communications** for producing the video tribute. The scholarship fund is open for contributions from the public. Franklin Tomorrow will collect initial donations and it is the intent of organizers to endow the scholarship through **Columbia State Community College** in the first quarter of 2021. Bransford was a resident of Franklin for more than 35 years, spending almost 25 years as an elected official in Franklin, first for 11 years on the Franklin Special School District Board of Education and then 13 years as a member of the Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen. Her public service was an amplification of her outstanding professional career in nursing. She received a BS in Nursing from Tennessee State University, BS in Health Arts from University of St. Francis, Joliet, Ill., and an MS in Nursing from Vanderbilt University. She served in a variety of leadership and teaching roles during her 18 years at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and was highly respected by the professionals and students with whom she worked. To contribute to the initial funding of the scholarship, send checks to Franklin Tomorrow, P.O. Box 383, Franklin, TN 37065, marking "Bransford Scholarship" on the memo line. Online giving is available as well through Franklin Tomorrow's website at [www.franklintomorrow.org](http://www.franklintomorrow.org).



The **Franklin Fire Department and Police Department** are currently conducting **toy and gift drives** for the Franklin community. The **Fire Department's** 13<sup>th</sup> annual drive will help more than 200 Williamson County children. Tags with gift ideas and children's information can be found on holiday fire hydrant displays outside all Franklin fire stations

and at Franklin headquarters. For more information, please contact the Franklin Fire Department at (615) 791-3270 or visit [www.FranklinFirefightersCharities.org](http://www.FranklinFirefightersCharities.org) The **Police Department** is collecting new toy donations and they can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm at Police Headquarters. The Police toy drive is in honor of **Kristi Clark and her 10 year old son Carter Oakley** who were hit by a semi and killed when they got out of their car to help five people in an overturned SUV on an ice-covered I-65 in Franklin. Kristi's Dad, **Brad Lewis** created toy boxes for the toy drive.

**We have some very nice thank you notes to share:**

To the **Communications Department**—All of our family streamed the Christmas Tree Lighting with us on Thanksgiving night. It was so nice to be connected that way. **Milissa**, you did something truly wonderful and we are so glad we got to be a part of it! XO, **Kasi Jones-The Shindellas**.

Also for **Communications**- *I just got a chance to watch the tree lighting and you all did such a fantastic job! Way to go. I loved all the singing and performances. Thank you also for working us into the countdown.* **Deanna Lambert, Franklin resident and Communications Director City of Brentwood.**

To the **Public Works Departments**--*My wife and I drove through the Battlefield on Friday night and were very pleased with the **Christmas lights display**. For the first year to be done on the Battlefield you did a wonderful job. We hope you will continue this in the years to come. Thanks and Merry Christmas,* **Jim and Trudy Thomson, Heath Place at Carnton**

To the **Fire Department**-- *My family and I just watched Santa pass through our neighborhood. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to coordinate and see the Santa parade through. Our very COVID cautious family greatly enjoyed seeing Santa and the*



emergency vehicles, especially our three little girls! Thanks again, **Susan Marvin (Garden Club Estates)**

To the **Streets Department**, re: leaf pickup— *Thanks to all for such a prompt response. The crew went by this morning and things look great. I have been really impressed by the City of Franklin. Coming from Illinois I am not used to this kind of quick positive response. Franklin is a great place to live and it is folks like you that make it that kind of place. Please let the crew know how much they and their efforts are appreciated. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and your teams. Thanks again, **Dave Scherer***

**Team, these thank you's are AWESOME. Our community notices the fine work you do every day and it makes a difference! Keep up the great work!**

Congratulations to **Janey Mason in the Parks Department**. Janey recently passed the Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification. This is the national standard for all parks and recreation professionals who want to be at the forefront of their profession. Attaining the CPRP designation shows that you have met education and experience qualifications, and illustrates your commitment to the profession as well as your knowledge and understanding of key concepts within parks and recreation.

**From the HR Department:**

#### **COF Coat Drive**

Our annual Coat Drive is underway! Please drop off coats and jackets outside the HR office in City Hall. All donations must be placed in plastic bags. We're excited to help our friends at Grace Works Ministries of Franklin!

#### **Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report 12/10/20):**

##### **Key Changes:**

**Up 6,011 More** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (428,973 total positive cases)

**Up 349 More** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (41,289 total active cases)

**Up 173 More** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (13,169 total positive cases)

**Up 6 More** active cases day over day in Williamson County (1,005 total active cases)

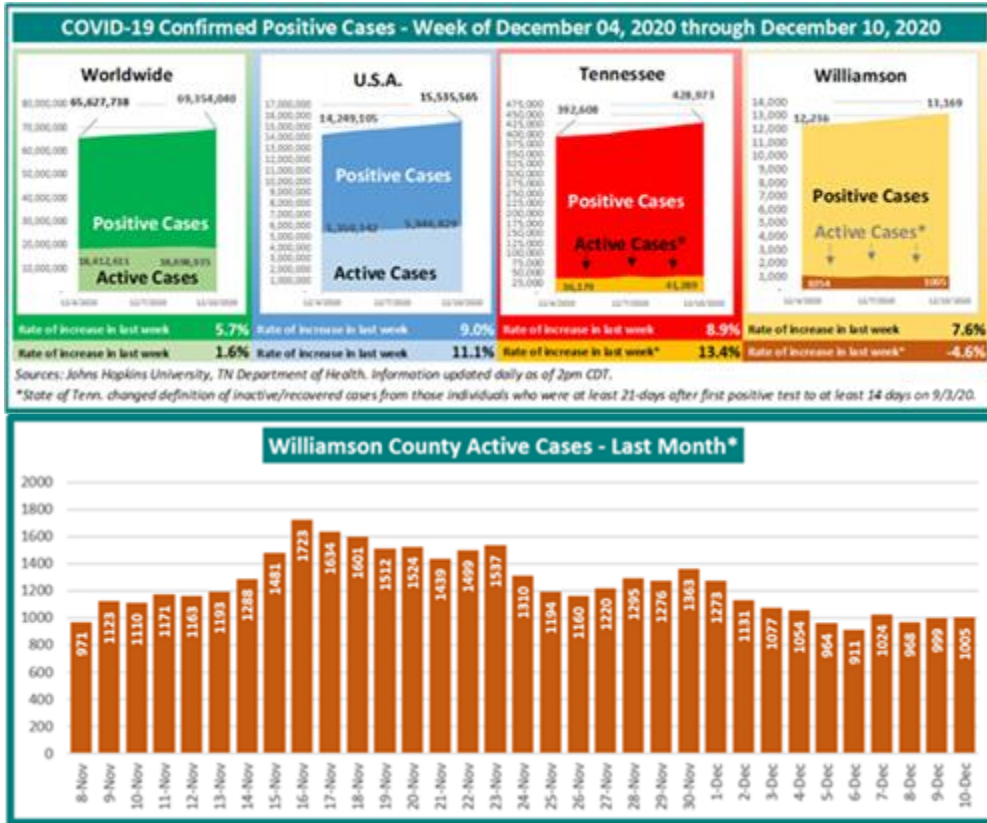
**Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.1%**

**Level** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **10%**

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

**Level** **No New** deaths in Williamson County





Thanks for all you do. Have a great weekend.  
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