

## Friday, February 5, 2021

**February is Black History Month** and each week during this month we'll feature something about Black History. Today I'm happy to show you the first glimpse of the statue that will be put on the Franklin Square in honor of our **United States Colored Troops**. The statue will be placed in front of the Williamson County Courthouse where during the **Civil War**, slaves entered to sign up for the Union Army and came out free men. The statue was funded by our Franklin community and will be placed in time for the **Juneteenth celebration**. Juneteenth commemorates the day in 1865 when enslaved people of Texas, then the most remote region of the Confederacy, finally learned slavery had been abolished and that they were free.

Congratulations to **Mike Proctor from the IT Department**. He was recently appointed as **Chair of the Technical Committee for the Williamson County Joint Communications Network Authority (WCJCNA).** The Technical Committee is a sub-committee of WCJCNA

that is charged with the oversight and review of all technical aspects of the configuration and operation of the county-wide radio system. The Technical Committee receives direction from the WCJCNA Committee and provides observations and makes recommendations on projects, procedures, upgrades, and system access.

A nice thank you note for our **Robert Mott** in our **Communications Division**.

**Robert** (Mott), I just want to thank you, again, for the amazing job you did stitching together a fantastic virtual event for the **African** 



American Heritage Society. Many people will not appreciate the editing effort required to bring together so many different elements and pieces of content – yet they will thoroughly enjoy and appreciate the cohesive and enjoyable production when it airs tomorrow night. I know Alma is incredibly grateful for your tireless efforts and excited for the premiere tomorrow. Robert, you are a blessing to this community. And I, once again, have sincerely enjoyed working with you. While I hope we get back to more in-person events, I would welcome any opportunity to work on projects with you and hope if you ever need anything from me – that you won't hesitate to ask. Mayor

Moore, Milissa, and Eric, thank you for graciously freeing up Robert's time to film and produce the event. I know he has a lot on his plate every day! I hope you are all planning to tune in tomorrow night! –Regards Matt Brown, Co-Founder/Brand Strategist

## Welcome to the following new City team members!



### Ricky Lutz, Police Officer

Ricky is from Murfreesboro. He is engaged and has daughters. In his free time, Ricky enjoys reading and working out. He is also a big boxing fan. Ricky previously worked for the Mount Juliet Police Department.

#### Blake Shaw, Police Officer

Blake is from Franklin County in Tennessee. He is a graduate of MTSU in Criminal Justice. Blake enjoys going to writers rounds in Nashville on the weekends. Blake previously worked for the MTSU Police Department.

## Jordan Shaffer, Police Officer

Jordan is originally from Romney, West Virginia but is not new to the area. He has been here since 2001. Jordan has two children and one on the way! In his free time, Jordan enjoys snowboarding, woodworking, shooting, hiking and spending time with family. Jordan previously worked for Metro Nashville Police Department.

Jammie Jewell, Equipment Operator, Sanitation and Environmental Services
Jammie is from Pendleton, Indiana. He is married and has three girls and two Great Danes!
Jammie enjoys camping, riding his motorcycle and cheering for the Colts. Jammie previously worked for Junk Bee Gone.

### Randy Noska, Grounds Worker for the Parks Department

Randy is originally from Houston Texas but has lived in Franklin since 1999. He has one daughter and enjoys coaching football and cheering for his favorite team, the Titans! Randy previously worked at Vanderbilt Legends Club.

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 16<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 <a href="www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a>, 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 <a href="moniquem@franklintn.gov">moniquem@franklintn.gov</a> or at extension 6606.

Today is **Go Red for Women Day** to raise awareness about **cardiovascular disease**! If you are wearing red today, email <u>Ashley.Peery@franklintn.gov</u> a photo for a chance to win an awesome prize.

# Coronavirus Update: Thursday's COVID-19 case report (2/4/21):

Up 3,154 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (736,370 total positive cases)
 Down 418 Fewer active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (29,058 total active

cases)

**Up 149 More** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (23,399 total positive cases)

**Up** 6 More active cases day over day in Williamson County (1,283 total active cases

**Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at 3.2%

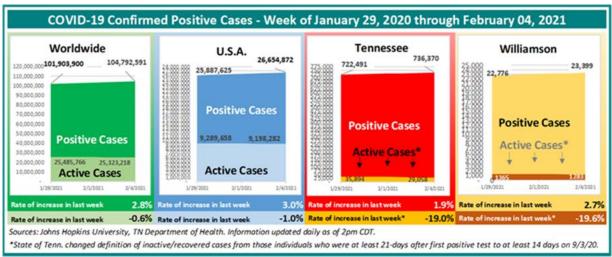
**Level** Percent Positive / Total Tested at

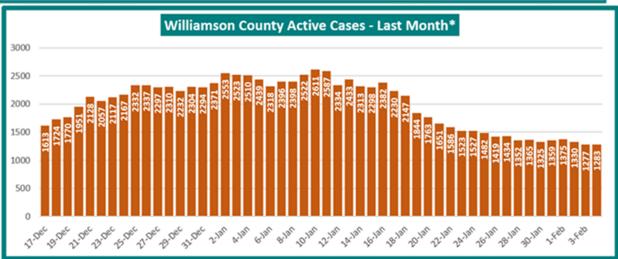
12.53%

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

**Up 5 New** deaths in Williamson County (182 total deaths)







That's the update for now. Thanks for *all* you do! Have a great weekend. Eric





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