



Friday, February 19, 2021

It’s been a long week of snow and ice. **Thank you to the entire team who worked tirelessly to keep our residents moving and safe and City Hall open to serve our customers.** I appreciate the work you do to make Franklin the best community to live, work and play! I certainly has been a TEAM effort. Thank you!

February is Black History Month – Last year this home at 253 Natchez Street known as the Gaylor House was memorialized as Franklin’s Green Book entry. It was listed in the Green Book from 1956-1961. In 2019 the movie “Green Book” won an Oscar and brought

renewed attention to the Negro Motorist Green Book, an annual guidebook of places friendly to African Americans published from 1936-1967. After seeing the film local preservationists found this Franklin home was listed. A ceremony was held in February 2020 to dedicate a marker placed in front of the home. See the video produced by our Communications team here <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=rXl-1HGVRMs>

Update The Human Resources team continues to provide tools to the City team to assist in navigating Covid-19. Attached is an **updated Covid Toolkit** for use when there are any questions/concerns regarding employee exposure, return to work protocol, travel and more. We wanted to ensure that our policies and procedures are in accordance with updated guidance given by the CDC. The attached will replace the July 2020 version of the toolkit. As always, please contact your Human Resources department representative for any specific questions you may have.

Our **Purchasing Office** recently reported some key results from 2020. This past year, the City's purchasing card program included about 18,500 transactions totaling \$7 million. Through the purchasing card program, **the City received a rebate of \$80,889 for calendar year 2020**. Also during 2020, the City disposed of surplus property through 37 auctions generating **\$77,508.37 in revenue**. A big thank you to the **Purchasing Office and the Departmental Purchasing Agents from departments across the City team** that help manage thousands of transactions each year.

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 16th**, 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 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 moniquem@franklinton.gov or at extension 6606.

Here is a thank you note from the **Streets Department**:

*The Streets Department would like to give a special thank you to **Clyde Allen with the Publix** at Royal Oaks. Mr. Allen came to our rescue on two separate occasions. With the hazardous road conditions, we were unable to find a grocery store open or able to help us provide meals for our Streets crews who had been working around the clock since early Sunday morning. Mr. Allen gladly agreed to open the kitchen at Publix and help us put together meals on Wednesday and Thursday. We very much appreciate his help.*

Here is the COVID-19 case update for Thursday (2/18/21):

Key Changes:

Up 998 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (761,301 total positive cases)

Down 1,236 Fewer active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (18,453 total active cases)

Up 23 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (24,656 total positive cases)

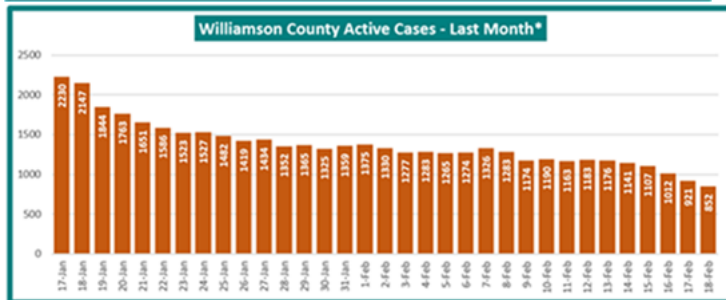
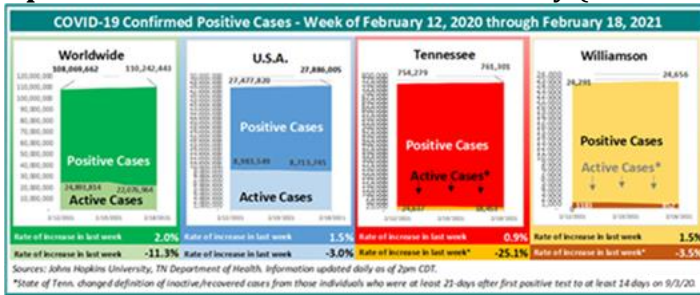
Down 69 Fewer active cases day over day in Williamson County (852 total active cases)
(Note: Active cases are below 900 for the first time since last summer)

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

Level Percent Positive / Total Tested at **12.52%**

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

Up 1 New death in Williamson County (200 total deaths)



That's it for this week. Stay safe out there and have a good weekend. Thanks for *all* you do!

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