



Friday, July 23, 2021

Congratulations to our THREE employees of the quarter **Tracy Harness, Ellen Hansen and Jeff Rowe**. The employees were nominated and chosen based on how they exemplify the values of our City: Excellence, Innovation, Teamwork, Integrity and Action Oriented. Each employee won a \$50.00 visa gift card, an award chosen by the department director, and admittance into the annual employee of the quarter luncheon.



Tracy Harness was nominated because she exemplifies teamwork and excellence. She's been with the City for 21 years and has worked in the **Human Resources Department** her entire career with the City. Her role now is a Benefits Specialist. Tracy said the most rewarding thing about her job is, "Helping others, whether it is problem solving or assisting others with a project. It is very rewarding to me to know that I assisted someone with a project or resolved an issue." See a video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xmzvtikyLs&t=10s>

Ellen Hansen was nominated as someone who exemplifies ALL the City values. She's been with the City for nine years and started in the **Administration Department** until she was *stolen* from us and went to work in the **Law Department** where she works as a legal assistant. Ellen said this when asked what has been her favorite project. "Well, it wasn't really my project, but I thoroughly enjoyed the special State of the City productions of past years. I had a few small parts in some of them, and it always made me happy to see the results and how much everyone—citizens and employees—enjoyed them." See her video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfxibqMNvZ4&t=3s>

Jeff Rowe was nominated because he exemplifies excellence and integrity. Jeff is a detective with the Franklin **Police Department** and has been with the City for 25 years. He



is retiring this year. Jeff said this about his proudest moment with the City, " I was interviewed for a segment that aired on Good Morning America. I remember my family calling me later that morning and telling me how proud they were of me and that I 'sounded' smart. " See his video here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=khWvORA5j3s&t=46s>

This week the **Parks Department** promoted three well deserved employees within the department. They are thrilled to promote all three of these outstanding, wonderful team members; congratulations!!!

Jonathan Walden has been promoted to Turf Specialist II: Below was an insert from the Assistant Parks Director, Paige Cruse and Athletic Turf Supervisor, John Wagnon.

Johnathon Waldrum, Turf Specialist I, has three years of experience in the Athletic Division currently. Johnathon started his employment as an Equestrian Worker and quickly learned every aspect of the turfgrass management side of things. (mowing/dragging/mound & plate repair/laying out a field for football & lacrosse and painting lines/logos; he has also learned how to operate various pieces of equipment for daily usage along with special projects) Johnathon had his degree when he started the COF but lacked the turfgrass management experience that was required to be a Turf Specialist II. Johnathon has also obtained his UGA Sports Turfgrass Management Certificate while with the COF. He didn't have to obtain this, but it proved he was dedicated to the sports turf profession. John Wagnon and I both believe Johnathon has earned this promotion and has met all the requirements of the job description to be considered for the Turf Specialist II position. (three years of turfgrass management experience and C03 certification)



Daniel Scott has been promoted to Turf Specialist II: Below was an insert from the Assistant Parks Director, Paige Cruse and Athletic Turf Supervisor, John Wagnon.

Daniel Scott, Turf Specialist I, has three years of experience in the Athletic Division currently. Daniel started his employment as Athletic Worker and quickly learned every aspect of the turfgrass management side of things. (mowing/dragging/mound & plate repair/laying out a field for football & lacrosse and painting lines/logos; he has also learned how to operate various pieces of equipment for daily usage along with special projects) Daniel had his degree when he started the COF but lacked the turfgrass management experience that was required to be a Turf Specialist II. Over the last two years, I have seen Daniel really grow in the profession and become more confident in making decisions. Daniel was assigned to Liberty Park and takes care of this complex daily by himself. He still fills in at Jim Warren Park when asked to do so as well. Daniel has proven his dedication to the sports turf profession. John Wagnon and I both believe Daniel has earned this promotion and met all the requirements of the job description to be considered for the Turf Specialist II position. (Three years of turfgrass management experience and C03 certification)

Suzanne Carter promoted to Parks & Recreation Superintendent: Suzanne has served as the Recreation Supervisor for the Parks Department since 2015 and under her leadership has lead an award winning team on the Programming and Special Event side of the department. Her new role will supervise, prioritize, assign, and review the work of the Programming and Athletics divisions. She will be responsible for overseeing programming, special events, athletic programs along with being a liaison to Community organizations and working with Parks Administration on Capital projects.

The **Parks Department's Maintenance Division** has been hard at work this week making more improvements to the tennis courts at Jim Warren Park. Tanner Warf, Maintenance Crew Chief, and his team poured three concrete pads at the tennis courts this week. So far, this makes five total pads they have poured in this area.

Still to come: They will work to extend the pad for electrical boxes and they will pour a pad for the new kiosk at the main entrance as well.

These improvements will not only make the space look better and be more inviting to the tennis community, but it will be more maintenance friendly when mowing as well. Tennis players will enjoy not having to walk through the grass to get to the courts as well.

Thank you to **Tanner Warf, Randel McCord, Darryl Hall and Henry Beard!** Great job getting this completed and working in extreme weather to make it happen.

In honor of the **20th Anniversary of 9/11**, we are teaming up with



government agencies across Middle Tennessee to collect at least 2,977 pints of blood as a tribute to the 2,977 innocent lives lost on September 11, 2001. This initiative is called “**Remembering the Badges Blood Drive.**” Our drive is scheduled for **August 4th** in the **City Hall Training Room.** 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 www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

Here is the COVID-19 case update for Thursday (7/22/21)

NOTE: Attached is a memo I shared with our City team earlier today providing an update and reminders regarding COVID-19 issues.

Key Changes:

Up 1,412 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (879,262 total positive cases)

Up 854 More active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (8,879 total active cases)

Up 64 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (29,078 total positive cases)

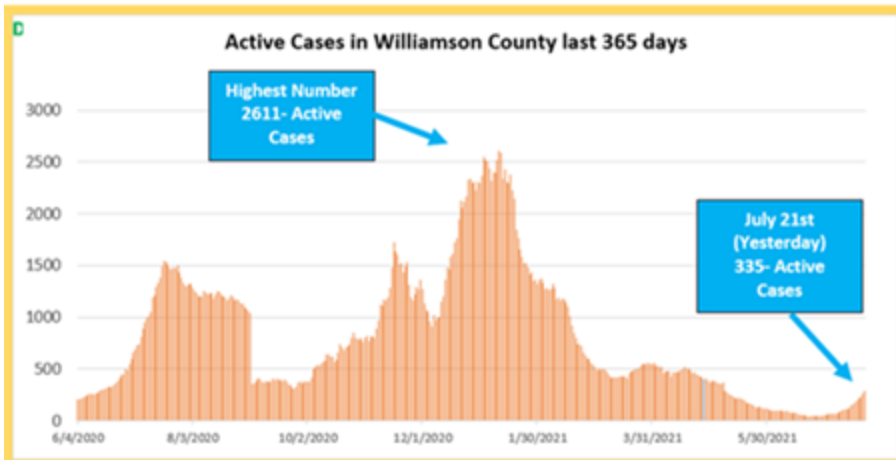
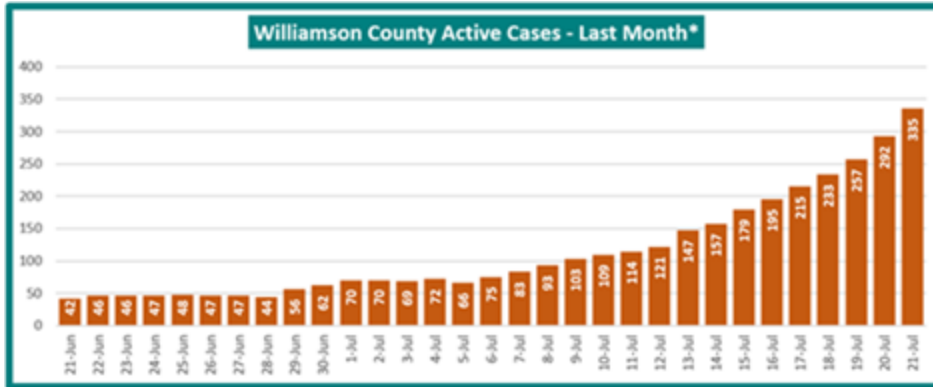
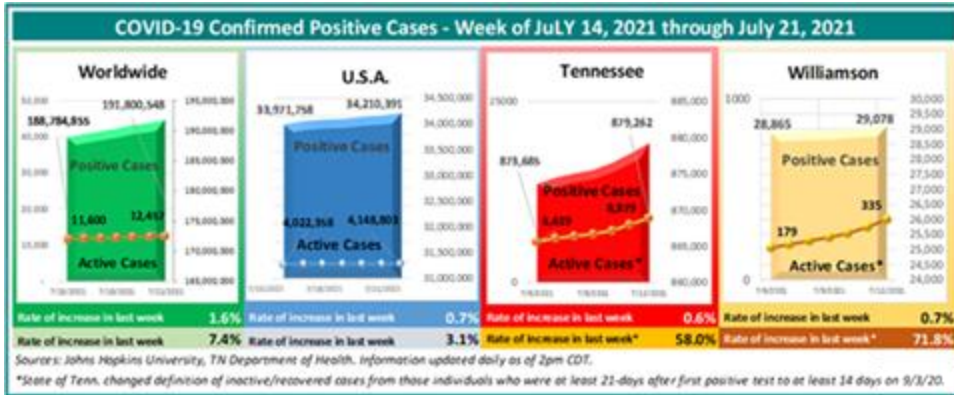
Up 43 More active cases day over day in Williamson County (335 total active cases) **Note: Active cases in Williamson County have grown by 71.8% in the past seven day and 628.3% since June 22nd**

Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.3%**

Level Percent Positive / Total Tested at **11.38%**

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

Level **No New** deaths in Williamson County (**219** total deaths)



A special thank you to ALL City team members. If you qualify, you should have gotten your **bonus check** today from your supervisor, from the City's **American Rescue Plan** allocation and other City funds. You are all essential to the City and the work you do each day to serve Franklin residents, businesses, and visitors is greatly appreciated.

This weekend is the **Bluegrass Along the Harpeth** festival! Thank you to our City Team who work to make this festival safe and fun for visitors. **The Square will close at 4:00 pm today.**

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