

# E-Brief 2021



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*Friday, June 11, 2021*



This coming Friday, June 18, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave North Extension and Hillsboro Road the city will unveil the two new street signs honoring **Martin Luther King Jr. and prominent Franklin businessman ANC Williams**. The ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. and feature **Mayor, Dr. Ken Moore, local historian Thelma Battle and the great granddaughter of ANC Williams, Cassandra Taylor**. Allen Nelson Crutcher (ANC) Williams, who was born into slavery, opened the first African

American business in downtown Franklin in 1863. Mr. Williams developed several businesses and contributed significantly to the Natchez Street neighborhood where he lived as well as the Franklin community at large. You can see a video the City completed about A.N. C. Williams during Black History month here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWswtZuQxyU> There are approximately 900 city streets across the country named in honor of Dr. King. Franklin can now join these cities in providing a fitting recognition to honor his work and the fight for civil rights.



## GENERAL GRANGER AND EMANCIPATION



In early 1863 President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. Also that year U.S. Gen. Gordon Granger and several thousand Union troops were stationed in and around Franklin. That spring those troops, with the help of some escaped slaves, constructed a formidable earthen fort that overlooked the town and protected the route of the Nashville & Decatur Railroad. It became known as Fort Granger. By the summer of 1863 as the military front pushed south, Union troops abandoned the fort but later returned. Fort Granger was the location of

Federal artillery that shelled Confederate troops during the Battle of Franklin on November 30, 1864. Much of the original walls remain as they were over 150 years ago.

By June 1865, Gen. Granger was stationed at Galveston, Texas. On June 19 he signed an order that notified everyone in the state that "all slaves are free." The Emancipation Proclamation had been released two and a half years earlier and ratification of the 13th Amendment was underway by the time Granger signed his order. Nonetheless, news



"Emancipation" illustrated print by Thomas Nast depicting life before and after emancipation. Originally printed in *Harper's Weekly* on January 24, 1865. - Courtesy Library of Congress

*And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive*

Excerpt from the Emancipation Proclamation - Courtesy National Archives

of emancipation had not spread uniformly and in many cases the enslaved had never been told the news. Granger's order broke the wall of silence for countless people who longed for freedom.

The celebration known as Juneteenth was thus born. African Americans have celebrated this special event since 1866, and at long last hundreds of other American communities annually acknowledge Juneteenth and its important step forward for American democracy.

On **Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** there will be a big celebration for **Juneteenth in Franklin in two locations**. A festival happening **downtown will start at 10am and end at 4pm** and will feature food trucks, music and more, and at **Pinkerton Park** there will be a

health fair, more food and the unveiling of a new marker commemorating General Granger and Emancipation. In June 1865, two years after Abraham Lincoln signed the **Emancipation Proclamation** freeing slaves, **General Gordon Granger** (stationed then in Galveston TX) signed an order notifying everyone in the state that all slaves are free. In many cases, the enslaved had never been told the news about the Emancipation. Granger's order broke the wall of silence for countless people who longed for freedom. The celebration known as Juneteenth was thus born and African Americans have celebrated this special event since 1866. The festivities at Pinkerton Park will happen from noon to 3:00 p.m.

**Reminder! The Franklin Fire and Police Departments have teamed up on a food drive for One Gen Away**, a Franklin-based non-profit organization that distributes healthy food to families in need throughout Middle Tennessee. Anyone can donate non-perishable items at Franklin Police headquarters or any Franklin Fire Station or Franklin City Hall through June 14<sup>th</sup>!

**Welcome to the following new employee!**



**Victoria Hensley, Planner, Planning Department**

Victoria is originally from Caswell County, North Carolina. She moved to Middle Tennessee for graduate school and never left! Victoria received her BA in History from UNC-Chapel Hill and her MA in Historic Preservation from MTSU. In her free time, Victoria

### FPD & FFD FOOD DRIVE FOR ONE GEN

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enjoys cooking vegan recipes and walking her 13 year old Chihuahua.

Welcome to the City!!!

**From the Human Resource Department: *OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS TODAY! ALL CHANGES MUST BE MADE BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT. NO LATE CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED.*** Attached you will find open enrollment instructions (for those wanting to make insurance changes) and a QR code to access our 2021 Benefits Booklet.

**Here is the COVID-19 case update for Thursday (6/10/21)**

**Key Changes:**

**Up 362 More** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (864,945 total positive cases)

**Down 110 Fewer** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (2,594 total active cases)

**Level No New** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (28,351 total positive cases)

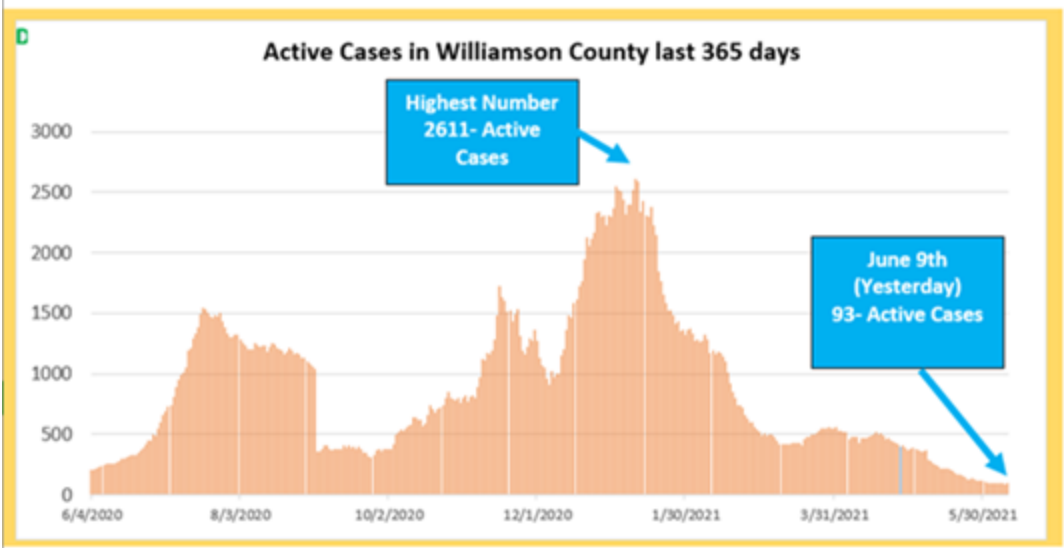
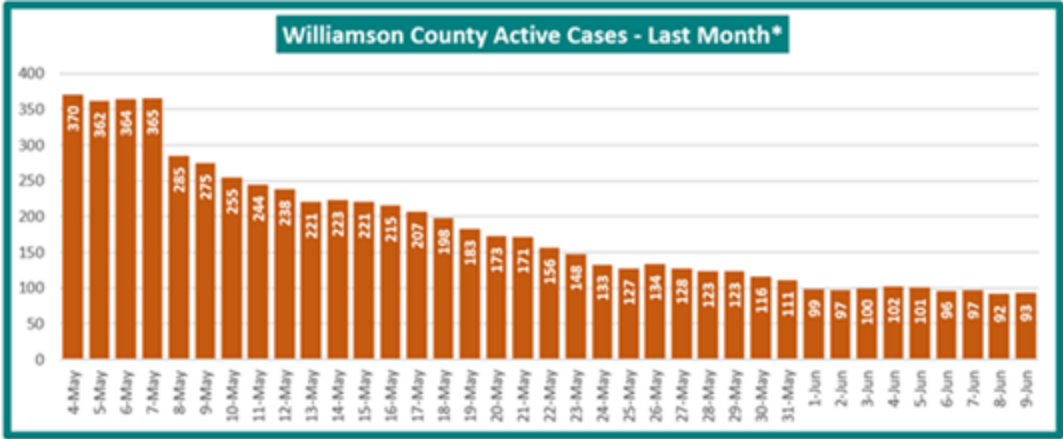
**Up 1 More** active cases day over day in Williamson County (93 total active cases )

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

**Down** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **11.62%**

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

**Level No New** deaths in Williamson County ( **218** total deaths)



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

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