



Friday, June 18, 2021

Today the City unveiled two new street signs honoring **Martin Luther King Jr. and prominent Franklin businessman A.N.C. 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 A.N.C. 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.



On **Saturday, June 19th** 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**; the event at Pinkerton Park begins at 12 Noon and ends at 3 p.m. Both events will feature arts, crafts, educational booths, food trucks, music and more. At **Pinkerton Park** there will be 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. The celebration



known as Juneteenth was thus born and African Americans have celebrated this special event since 1866. **Check out this Franklin Insider for more information on the celebrations in Franklin:** <https://youtu.be/4SNMF00fwb8>

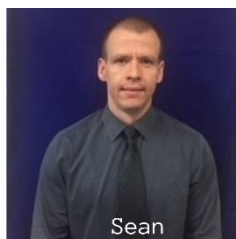
For the first time, the **Franklin Fire Department** has presented the **Civilian Lifesaving Award to a dog**. Rescue dog Roux was honored for helping to alert a family that their house was on fire last year on July 4, 2020. **Fire Chief Glenn Johnson** recently presented Roux and owner Jeff LeCates (pictured) with the award, which was accompanied by a pet products gift basket courtesy of Mars Petcare. LeCates said that around 10:45 PM on the night of the fire, Roux was barking “frantically and unusually” at the front door of his home in the Twin Oaks subdivision. He opened the door to investigate and said she went flying out. He followed and discovered his neighbor’s house was on fire. LeCates pounded on their door, waking the family of three and their pets, who escaped unharmed. Ironically, the woman who lives in the home that caught fire is a dog groomer and the reason LeCates adopted Roux 15 months earlier. She knew that LeCates had recently lost his German Shepherd. She also knew that Roux, who is a Belgian Malinois, a breed similar to that of German Shepherds, needed a home. She helped to facilitate the adoption. According to Franklin Fire Marshal Andy King, the fire was accidental and started on the exterior of the home due to consumer fireworks. **Watch a related video here:** <https://bit.ly/2RX6YLc>

Are you staying Hydrated? As we continue to celebrate the first week of summer, the City wants to make sure all of our employees stay hydrated. To celebrate “**National Hydration Day**” on **June 23rd**, your **HR staff will be delivering water to departments**. If you have any questions, please contact Jasmine Dickerson at jasmine.dickerson@franklintn.gov

Welcome to the following new employee!

Trevor Hannon. Plans Examiner. BNS

Trevor is originally from Winchester, Virginia. In his free time, Trevor enjoys hiking, building PCs, working out and hanging out with his cats, Momo and Panda. Trevor joins us from CGI Electric where he was an Electrical Supervisor. Welcome to the City!

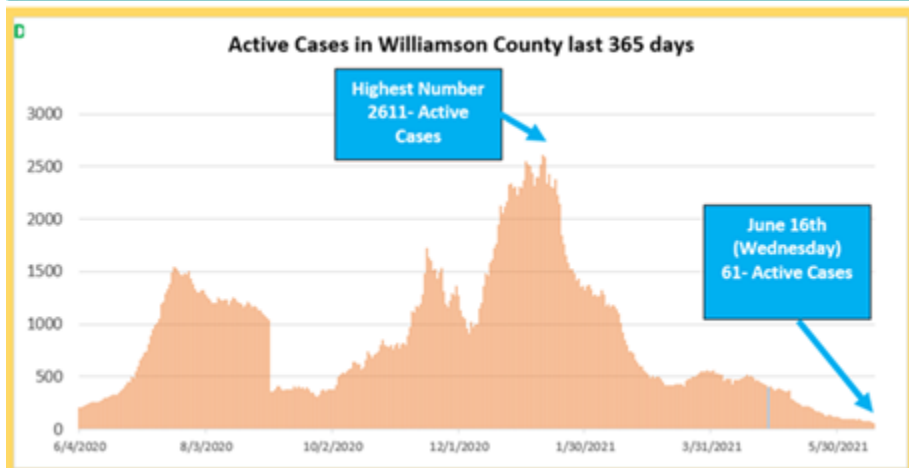
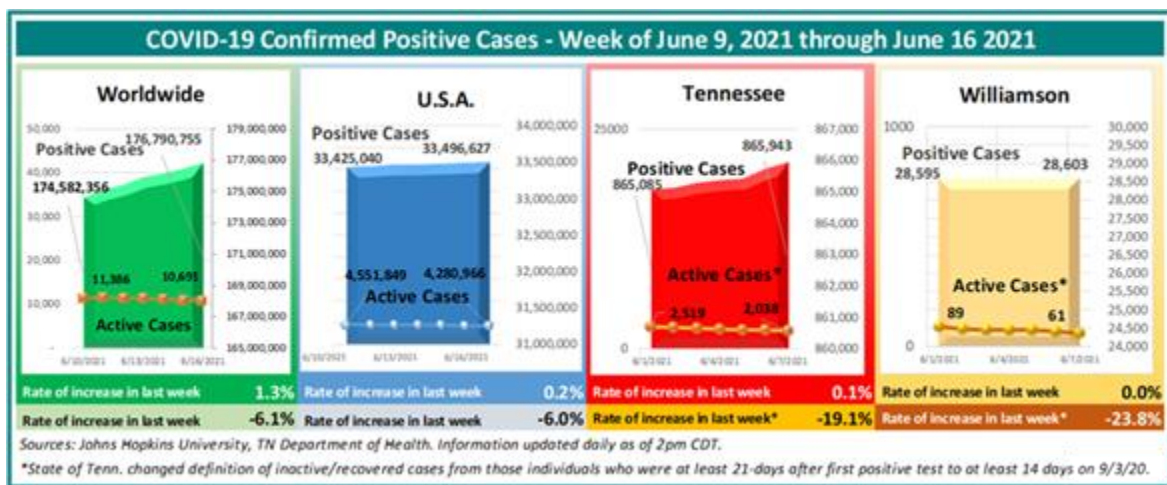


There’s a new face in HR! Please welcome **Sean Groves** as our new **Employee Relations Specialist**. Sean joined the City in 2018 as a Police Officer and recently joined the Human Resources team. Say hi when you see him out and about around the City. We are very excited to have Sean be a part of the HR Team! Welcome Aboard.

Here is the COVID-19 case update for Thursday (6/17/21)

Key Changes:

Up 193 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (865,943 total positive cases)
Down 60 Fewer active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (2,038 total active cases)
Up 2 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (28,603 total positive cases)
Down 7 Fewer active cases day over day in Williamson County (61 total active cases)
Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.3%**
Down Percent Positive / Total Tested at **11.61%**
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. If you get a chance, stop by one or both of the Juneteenth Celebrations here in Franklin. A special thank you to all the City team members that will be working the events.

Thanks for *all* you do!

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