

CORRECTION: Our new employee's name is Kristen Lenkowski. We apologize for the error.



Friday, October 22, 2021



The USCT Statue arrived on the square yesterday. Our Streets team assisted with the installation on the square. Streets Director Steve Grubb, Landscape Crew Chief Christopher Bougeois, Equipment Operator James Crafton and Landscape Supervisor Jerry Garrett are pictured above. Believe it or not, this was the first time James operated this specific type of fork lift! Well done James! The statue is still covered and will be unveiled on **Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Mayor Ken Moore, and I will be speaking at the event.** Also happening last night the brothers of the **Fuller Story, Hewitt Sawyers, Eric Jacobson, Kevin Riggs and Chris Williamson** shared their experiences during their four-year journey to place the statue and the markers around the square. Tonight is an elegant evening with the Fuller Story at the Factory. For the complete history of the Fuller Story go to <https://www.franklintn.gov/our-city/the-fuller-story>

Congratulations to our TWO employees of the quarter **Tanner Warf in the Parks Department and Amy Diaz-Barriga from Planning and Sustainability.** The employees were nominated and chosen based on how they exemplify the values of our City: Excellence, Innovation, Teamwork, Integrity and Action Oriented.



Amy Diaz- Barriga was nominated because she exemplifies ALL the City values. She is a great team player, never taking credit for work. She is action oriented and completes an assignment or project with quick turnaround and excels in everything she does. She's been with the City for eight years and is currently the **Planning Supervisor**. She has held many other positions while here at the City. Amy displays the utmost integrity in working with City employees and the development community. She brings new ideas to the table and works hard to make sure developers can bring their ideas to fruition while upholding our high city standards—showing innovation. She goes above and beyond and brings innovative solutions forward. (Side note: Did you know she even designed her own coloring book for kids a couple years ago, called *Be You and Own It?*)." See a video here: <https://youtu.be/n58oVm6TnrM>



Tanner Warf was nominated as someone who exemplifies ALL the City values. He was nominated for his excellence with keeping his staff on schedule. He finds the best times to make sure projects are done to not disturb the public. He takes great pride in all his work and works well with other departments to get the job done. He's been with the City for seven years and was promoted to **Maintenance Crew Chief** for the Parts Department. Tanner goes above and beyond daily. He is always willing to assist other divisions on special projects. He does this with a positive attitude and is eager to help other divisions achieve the results they are looking for with projects. Tanner exemplifies not only extraordinary supervisory skills but has a phenomenal work ethic. See video here: <https://youtu.be/OCF-iKz5Qfw>



This month is **Breast Cancer Awareness month** and many employees wore pink today to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer. One employee went above and beyond with a pink beard! Way to go Mike Proctor! To learn more about breast cancer, early detection, stages, types and treatment go to

<https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/about-breast-cancer/>

From the **Human Resources Department**:

If you participated in the Vacation Buy Program the City offered, the buyback amount will be added to your December 17th payroll check. There is still time to participate, the deadline is November 1. To qualify, employees must have at least 80 hours (108 hours for Fire shift personnel) of vacation accruals as of **November 1, 2021**. Employees will elect if they want to sell back 40 hours (54 hours for Fire shift personnel) of their vacation time via a form submitted to Human Resources. **Please contact HR for more details, you should have received an email with directions on how to participate.**

FSA Open Enrollment is starting soon! **Open Enrollment will be held November 8 – November 30.** Information and step-by-step instructions were distributed through inner office mail this week. Be on the lookout for additional e-mails and information coming soon!

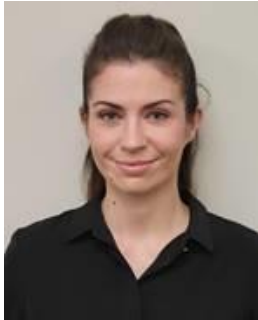
The Human Resources Department is accepting **nominations for the 4th Quarter of the Employee of the Quarter 2021 Program**. You can submit paper nominations by coming into the Human Resource Department within City Hall or via email by filling out the attached nomination form.

As a reminder, the guidelines are as follows:

- Any employee can be nominated
- HR will accept unlimited nominations during the nomination window for each quarter
- Nomination forms are attached and will be available on *Inside the City*
- Two employees will be selected per quarter by a committee made up of your peers!
- Completed nomination forms can be emailed to nomination@franklintn.gov

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 4th Quarter is December 1st!

Welcome to this new City team member:



Kristen Lenkowski, Municipal Inspection Officer I, Building and Neighborhood Services

Kristen is from Fort Collins , Colorado. In her free time, Kristen enjoys going to classic car shows, listening to records, reading and going to the gym. She is a BIG hockey fan and her favorite teams are the Preds and Bruins. Kristen previously worked for Metro Nashville Police Department and Larimer County Sheriff's Office.

Welcome to the City!

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

We are thankful for the continued, steady decline in active COVID cases in the community.

Key Changes:

Up 1,587 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (1,270,876 total positive cases)

Down 639 Fewer active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (18,589 total active cases)

Up 48 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (39,443 total positive cases)

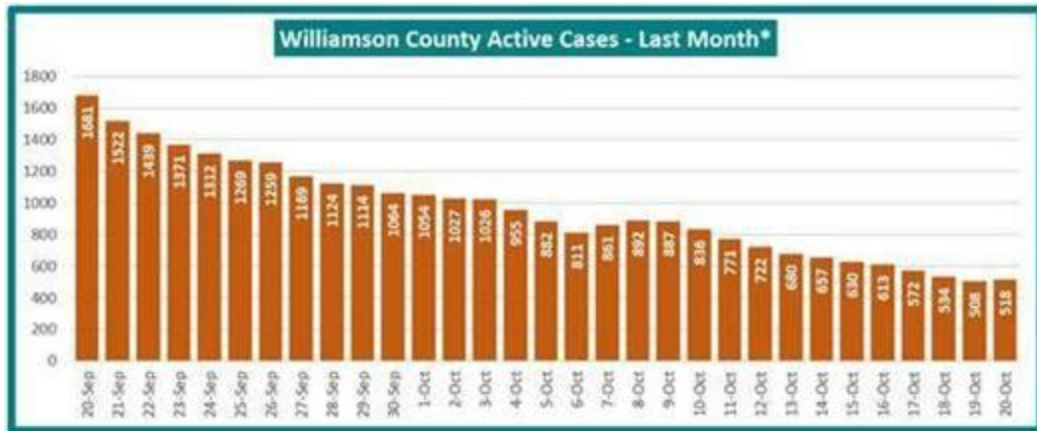
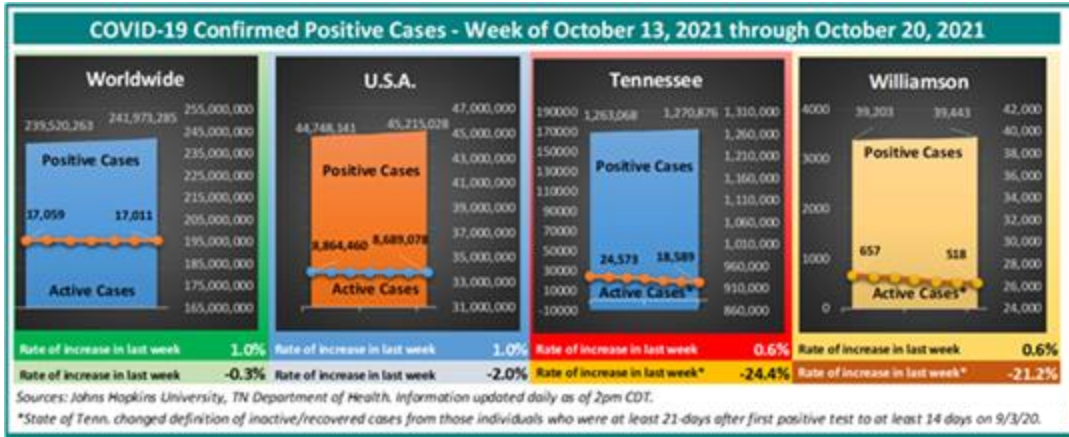
Up 10 More active cases day over day in Williamson County (518 total active cases)

Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.1%**

Down Percent Positive / Total Tested at **12.06%**

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

Level **No New** deaths in Williamson County (**268** total deaths)



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