



*Friday, October 29, 2021*



**Congratulations to our new Aldermen** and thank you to all who ran in this election and offered themselves to serve the community. In **Ward 1 Beverly Burger** was re-elected with 632 votes (she ran unopposed). In **Ward 2, Matt Brown** won with 880 votes, **Jason Potts** took **Ward 3** with 1,091 votes and **Patrick Baggett** won **Ward 4** with 1,767 votes. The **At-Large Alderman** winner was **Gabrielle Hanson** with 2,735 votes. A total of 8,022 residents voted, which represents 13 percent of eligible voters. While turnout is not as high as we would like, it did increase significantly this election cycle. Thanks to our **Communications and Public Works teams** for putting out information throughout the community to encourage voter registration and voting throughout this election process.



**The United States Colored Troops (USCT) Statue** was unveiled last weekend to an audience of hundreds gathered on the square. The unveiling was the culmination of a four year journey of three local pastors, **Hewitt Sawyers, Kevin Riggs and Chris Williams** and historian, **Eric Jacobson, CEO of the Battle of Franklin Trust**. The project helped to create the markers on the square that tell the story of the African American experience in Franklin, before, during and after the Civil War. The new statue titled **“March to Freedom”** by artist/sculptor **Joe Frank Howard** is placed before the Historic Williamson County Courthouse where black men entered as slaves and exited as free men as United States Colored Troops to fight for the United States Army. Pastor Kevin Riggs noted there were three stages to the Fuller Story project, “Impossible, Possible and Done.” The City of Franklin from BOMA votes and support to

many others throughout our the City team played critical roles in making the Fuller Story initiative a reality. Thank you to all who have helped along the way.

For the complete history of the Fuller Story go to <https://www.franklintn.gov/our-city/the-fuller-story> . To see video of the event go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NT7zYqHNaas>

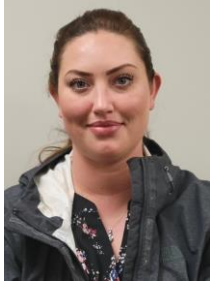
To see a highlight reel go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CshpZ2Epwxw>

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Flexible Spending Account (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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:nomination@franklintn.gov)

**The deadline for submitting nominations for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter is December 1<sup>st</sup>!**

**Welcome to this new City team member:**

**Kayla Durham, Water Operator Senior, Water Management Department**

Kayla is from Kingston Springs. She enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with friends and family. The Braves are her favorite team so I'm sure she will be cheering them on to win the World Series. Kayla has a degree in Biology from APSU. Prior to joining the City, Kayla worked for Murfreesboro Water for 3 ½ years.

**Welcome to the City!**

**Here is the COVID-19 case update for Thursday (10/28/21)**

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

**Key Changes**

**Up 1,595 More** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (1,279,112 total positive cases)

**Down 214 Fewer** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (14,086 total active cases)

**Up 32 More** positive cases day over day in Williamson County (39,660 total positive cases)

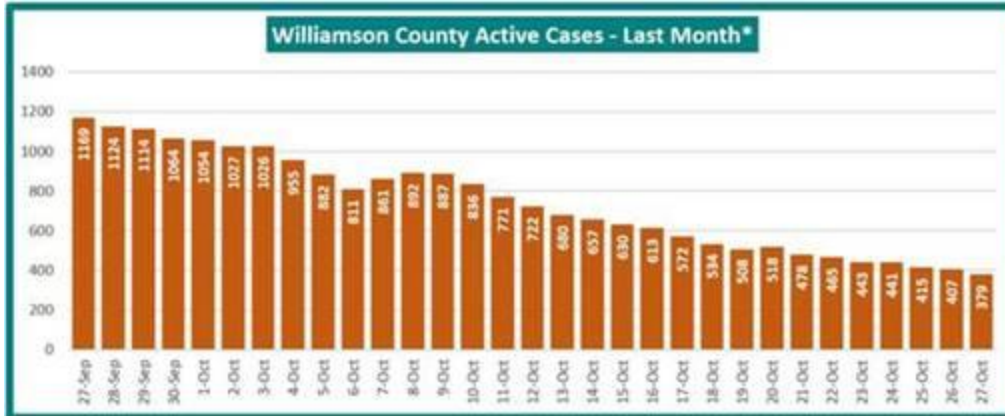
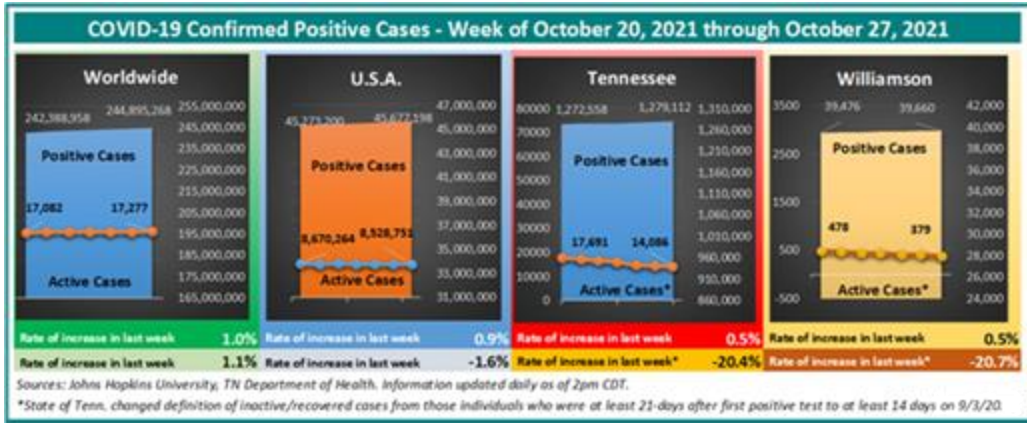
**Down 28 Fewer** active cases day over day in Williamson County (379 total active cases )

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

**Down** Percent Positive / Total Tested at **12.01%**

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

**Level** **No New** deaths in Williamson County (**269** total deaths)



This weekend is Pumpkifest, thank you to all our team members working the festival to create a nice Fall event for our community and visitors. Thanks for *all* you do! Have a gourd, I mean good weekend!

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