## Friday, February 18, 2022

On Wednesday, Friends of Franklin Parks launched a fundraising campaign to raise support for the City's **first** inclusive playground. Ellie G's Dream World is named in honor of our Vice Mayor Brandy Blanton's granddaughter, Elliot Grace Castro, who passed away at the age of 4 in September of 2019. Ellie G was born with a rare terminal form of dwarfism called Rhizomelic Chondrodysplasia Punctata (RCDP). The new playground, which will be located at the Southeast Municipal Complex on Carothers Parkway, is designed for all ages and abilities. With the slogan "Change The Way We Play," Friends of Franklin Parks is committed to raising at least half of the \$3 million cost of the playground. You can watch the launch event, which includes a video on Ellie G and her family, here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63Zw1AyG wE.



#### Welcome to our new City team member this week!



# Kaylee Schilling. Records Technician. POLICE.

Kaylee is originally from Michigan but has lived more time in Tennessee. She enjoys photography, traveling abroad, reading and spending time with her dog and 2 cats. Kaylee has a B.S. in Film Production from MTSU. Prior to joining the City, Kaylee worked for the MTSU Police Department.

Welcome to the City!

Our first **Shred Day** for 2022 was such a success, we maxed out the truck! The City Recorder's Office asked departments to pull all records that met or exceeded the City's Records Retention Policy schedule. A record setting eleven containers of 96 gallons each were purged. We had such a great response, another shred day is scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> to accommodate destruction of expired records located at our storage at Five Points. Thank you to **City Recorder Lanaii Benne**, the entire **Facilities Maintenance team** who oversaw this year's coordination of Shred Day, and **Eric** 





Wilson of Sanitation and Environmental Services who took a load of the storage boxes for recycling.

For several years, during February, our **Streets Department** has done a **litter collection campaign** along our major roadways. This year, Streets is **seeking volunteers to assist** them with these efforts. The collection date is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided**. If weather is a factor, the back-up date is February 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please send an email to <u>specialevents@franklintn.gov</u> **before the end of today**. Please be sure to clear it with your supervisor. Streets will provide all PPE and equipment needed. Thank you to our Streets Team for their efforts to keep our roadways beautiful. I hope many of you will be able to join them this year.



## Here is the latest COVID-19 case update:

\*Please note that the state only released data up to February 12th\*

### **Key Changes:**

**Up 2,353 More** positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (1,973,332 total positive cases)

**Down 2,870 Fewer** active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (72,381 total active cases)

**Up** 73 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (60,877 total positive cases)

**Down 135 Fewer** active cases day over day in Williamson County (2,350 total active cases )

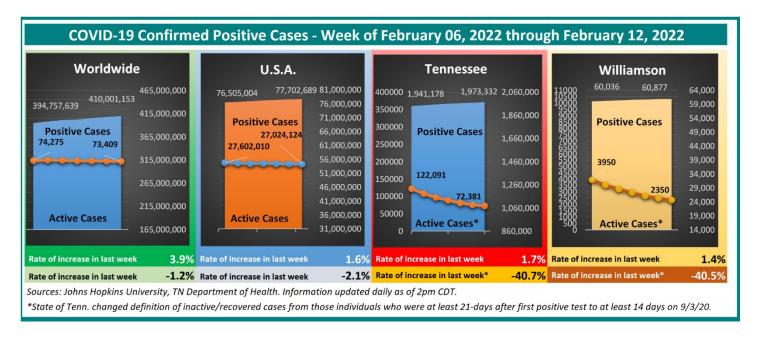
**Level** Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.2** 

Up Percent Positive / Total Tested at 14.69%

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

**Up 2 New** deaths in Williamson County over the last week (**370** total deaths)

-Williamson County Community Transmission Status (CDC): High



Have a great weekend. Thanks for all you do!

Eric



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