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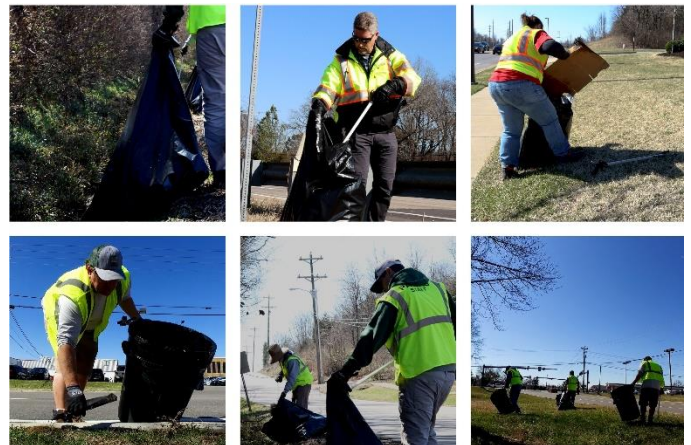
Friday, March 4, 2022



The City of Franklin **United Way 2022 Campaign Special Event** is scheduled for **Thursday, March 17th** at **Eastern Flank Battlefield Park**. This year's event is a **Bracket Challenge** for **March Madness!** We had this planned for 2020 but had to cancel. I'm glad to be able to do it this year. For \$5, you can submit a completed tournament bracket for a chance to win \$100! You can submit as many brackets as you want (\$5 each). We even have a prize for the worst bracket. A standard scoring system of 1-2-4-8-16-32 will be

used. On **March 17th**, come by **Eastern Flank** for lunch (\$5) from **11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** and **watch the first games of the tournament**. We'll also have a Pop-a-Shot contest and lots of prizes and giveaways. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Are you ready for some basketball?!?

On Tuesday, over **70 team members from different departments** participated in the annual **litter collection campaign**. The campaign, led by our **Streets Department**, has been ongoing for several years. We often see a major increase in trash during this time of the year so, when there is a break in winter operations, our Streets Department has focused on picking up litter along our major roadways. Here's a video clip of **Jerry Hatcher, Streets**, explaining why we do this campaign every year. <https://youtu.be/iVp5Tv0gy1E>. Thank you to all of you who participated in keeping our roadways beautiful. Attached is a voice mail we received from a very appreciative resident.



I received a really nice **Thank You note** this week.

Hello Mr. Stuckey,

*This is Tracye Tucker with Daughters of the King, a nonprofit organization located in the Franklin Community. I wanted to alert you and expound upon the awesome job **Mrs. Kathleen Sauseda, Housing Development Coordinator (BNS)** and **Angela Sparkman, Senior Accounts Payable Coordinator (Finance)** did in assisting me (DOTK) with the CARES Act Funding and COVID Expense*

Reimbursement Application. First, Ms. Angela Sparkman alerted and shared information with our organization about the CARES Act Funding and COVID Expense Reimbursement Application and emailed pertinent information including a list of necessary documents we needed to include or provide. Second, Ms. Sauseda never wavered in her guidance and efforts to answer questions, give clarification throughout the application process which made the experience easier and a most favorable one! No doubt, with their unwavering support and guidance, these two ladies were very instrumental in our efforts to submit a complete, thorough application packet which ultimately led to the decision by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to approve our application for reimbursement. This reimbursement means a great deal to our nonprofit organization and because of the approval, the possibility of expanding our reach to serve, assist and meet the needs of more families residing in the Franklin Community is now possible. I just wanted to let you know, I am very appreciative and we (Daughters of the King) thank Kathleen Sauseda and Angela Sparkman, City of Franklin finest employees for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Tracye Tucker

Daughters of the King, President

Welcome to our new City team members this week!

Avery Kraus. Program Specialist. PARKS

Avery is from Nolensville. She is engaged and has 2 cats. Avery enjoys reading, yoga, coaching soccer and doing anything outside. She is a UT graduate with a B.S. in Communications.



Ryan Hutcherson. Facilities Worker. PARKS

Ryan is from Columbia, Tennessee. In his free time, Ryan enjoys watching movies, hanging with his dog and cheering on the Titans. Ryan attended Columbia State and previously worked for Kroger.



Late last week we learned of the passing of **Robert Hicks**. Robert was a champion for preserving Franklin's history and telling the world our story. His work saving hundreds of acres of the Civil War battlefield in Franklin, including what is now **Eastern Flank Battlefield Park and Carter's Hill Park**, started a movement of battlefield reclamation across the nation. His best-selling novel, *Widow of the South*, is credited with quadrupling the tourists visiting Carnton and thus Franklin. Our community has lost a tremendous advocate and a great friend. Here is Robert's obituary as printed in *The New York Times*. <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/02/us/robert-hicks-dead.html>.

Please keep his friends and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Here is the latest COVID-19 case update:

Please note that the state only released data up to February 26th

Key Changes:

Up 694 More positive cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (2,006,508 total positive cases)

Down 1,249 Fewer active cases day over day in the State of Tennessee (19,392 total active cases)

Up 21 More positive cases day over day in Williamson County (61,546 total positive cases)

Down 56 Fewer active cases day over day in Williamson County (475 total active cases)

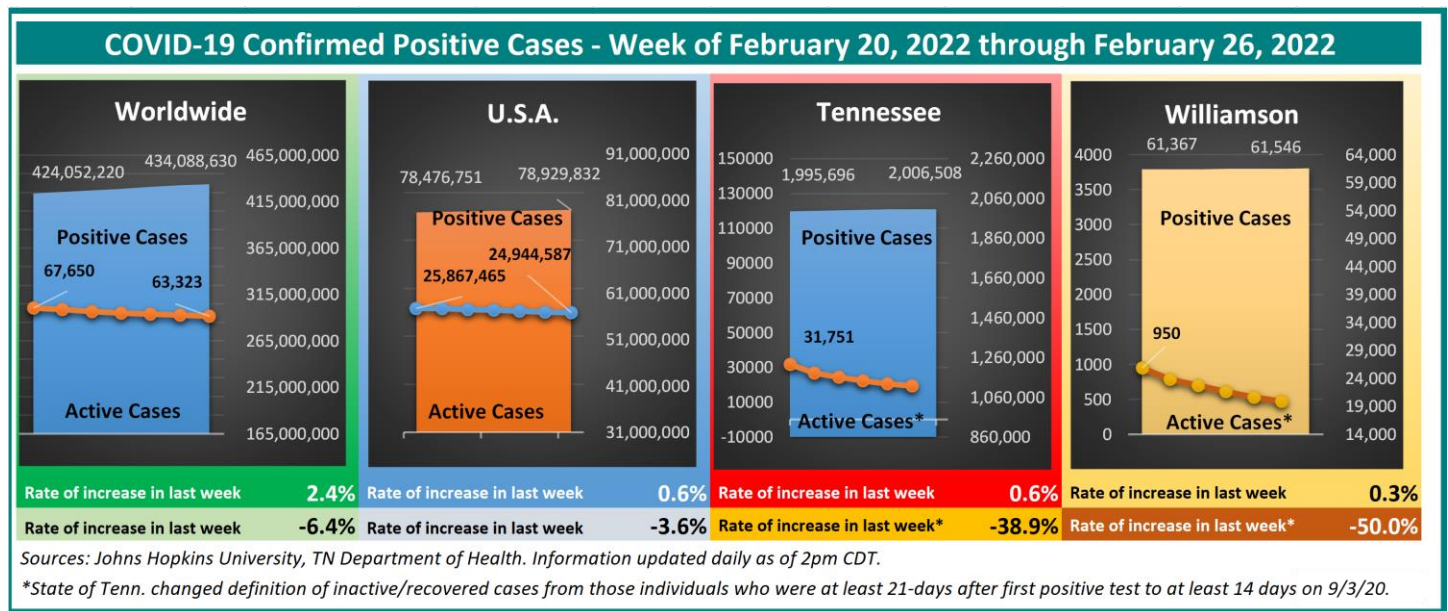
Level Williamson County share of total positive cases within Tennessee at **3.2**

Down Percent Positive / Total Tested at **14.67%**

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

Up 7 New deaths in Williamson County over the last week (**382** total deaths)

-Williamson County Community Transmission Status (CDC): **High**



Have a great weekend. Thanks for *all* you do!

Eric

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