

Friday, April 1, 2022



Thursday, the **Human Resource Department** hosted a **luncheon for the 2021 and 2020 employees of the quarter.** Nominees for the 2022 employee of the first quarter were also in attendance. The year-end luncheon for 2021 was postponed due to COVID concerns.

In a surprise announcement, Kevin Townsel and I announced the first quarter winners, Eric Wilson and Donna Thorpe.

Eric Wilson works in the Sanitation Department and is described as ALWAYS giving 110 percent! His coworkers say he always goes above and beyond and this past December worked on Christmas Day to make sure our customers were served. He has been with the City for Five years and nine months. Eric describes himself as kind, happy and a hard worker and the thing he most enjoys working for the City is helping the community. His proudest moment is this nomination! His favorite quote is "Live the life you love. Love the life you live."

Donna Thorpe was nominated for her excellent care of the **Police Department** employees. Her coworkers say she is top-notch in her work and maintains confidentiality, especially on sensitive items and takes care of all personnel with any problems they may have. She is said to jump into action when

they call, email or come to her desk! Donna has been with the City for 15 years as Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. Donna says the best words that describe her are "passionate, innovative, and committed." The most rewarding aspect of her job is being a problem solver or lending an ear to her co-workers. Her favorite project is the Christmas toy drive.

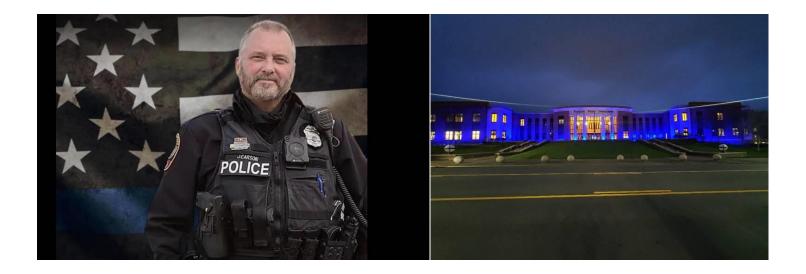
See the surprise announcements here:

Eric Wilson: https://youtu.be/ozNKxPdyZ E

Donna Thorpe: https://youtu.be/SLxqz8sFEeM

Updates from the **HR Department**:

- **COF Benefits Day is happening Tuesday, April 5**th. Be on the look-out for pop quizzes via email to win gift cards! Lunch will be provided by **Merridees** between 11am-1pm. You can also play games for giveaways from **the Fifth Third Bank employee appreciation table** at City Hall.
- The **Walking challenge** is back on now that the weather is warming up. The challenge is for five weeks! Attached is the entry form and some encouragement to up your game in your average steps per day!
- Also **Open Enrollment** is around the corner **Monday, May 16-Friday, June 10**. Stay tuned for updates. Read more on the attached pdf.



The Franklin Police Department is lit up blue this week in honor of Officer Jeff Carson who passed away this past week. Jeff had a successful career in country music, including several chart-topping songs. He joined the department in 2008. During his tenure with the FPD, Carson earned six commendations, a Chief's Award for Excellence, and was recently promoted to Police Officer-2. His funeral service is Saturday, April 2 at 10 a.m. at Brentwood Baptist Church at 7777 Concord Rd. Brentwood. A funeral procession will begin at 11:30 and pass through Franklin. We will stream the procession live on our Facebook page.



Congratulations to Cody Myers becoming the Water Treatment Plan Superintendent. Cody began working at the COF September 30, 2019 at the Water Treatment Facility as the Assistant Superintendent. Cody was promoted to the Water Treatment Plant Superintendent on January 31, 2022. Cody was previously employed at Dickson Water Authority from February, 2014 to September, 2019. Cody worked at the Downtown Dickson Water Treatment Facility short of 1 year, then he worked at their Water Treatment Facility in White Bluff, TN for almost 5 years.

The **Streets Department** had a nice surprise this week. **Jim Parish, the HOA of Boyd Mill Estates** brought in a cake to thank the Street Department for their outstanding installation of Speed Humps in their neighborhood. He had previously brought in loads of pizza for our employees before it was completed and this to thank us again. SWEET job, Streets Department!



Here are the latest new hires, welcome to our City team!







Tiera Sanchez



Ryan Quinn



Brodie Arbeiter



Benjamin Gilbert

Nathan Beck, Municipal Inspection Officer, Building and Neighborhood Services

Nathan is from College Grove. In his free time, he enjoys listening to vinyl records, reading and spending time with his dog. Nathan previously worked for Amazon and has a B.S. in History.

Tiera Sanchez, Billing/Collections Tech, Revenue Management.

Tiera is from Indio, California. She enjoys reading, going to concerts and trying out new food places. Tiera previously worked for Starbucks and has a B.S. in Criminology.

Ryan Quinn, Grounds Worker, Parks Department

Ryan is from Madisonville, Kentucky. He enjoys golfing, hiking and spending time with his wife. Ryan previously worked for the City of Madisonville and is a graduate of Western Kentucky.

Brodie Arbeiter, Forestry Tech. I, Parks Department

Brodie is from Redlands, California. He is getting married in May! Congratulations! Brodie enjoys hiking, sports, golf, reading, surfing and fishing. He previously worked for Wildland Firefighters in Boulder and has a degree in Kinesiology from California Baptist University.

Benjamin Gilbert, Grounds Worker, Parks Department

Ben is from Centerville. He enjoys slow pitch softball and watching the Astros and Yankees. He previously worked for Health Consultants and was in the Military Infantry division.

That's it for now (no COVID data this week!). Have a great weekend. Thanks for all you do!



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