

Friday, June 17, 2022

Civil Treatment Training for all City team members began this week. Civil Treatment training helps us align ourselves with the City of Franklin's Vision and Key Principles. This training also works towards an inclusive and welcoming environment for all staff and members of our community. The sessions are held in the City Hall Training Room and will continue through July 1st. All employees are required to attend. Use this link to sign up: https://franklintn.sharepoint.com/sites/HRTraining. Class sessions are designed specifically for Supervisors or Employees, so please ensure that you are signing up for the correct one. For those who can't make the current training dates, make-up sessions will be announced soon. If you have any questions or need to make changes to your registration, please contact Occupational Health & Safety Trainer, Ryan Naylor at 6721 or ryann@franklintn.gov.



On **Saturday, June 18**th, there will be a **Juneteenth Celebration in Downtown Franklin**. The festival will feature arts, crafts, educational booths, food trucks, a kids zone, music and more. In June 1865, two years after Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing slaves, General Gordon Granger (stationed then in Galveston TX) signed an order notifying everyone in the state that all slaves are free. In many cases, the enslaved had never been told the news about the Emancipation. The celebration known as Juneteenth was thus born and African Americans have celebrated this special event since 1866. **The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** As an added bonus, the McLemore House, located on 11th Avenue North, will be open and available for tours. **A big thank you to our City team members that have supported the planning and will be working this festival tomorrow.**

In early 2021, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) approached the **Parks Department** about **a project for Collins Farm** - build a raised bed ornamental garden and a small pavilion. The purpose of the garden and pavilion is to provide amenities for park visitors to explore and discover more

about the history of the park and to provide a shady place for visitors to relax. The raised garden beds were completed last week. A small fence around the garden is expected to be completed next week and the pavilion should be completed later this fall. A special thanks to **Brian Walker** and **James Bilbo** for their leadership in working with this wonderful group.



Congratulations to Mayor Moore for being selected for Leadership Tennessee's 45 Signature Program Class IX members! Leaders from rural and urban communities across Tennessee who will spend the next year engaging in collaborative, non-partisan dialogue on issues of statewide importance. Entering its ninth class year, Leadership Tennessee selects a new class of leaders annually to take part in statewide study while visiting different areas of Tennessee, learning best practices and analyzing important issues faced by Tennesseans.

We received a very nice Thank You post on Instagram. The picture and text of the post are below:



Yesterday, we were having a Chick-fil-A picnic at Aspen Grove Park and we met Officer Joe LeCates, of the Franklin Police Department. He showed such kindness to my little ones and talked to them about their curly hair and how it looked like his. Laken carries his little toy police car with us everywhere we go because he loves to pretend he's a police officer, which made this meeting even more special.

Officer Joe gave each of the kids a Junior Officer sticker, invited them to see the patrol car, showed them his Paw Patrol Puppet, and even took pictures with Everleigh. His kindness to our children meant SO much! This wasn't an event, we just happened to be at the same place at the same time.

Thank you Officer Joe for serving the community and for taking time to make our kiddos feel special! This will definitely be a memory they won't forget! Kindness matters! We appreciate you! \bigcirc

Our **Parks Department** received a nice compliment this week as well:

I was stopped by a gentleman this morning at **Bicentennial**. He wanted me to pass along to all of our "**Grounds Crews**" that the park is looking extremely good. He walks there every morning and wanted me to pass the complimentary words along.

Welcome to the following new City Team Members -

Paula McCool. Administrative Assistant. PARKS.

Paula is originally from Columbus, Ohio and lived in Dallas for over 20 years. She is married and has 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Paula enjoys hiking, biking, backpacking, reading and cheering for Ohio State. Paula previously worked for Crye-Leike Property Management.

Chris Franklin. Management Fellow. Administration.

Chris is from Franklin. He is married and has 2 boys, ages 11 and 6. Chris enjoys camping, working out,

fishing, escape games, canoeing and sports. Chris has a Bachelor's from MTSU and his MPA from Arkansas State. Chris previously worked for the City of Brentwood.

Welcome to the City!





Tonight, the Parks Department is hosting another **Movie in the Park!** The movie, **Stuart Little, is at Pinkerton Park and will begin at dusk**.

Thanks to all the team members who will be working events this weekend. Please stay hydrated and safe.

Thanks for all you do!



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