

E-Brief 2022



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Friday, September 2, 2022



Last night, our new **Municipal Court Judge Jessica Borne** was sworn in by our outgoing **Judge Deana Hood**. Thank you to Judge Hood who served the City for 8 years. We wish her the best in her Circuit Court Judge position. Judge Borne will preside over City Court which is responsible city ordinance, building code, and traffic violations. Court is held every second and fourth Tuesday and second Thursday of each month at City Hall. Borne was chosen out of 19 candidates for the position. Borne is employed by Fort, Holloway & Rogers. Prior to that, she spent 12 years with the Tennessee Office of the District Attorney General 21st Judicial District, serving Williamson, Lewis, Hickman and Perry Counties. She has dedicated the

last 10 years of her career working with domestic abuse victims and their families by prosecuting and trying criminal cases involving domestic partners. Judge Borne is a native of Atlanta, Georgia but came to Tennessee in 2001 to attend Middle Tennessee State University and to play college soccer. While at MTSU, Jessica obtained her a B.S. and Master's degree in Criminal Justice. She also got her Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) from Nashville School of Law in 2011. Jessica lives in Franklin with her husband and three children.



This week, the **Franklin Fire Department's Behavioral Health and Wellness team**, comprised of **Captain Greg Wild** and **Engineer Emily Nelms**, concluded the introductory training to the department's innovative new program. Over the past several weeks, Engineer Nelms, who has an M.A in Human Services Counseling, Trauma and Crisis Response, and Captain Wild presented the program to nearly 200 people during 14 different training sessions. It includes several components and levels of support, including peer support, EAP, professional counseling, spiritual, educational, substance use support, treatment centers, crisis support, and home support.

The City of Franklin is working with Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the City's contractor, Civil Constructors, to speed up the completion date of the Franklin Road project. **From September 6th - 23rd, the southbound lane between Liberty Pike and First Avenue will be closed. The northbound lane of Franklin Road will remain open for the duration.** This Franklin Road lane closure and detour will allow Civil Constructors to perform expedited roadway grading and paving on



both the current Franklin Road southbound lane and new center turn lane (between the Harpeth River bridge and Liberty Pike). With the ability for the contractor to work concurrently on both southbound and center turn lanes, by implementing this extended lane closure and detour, Civil estimates a project schedule acceleration of 4 weeks. This approved lane closure/detour, and 4-week project schedule acceleration, will move the paving operation earlier into November 2022. This would hopefully prevent the need for a cold weather paving plan or having to wait until Spring 2023 for final paving. Southbound Franklin Road traffic will be detoured at Mack Hatcher to Hillsboro

Road. Local traffic will be allowed from Mack Hatcher to Liberty Pike. Full access will be available to Harlinsdale Farm and the Factory.

Welcome to our newest City team members this week.



Mary Chitwood, Administrative Assistant, Franklin Fire Department

Mary is from Yucaipa, California. She is married with two grown children. Mary will be a grandma soon! Mary has a B.S. in Health Communications and previously worked for Beaver Medical.



Scott Brahaney, Utilities Locator, Water Management Department

Scott is from Toledo, Ohio. He is married and has three children, two boys and one girl. Scott enjoys disc golf, cooking and hockey. Scott previously worked for Sunbelt Telecom.

Welcome to Franklin!

The **Human Resource Department** has arranged a **flu shot clinic** in the **City Hall Boardroom**. All full time employees, their spouses and children, part-time employees, retirees and retiree spouses are covered by a City of Franklin insurance plan. Hope to see you there in September! Let's stay healthy this Fall and Winter!

What: Free City of Franklin Flu Shot Clinic!!

When: Wednesday, September 14 6am-9am

Where: City Hall Boardroom

Who: All full-time employees, their spouses and children, part-time employees, retirees and retiree spouses covered by a City of Franklin insurance plan.

A flyer with information about the flu shot clinics is attached.



We will continue accepting nominations for the **3rd Quarter** of the **Employee of the Quarter 2022 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 also 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 or by dropping off the form in the HR Office.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 3rd Quarter has been extended to September 30, 2022!

Thank you for all that you do! Let's acknowledge and recognize those who are doing a great job at the City of Franklin!

Questions? Please contact Cara Rives!

Thanks for *all* you do.



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