

Friday, September 23, 2022



The **2022 Pilgrimage Music and Cultural Festival** has arrived! Many City team members will be working the event this weekend to make sure visitors are safe and traffic congestion is kept at a minimum. This is the 8th year that the music festival will be hosted at Harlinsdale. Information about the hours, traffic plan, ride share information and more can be found at this link:

https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-aj/communications/public-outreach-special-events/pilgrimagefestival

Our City team from several departments have been working with the Franklin Road contractor to make sure attendees have a safe ingress and egress from the Park at Harlinsdale Farm. We were glad to see the southbound lane closure completed a couple day early leading up to Pilgrimage. Thanks to our Special Events Team and all our City team that have worked to make Pilgrimage possible and who will support the event throughout the weekend.

Sister Cities of Franklin and Williamson County will host a delegation from their sister city, Bad Soden am Taunus, Germany from October 2nd to October 9th. There have been multiple student exchanges and visits of delegations between the two cities since the formalization of the relationship in 2014. The visit in October will be the first since the start of COVID. The ten-person delegation from Bad Soden will include Mayor Dr. Frank Blasch, Helmut Witt, President of City Council, Eveline Witt, wife of Helmut, Dr. Felix Erster, First Alderman, Peter Dorr, Alderman, Nick-Oliver Kromer, Fire Chief and Alderman, Susanna Hein, IKUS and VP of Sister Cities Org., Michael Hein, IKUS and member of Sister Cities Org., Rachel Obermeier, Co-Founder of Bad Soden/Franklin relationship, and Danina Rink, Head of Section Citizens Services and Culture, City Administration. A full week is planned with visits to Southall Farms, Berry Farms, Harpeth Square and Jack Daniel's Distillery. The group will take a trolley tour of Franklin and visit local attractions and schools. They will also be meeting with the Franklin Fire Department, Williamson County EMS, and Rotary as well as local and state elected officials. The week will kick off with a Reunification Day Recognition reception on the afternoon of October 3rd. The visit will coincide with the beginning of Sister Cities' annual Celebration of Nations, which begins at 1pm on October 8th. This year's Celebration of Nations will feature the Franklin High School Orchestra and several Irelandthemed performers.

Our Franklin Police Department got a nice compliment through our website.

"I was involved in an accident on 9/21/2022, at 3000 Edward Curd lane. Officer Robert Gibson responded. He was very professional and exceptionally courteous. He made an unpleasant situation bearable. Just wanted to let you know that Officer Gibson is definitely an asset to your department. Thank you,"—Kimela Wiley Ms. Wiley also rated all overall performance and competence of employees in our Police Department EXCELLENT!



Welcome to our new City Team Member!

Lisa Mooring, Paralegal, Law Department

Lisa is from Columbia, South Carolina. She is married and enjoys reading, gardening and going to the gym. Lisa has a Bachelor of Arts in English and previously worked for the State Attorney General's Office.

Our **Human Resource Department** 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 <u>nomination@franklintn.gov</u> 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!

That's all for today! Thanks to all who are working this weekend's Pilgrimage Festival! Stay safe out there. Have a great weekend!





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