

E-Brief 2022



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Friday, September 9, 2022



Lt. Scott Legieza made a visit to City Hall today to take care of some business with the **Human Resource office**. You may remember Scott suffered a heart attack while on a cruise in August. The City was able to help him and his wife **Brianna** get back home to get the medical attention he needed. **Scott told us, "I appreciate the City of Franklin, I cannot thank them enough for their love and support, not only for me, but for my wife and my family in their efforts to get me home to get the proper care I needed to be able to stand in front of you today and be alive. So thank you very much."**



The **2022 Health and Safety Fair** is happening **Wednesday, October 12, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** The event will be held at **Eastern Flank Park**. Parking is limited so please carpool if possible. The first 300 employees will get a **FREE T-shirt!** Vendors include AARP, BCBSTN, Eliot's Boots, O'Reilly Auto Parts, Ascension St. Thomas, Fifth Third Bank, Hotworx, Delta Dental, WCPR and more. Prizes are super fantastic including a Yeti hopper cooler, Yeti 20oz travel mug, Amazon gift cards, COF prize packs and much more. Lunch will be provided by Merridees! We hope to see everyone there!

Next week is our **free flu shot Wednesday, September 14th, 6:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the City Hall Boardroom**. The shots will be administered by Ascension Saint Thomas Urgent Care. The shots are **FREE** to ALL full-time and part-time employees, spouses and children. Retirees and their spouses are also covered by the City of Franklin insurance plan. A **second flu shot clinic will be offered at the Health and Safety Fair on October 12!**





The **BNS Department** would like to thank the **Communications Team** for their assistance in creating a short video about swimming pool permits and inspections. The onscreen talents are **Permit Technician Elizabeth Bulay** and **Inspector Jared Carter**. The production team consisted of **Television Supervisor, Robert Mott, Stephen Price and Joey Echeverria**. You can see the video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-AoFemXzc0c>

Welcome to our newest City team members this week.

				
Kaileigh	Tara	Jesse	Stephen	Wayne

Kaileigh Hensley, Program Specialist, Parks Department

Kaileigh is from Johnson City, Tennessee. She recently graduated from ETSU with a Bachelor’s degree in Parks & Recreation Management. Kaileigh enjoys reading, writing, hiking and finding new outdoor areas to explore.

Tara Padgett, Customer Service Representative, Revenue Management

Tara is originally from New York but has lived here since 2008. Tara has three children and two cats. Prior to joining the City, Tara worked for Williamson County Schools and she has a B.A. in Psychology.

Jesse Nelms, Grounds Worker, Water Management Department

Jesse is from College Grove and has lived in the area his whole life. Jesse is married and has two daughters, one son and a dog. In his free time, Jesse likes to hunt and work on cars.

Stephen Otero, Fire Inspector, Franklin Fire Department

Stephen lives in Columbia. He is married with two children, two dogs and two cats. Stephen enjoys spending time with family and cooking. Stephen previously worked as a Fire Marshall for the City of Columbia

Wayne Matlock, Landscape Worker, Parks Department

Wayne is from Williamson County. He is married and has a daughter, one dog and two cats. Wayne was a previous employee with the City and we are glad he is back!

Welcome to Franklin!

The Parks Department received a nice compliment this week from one of the new Franklin Baseball Club coaches.

I wanted to reach out to the parks department to thank the folks who take care of the fields. My son and I never take for granted what great shape the fields are in and it truly makes coaching more enjoyable. We’ve been part of a local travel team that cost THOUSANDS of dollars and their field was like a cow pasture. So, please pass that on to whoever keeps the fields. We are very appreciative.

We also had a very nice **thank you note** last month for our **Franklin Police Department. Great job Officer Stephenson!** Thank you for your caring service.

*“SO very grateful for Officer Troy Stephenson and cannot thank him enough for his courage, great attitude and kindness in his service to me yesterday. Briefly, I was driving 70 mph North on 65, my left rear tire went flat. When I got to the side of the road, I called Triple A and 911. It was rush hour with a light drizzle. **Officer Stephenson** arrived and parked his patrol car behind me with the lights flashing and also called for roadside assistance. Then he proceeded to put on a safety vest and change my tire!!! Roadside assistance arrived and helped with the last details. HEROES. It was to Officer Stephenson possibly an everyday occurrence. To me, he was risking his life on the side of the road with the cars driving past. Most vehicles did clear the lane closest to us which I do believe is the law and I am even more thankful for it today. I so wanted to do something kind in return, however, he would not take the money offered for a dinner out. He just said you cannot pay me and then smiled and said be careful out there. With my respect and thanks to Officer Stephenson” —Nancy Kjelman-Ryles*



Also a picture and quick thank you for another officer out on patrol that helped a local driver who ran out of luck (and gas). Thank you to **Officer William Orange**, he was caught on camera (by **Parks employee Suzanne Carter**) helping the stranded motorist!

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!

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