

E-Brief 2022



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Friday, December 2, 2022



Tonight's the night! Come and join us for the **Franklin Christmas Tree Lighting event** tonight from 6:00-8:30pm. Our headliner, **Matthew West** is the current ASCAP Christian Music Songwriter/Artist of the Year, the KLOVE Male Artist of the Year, and NSAI Songwriter/Artist of the year. He's headlined this event before and the City is so excited he's coming back for 2022! 17-year-old rising Country music artist, Jordana Bryant, will open the musical event. The Riser House Entertainment artist has a catalog of hundreds of original songs, including the release of her latest Christmas original, "First Christmas In Love," and she is taking the country world by storm. The **Freedom Intermediate School choir**, led by Director Candace Adams, will return this year to sing holiday favorites. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3UskBwE>

That's not all for holiday festivities . . .

this Saturday, December 3rd, we will have the annual **Kiwanis Christmas Parade**. The parade steps off at **2 p.m. on Saturday**. Thanks to all of our City team members that are supporting both of these much-loved community holiday events.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, December 14th 6:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.** And join us for food, fun and, of course, prizes at our Annual City of Franklin Holiday Breakfast!

Here are some of the contest details:

This year's contests:

- **UGLY SWEATER CONTEST:**
Open to all! Must be present to enter.
- **DEPARTMENT DOOR DECORATING CONTEST:**
Theme: "Favorite Holiday Movies". Departments should **submit a photo of their completed door no later than December 9th - to Leah Kelley in HR**. Live judging will also be scheduled prior to the 15th.

- **HOLIDAY TRIVIA GROUP COMPETITION:**

New this year! Teams of 4. Please register your team no later than December 7th with Leah Kelley in HR. ***NOTE: Due to limited space, only 5 Teams can compete. The first 5 teams to register will be entered.

- **EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD PRESENTATION:**

Employees with 20, 25, 30, 25 & 40 years of service will be recognized.

But there's more!!

Guess the number of Candy Canes in a Jar for a prize!

And additional **Raffle Drawings** to be held during the party! **Hope to see you all there!**



The City of Franklin is excited to help local families in need! **Let's pack the pantry!** **Grace Works Ministries** has seen an 89% increase in food demands this year. They are currently serving 1,000+ families in the area. We can help by donating critical need items from the attached list. Drop off goods to the donation boxes outside the Human Resources office November 15 - December 15. Thank you for supporting our community this holiday season!



Firefighters at Station 4/Fieldstone Farms enjoyed their recent visit with **Franklin High School Transition 2 students!** The students stopped by for a station tour, apparatus demonstration, and some fire safety lessons! Special thanks to teachers Megan Lechner and Leya White for coordinating the field trip!

We had a very nice short but sweet **thank you note for staff in our Streets Department.**

*Your street department does a GREAT job of picking up the leaves. Lived here for approximately 20 years, still amazed at the quality of service the city provides for its citizens. Thanks for all you do.—**Milton Sugai***



Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Monday, December 12th**, in the **City Hall Training Room from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** To make an appointment, you can scan the QR Code or go to the online scheduling system at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: FranklinTN19. You can streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

REMINDER: This year's "**Give a Day. Serve a Day. Get a Day.**" campaign for United Way. If you **give a total contribution of at least \$100** to United Way (I'd challenge you to consider giving the equivalent of one day's pay), and **commit to volunteer at least 8 hours over the next year with your chosen cause** (i.e. – non-profit, church, school, etc.), you can **receive an EXTRA personal day**

in 2023. The additional personal day will be awarded on January 1, 2023 and must be used during the 2023 calendar year.

Here are the details:

- Your 2023 pledge to United Way can take the form of a payroll deduction (spread over 26 paychecks in 2023) or as a one-time contribution, whichever works best for you. The minimum pledge to qualify is \$100. You should make your financial pledge using the attached United Way Pledge Form or request a form from Human Resources.
- We ask that you sign a 2023 volunteer pledge that includes your name, department, and the cause/organization(s) that you are committing to dedicate at least 8 hours of volunteer time (non-work hours) this coming year (attached). The choice of where and how you volunteer is up to you. You may also want to work with other City team members to volunteer as a group. If you are looking for some ideas, United Way has an online volunteer resource: <https://www.unitedway.org/get-involved/volunteer>
- Once you have made both your United Way pledge and your volunteer pledge you will be credited with an additional personal day on January 1, 2023. The personal day must be used during the 2023 calendar year.

The “Give a Day. Serve a Day. Get a Day.” campaign runs through December 5th. Both forms will need to be returned to Human Resources. If you are submitting via e-mail, please send both forms to cara.rives@franklintn.gov ****NOTE: Every form that is submitted this year will be responded to via email to let you know it has been received. If you submit a form and do not get an email confirmation, please contact Cara Rives in HR**

Thank you for *all* you do, have a nice weekend! Thank you to all working the tree lighting tonight and the **Christmas Parade on Saturday afternoon (steps off at 2 p.m.)**. We hope BOMA enjoys riding in the **Parks Department Wagon/float!**



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