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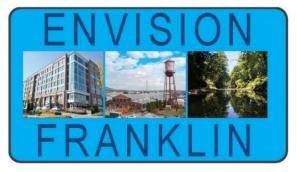
Good morning, Team, Happy St. Patrick's Day!



**Franklin tops the list of best main streets in the South!** Southern Travel and Lifestyles says Franklin's Main Street has put the town on the map thanks to its postcard-perfect storefronts, delightful Southern restaurants and some of the friendliest residents in existence. Check out the ranking and article at <a href="Southern Travel and Lifestyles">Southern Travel and Lifestyles</a>!



Come join us to provide your input on the future growth and development of Franklin.



Community Outreach for the **Envision Franklin Update** will continue on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at Columbia **State Community College** in the Community Room. **There** will be two time slots offered to participate in, from 11 AM - 1 PM or from 5 PM - 6:30 PM. Lunch will be provided in the earlier meeting and snacks will be available during the evening session. The purpose of the meeting will be to collect feedback from the community, specifically on Character and Placemaking, Housing, Conservation, Growth Areas, and the Regional Commerce areas along I-65. The feedback will be incorporated into the Envision Franklin update, which will adjust or add details to the plan that better fit Franklin today. "Planning is a continual process that should respond to new conditions, challenges, and opportunities, and the community helps identify those changes and shapes the vision and policies through participation in meetings like these," says City of Franklin Director of Planning & Sustainability, Emily Wright.



Join the Franklin Parks Department for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Kids Arts Festival of Tennessee Saturday, March 25 10am-2pm at Pinkerton Park. All Tennessee Kindergarten through 12th Grade Artists are invited to apply to display your original pieces in this juried exhibit. We will accept and include a wide variety of art pieces in multi-media platforms. Winning pieces will be displayed at the Fire Hall Art Gallery in City Hall in Downtown Franklin. The event will feature art stops, stage performers and more! Art applications are accepted through

Monday March 20. <a href="https://www.franklintn.gov/home/showdocument?id=35946">https://www.franklintn.gov/home/showdocument?id=35946</a>. See more details here <a href="https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-k-z/parks/city-parks-events/kids-arts-festival?fbclid=IwAR1">https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-k-z/parks/city-parks-events/kids-arts-festival?fbclid=IwAR1</a> v03u05KiWNCcfcTk hGeRHxhLAFWZIMimDv0hs0v98jNx6ll8eCAvS4

**REMINDER: Elliott's Boots will be at the Public Works facility on March 23**<sup>rd</sup> from 8 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4p.m. Any eligible employee (check with your supervisor or Department director) can drop by and see what Elliott's has to offer. Contact Chris Edwards at <a href="mailto:chris.edwards@franklintn.gov">chris.edwards@franklintn.gov</a> if you have questions. Please note that we have increased the allowance for boots up to \$165. This change came from feedback during our Team Talks process!

## We have a thank you note this week for our Franklin Fire Department!

**Mr. John Sweeney** who lives in the Willow Springs subdivision called and wrote to express his appreciation to Lt. Dave Metcalf and the Station 8 crew, including **Engineer-Paramedic Chris Daniel, and Firefighters Aaron Blalock and Bobby Martens**. They assisted Mr. Sweeney with changing the smoke alarm batteries throughout his home, since he no longer can safely use a ladder. He said, "They did a great job. You would have been proud of them. Good to see good young men in public service."

## We have one new City team member this week!



Robert Allen, Utility Service Worker, Water Management Department Robert is from Franklin. He is married and has two sons. In his free time, Robert enjoys boating, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren. Robert previously worked for Milcrofton Utility District.

Welcome to the City!!

We are currently accepting nominations for the **1st Quarter** of the **Employee of the Quarter 2023 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 <a href="mailto:nomination@franklintn.gov">nomination@franklintn.gov</a> or by dropping off the form in the HR Office.

Let's acknowledge and recognize those who are doing a great job at the City of Franklin! Deadline is March 31. Questions? Please contact <a href="mailto:Cara.rives@franklintn.gov">Cara.rives@franklintn.gov</a>

Thanks for *all* you do!



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