

E-Brief 2023



Excellence.....

Innovation.....

Teamwork

Integrity

.....Action-Oriented

Friday, November 17, 2023



CONGRATULATIONS to our new Alderman Greg Caesar, our reelected Aldermen Clyde Barnhill, Ann Petersen, Brandy Blanton and reelected Mayor Dr. Ken Moore who were sworn in this week at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting. I know all our elected officials look forward to serving our community over the next four years. Congratulations, BOMA members, and thank you for stepping to serve the community!



The American Council of Engineering Companies Tennessee (ACEC Tennessee) hosted its prestigious **2023 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala** on November 7th at the Renaissance Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. This celebrated event recognized the most outstanding engineering feats of its members, highlighting the innovative and impactful work of engineers. In the **Waste and Stormwater—Large Project Category**, the Grand Award winner was the **City of Franklin Water Reclamation Facility**

Modifications and Expansion project which was designed which was designed by our engineering/design partner CDM Smith, Inc. Congratulations to our Water Department and to CDM Smith! The Engineering Excellence Awards Gala, held annually, serves as a platform to acknowledge, and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of engineers to society. It brings together industry leaders, innovators, and stakeholders from around the world to share their experiences and honor the achievements of their peers. This year's gala not only showcased the exceptional talent within the engineering community but also highlighted the critical role that engineers play in advancing technology, sustainability, and infrastructure development worldwide.

The **Hog Ball Committee (a group of residents, including Fire Chief Johnson, who put on a ball)** presented us with a **\$17,000 check to benefit Franklin's first inclusive playground, Ellie G's Dream World! From Friends of Franklin Parks,** "With their generous donation, that brings the total to over \$822,000 raised to help the City of Franklin complete this project. We're grateful for our community members that have rallied together to support Ellie G's Dream World." This inclusive playground will be housed within the new southeast Municipal Complex located on Carothers Parkway. It is projected to cost the City of Franklin over \$3 million dollars. **Friends of Franklin Parks and community partners have committed to help raise 1.5 million to support the city.** If you are interested in donating or learning more about this project, click the link below ✨

<https://www.friendsoffranklinparks.org/inclusive-playground>



We are happy to announce the 2023-2024 **"Give a Day. Serve a Day. Get a Day."** campaign for United Way!

City of Franklin's UNITED WAY Campaign 2023

GET INVOLVED! AND EARN A PERSONAL DAY!

What are the details?

- It's easy! Just commit to volunteering 8 hours and giving \$100. You can do it all at once, or spread it out by having just \$4 deducted from each paycheck!
- THEN - the City will give you an **EXTRA PERSONAL DAY** in 2024!

How does it work?

All contributions go through The United Way, and you can choose where your pledge is invested. You can also volunteer with any organization you choose (church, school, nonprofit).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DEC 8, 2023

United Way

MORE INFORMATION:
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United Way!

This event is one of our best annual traditions here at the City of Franklin. It's a great way to give back to the community and an opportunity to earn an extra personal day for 2024.

Last year we raised \$18,492.00!! An increase of over \$6,700 from 2021. We'd love to continue this great trend and beat last year's record – but we can't do it without your help!

Here's how it works:

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 volunteering 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 2024.** The additional personal day will be awarded on January 15, 2024, and must be used during the 2024 calendar year.

Here are the details:

- Fill out a 2024 United Way Pledge form:
 - Your 2024 pledge to United Way can take the form of a payroll deduction (spread over 26 paychecks in 2024) or as a one-time payroll contribution, whichever works best for you. The minimum pledge to qualify is \$100. Use the attached form or get a paper form from the HR Office.
- Then, fill out the City of Franklin Give a Day form:
 - 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. 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>. Fill out the attached form or pick up a paper from the HR office.
- Once you have filled out and turned in both your United Way pledge form and your COF volunteer pledge form you will be credited with an additional personal day on **January 15, 2024**. The personal day must be used during the 2024 calendar year.

The “Give a Day. Serve a Day. Get a Day” campaign runs through December 8th. Both forms will need to be returned to Human Resources. If you are submitting via e-mail, please send both forms to cara.rives@franklinton.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.***

Winners of the **Franklin Fire Department’s Poster Contest** were recognized at Tuesday night’s Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting (11/14/2023). Sponsored by **Atmos Energy**, Franklin-area students in grades Kindergarten through 12 were invited to illustrate the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention.” The winners received a \$50 Visa gift card, and their posters advanced to the Tennessee State Fire Marshal’s Office competition. The runners-up also received a Visa gift card.

Fire Chief Glenn Johnson and Fire Marshal Andy King, along with Kenny Hay and Christina Christiansen of Atmos Energy, presented these awards:



Kindergarten
Winner – Everett Sledge
Runner-up – Mckenza Pristas
1st grade
Winner – Sloane Morris
Runner-up – Paisley Pristas
2nd grade
Winner – Denver Sledge
Runner-up – Eliza Baggett
Runner-up – Avery Beaman
4th grade
Winner – Samson Stuart
Runner-up – Eleanor Baggett
5th grade
Winner – Evie Chastain
7th grade
Winner – Jaynie Staheli
View the winners' artwork at <https://bit.ly/40HOehF>.

L to R front row: Samson Stuart, Denver Sledge, Sloane Morris, Everett Sledge, Jaynie Staheli, Eliza Baggett, Eleanor Baggett, Evie Chastain, Paisley Pristas, Mckenza Pristas. Back row: Kenny Hay, Christina Christiansen, Fire Marshal Andy King, Fire Chief Glenn Johnson.

We received a very nice thank you note for **Captain Clouse who taught the Active Shooter/Killer Class at the Franklin Police Department!**

*I wanted to thank you, **Captain Clouse**, for giving such a powerful and informative class last night on the active shooter/active killer topic. I am so glad me, my husband, and our two young adult daughters were in attendance to be part of such a great class. You are a fantastic speaker, and very engaging, and I think you did such a fantastic job speaking from the heart and providing powerful facts. The four of us walked away amazed at how interesting that class was and what a wonderful speaker you are. Even my youngest daughter, who is a junior at Page High School, mentioned how great you were to listen to and wished that all students in HS and middle school should have the opportunity to listen to you speak. We think you would do a tremendous job getting important facts out to the students... just saying, maybe that's a job that the **Franklin Police Department** can offer you when you retire in June 2024!! Either way, thank you for all the hard work that you and the rest of the Franklin Police Department do to try and keep Franklin a safe town to raise families. . . Thanks again,--Kristin Devine*

Winter is right around the corner! And that means it's time to start thinking of the Holidays...and the annual **City of Franklin Holiday Breakfast!** So please mark your calendars for **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH!** And be ready to join us for food, fun, and prizes!

This year's contests:

UGLY SWEATER CONTEST:

Open to all! Must be present to enter.

DEPARTMENT DOOR DECORATING CONTEST:

Theme: **"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"**. ALL departments that would like to enter please submit photos (maximum of 3) to Taylor Powers in HR by the deadline of Friday, December 15th. No video entries, please.

(taylor.powers@franklintn.gov)

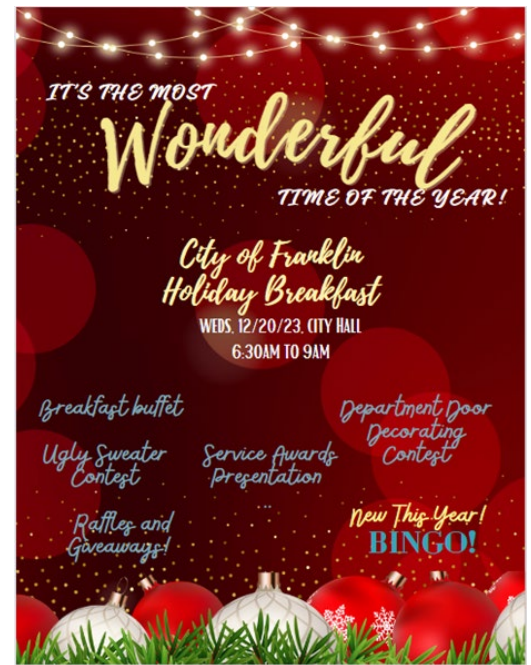
Live judging will also be scheduled for a date between the 15th and the 18th.

NEW THIS YEAR: HOLIDAY BINGO!!

We are trying something new - good, old-fashioned BINGO! (50 spots available, check in at the registration table to play.) Win prizes! Have Fun!

But there's more!!

Guess the number of Holiday Candies in a Jar for a prize! And additional **Raffle Drawings** to be held during the party!



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES REMINDERS! The **Franklin Firefighters have kicked off their Annual Toy and Clothing Drive**. The gift requests of children will be on cards hanging on the holiday fire hydrant displays outside all Franklin fire stations, in Franklin Fire Headquarters at Franklin City Hall, and in Macy's at the CoolSprings Galleria. Stop by to select a gift request card from one of the displays. Purchase the single item requested on the card. Return new, unwrapped gifts with the card attached to a fire station, City Hall, or Macy's by December 5th. The Franklin Firefighters' Annual Toy & Clothing Drive has provided needed items and toys to hundreds of children annually since 2008. The beneficiaries are identified by representatives of the Boys and Girls Club of Williamson County, who work with other charities to prevent duplication of efforts. Monetary donations are also being accepted via PayPal <https://bit.ly/3FhDmLI>, and at all Franklin fire stations. Checks should be made payable to Franklin Firefighters Charities. All contributions are tax-deductible. For more information, please contact the Franklin Fire Department at (615) 791-3270 or visit www.FranklinFirefightersCharities.org

The Franklin Police Department is accepting donations for the 2023 Kristi Clark, Carter Oakley Franklin Police Department Toy Drive. On February 16, 2015, Kristi Clark and her 10-year-old son, Carter Oakley, were hit by a semi and killed after the two got out of their car to help five people in an overturned SUV on an ice-covered I-65, in Franklin. Kristi's dad, Brad Lewis, stays very much in touch with members of the Franklin Police Department. A bond brought about by tragedy has blessed needy families every Christmas since, and all in memory of two good Samaritans who died helping others in need. Brad Lewis, a skilled craftsman, has built 15-wooden toy boxes in his daughter & grandson's honor. Now, Franklin Police Officers want to fill them with gifts for needy Franklin families. **You can leave unwrapped toys for children, ages 1-17, in the Franklin Police Headquarters lobby, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, between now and December 15.**

Yesterday, we laid to rest **Retired Franklin Fire Engineer John Edward "Eddie" Pratt III**, who passed away Nov. 13. Engineer Pratt retired from FFD in 2014 with 34 years of service. Read more about his career at bit.ly/3MHQ0yG. **The City livestreamed the funeral procession yesterday see it here**



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Thank you to all who serve for the city, make the most of your weekend.

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