

## Friday, April 21, 2023



**Mayor Moore's State of the City** is coming up on **May 24, at Rolling Hills Church**. The theme this year is sports! Earlier this week **Mike Keith, the voice of the Tennessee Titans** came in to help us out with a video for the presentation. He taped a segment in the studio with our Communications Team. Reports are he's a nice guy and we appreciate his time helping us out. He also praised our City Communications team for their excellent work!



The local chapter of the **National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution** honored several members of our Public Safety Teams.

Two Franklin Police Officers were honored for their service to the community. **Sgt. Bobby Dilworth**, seen on the left, was recognized for his work in cracking <u>this identity theft ring case</u>. **Officer Kevin Spry**, seen in the middle, was the first unit on scene at a house fire. He was recognized for his heroism, after <u>pulling a woman from that burning home</u>.

Chief Faulkner, seen on the right, also attended the ceremony. In the Fire Department, **Engineer Emily Nelms** received the **Fire Safety Commendation Award** for her work in establishing the Franklin Fire Department's Behavioral Health and Wellness Program.



After a 40-year firefighting career, **Franklin Firefighter James Fox** is retiring tomorrow. He was hired by the Franklin Fire Department in 2003, after serving as a firefighter in the military for 20 years. Originally from Livonia, MI, Fox joined the U.S. Air Force in 1982. After completing basic training, he was asked to choose between firefighting and explosive ordnance disposal as his special duty assignment. He chose firefighting, something he said he'd been intrigued by since elementary school when a firefighter visited his class. During his enlistment, Fox served multiple deployments throughout the Middle East, Philippines, and Europe in support of the Global War on Terror. He retired at the rank of Technical Sergeant in 2002 from McChord Air Force Base, WA, then moved to Middle

Tennessee to be near family who had relocated here. He joined the Franklin Fire Department the following year. Fox's first assignment with FFD was Station 3 in Cool Springs. Fire Chief Glenn Johnson, who was a lieutenant at that time, was his first officer. Fox's final assignment has been working at Station 7 in the Berry Farms area, where he has a unique role. He responds citywide in either the air truck or brush truck, to structure fires, brush fires, and cardiac arrests, to assist with calls that require significant resources.



Friends of Franklin Parks "Volunteer Day" happened this week at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm! Folks from the community, Franklin Parks and dozens of Tractor Supply Co. team members enjoyed a beautiful spring day - while cleaning up, planting trees and painting fences around the park. A BIG thank you to all the hard-working volunteers who worked to make our wonderful park look even more beautiful!

We have a nice thank you letter for our **Engineering Department's Jimmy Wiseman**.

Paul

I am the President of the Henley HOA (community behind the Church of the City) and recently ATT began placing fiber in our neighborhood creating

significant disruption and confusion with our residents (they broke a gas line as an example). I was looking for guidance, came across Jimmy's number, and called him. **As a citizen of Franklin, I want to call Jimmy out as an outstanding public servant.** He quickly worked to answer my questions including coming to our community the next day with several city employees that specialize in utilities. As an aside, the Henley is getting ready to be adjacent to a major project by the Church of the City. Jimmy was willing and ready to meet with our board to help us navigate the complexity of a construction this large. We need more Jimmy Wiseman's in government. Too often government employees get a bad rap. I rarely find employees of private business as helpful as Jimmy (and the two gentlemen he brought with him). Its employees like Jimmy that reenforce why Franklin is a special place.

Thank you for your time.—Tim

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION



APRIL 22 / 8AM-IPM
WILLIAMSON COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX

The next annual Household **Hazardous Waste Collection Event in Williamson County** will be held this Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 8 AM to 1 PM at the Williamson County Administrative Complex located at 1320 West Main Street.

What you need to know if you plan to participate: <a href="https://bit.ly/3GesCjS">https://bit.ly/3GesCjS</a>
For additional questions please call Williamson Recycles at 615-786-0166.

The **39**th **annual Main Street Festival** is happening this weekend in downtown Franklin. The weather is expected to cooperate, so it should be a big crowd! Thank you to all team members who work this event to make it a wonderful experience for our visitors and the community.

That's it for this week. Have a great weekend and thanks for *all* you do!





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