

E-Brief 2023

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Friday, May 5, 2023

Happy Cinco de Mayo, everyone!

Public Service Recognition Week is coming next week! May 8-12, 2023. The City will be recognizing our team members for all the hard work and dedication shown each and every day. Public Service Recognition Week was created in 1985 to not only recognize the work public service employees do but also shed light on the work done by YOU to maintain wonderful cities like Franklin! **To celebrate, we will host three (3) food truck lunches on May 9th, 10th, and 11th from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM (see attached flyer).** Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information coming out soon! Questions, please contact Cara Rives.

Thursday was **National Bike Walk Roll to School Day.** The **Williamson County Department of Health** celebrated yesterday with the Poplar Grove School Campus and today at Johnson Elementary. Due to the route calling for students and parents to cross 96, **Franklin Police Department bike patrol officers provided assistance.** The community loves when your officers come out to help us. This was the second year Johnson Elementary School participated in the Walk Bike to Roll Day events. Walk Bike Franklin helped us host the event.



Earlier this week **Friends of Franklin Parks held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the upcoming restoration of the Hayes House at the Park at Harlinsdale Farm.** The Hayes House was the historic Victorian farmhouse that long served as the anchor home for the Harlin family at Harlinsdale Farm. Once the home is restored, the Hayes House will be used for educational purposes for the history of the farm and Midnight Sun (the great sire of the Tennessee Walking Horse), host special events, a fine art gallery, and offices to support the Park at Harlinsdale Farm.

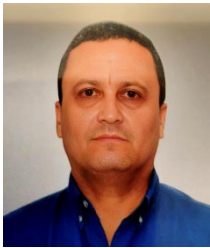


The City of Franklin has proclaimed the week of April 30- May 6, 2023, as Franklin Water Week. The city has partnered with the Cumberland River Compact, a local non-profit organization, to engage residents

in opportunities for watershed stewardship and education throughout the week. The Cumberland River Compact works to address root causes of water pollution in the Cumberland River watershed through education, restoration, and collaboration. There will be two community events during the week:

- **[VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED](#)** May 6th: **Rain Garden Planting and Maintenance at Harlinsdale Park** (12pm-4pm)
Rain gardens help slow down and naturally infiltrate stormwater preventing pollution from entering nearby waterways. Volunteers with the Cumberland River Compact will help replant and replace plants to make the garden more beautiful and more functional. Volunteers can register [here](#).
- May 6th: **Water Week Celebration at Paddle Dog in Westhaven** (4pm-6pm)
Community members are invited to celebrate Franklin Water Week with a happy hour at Paddle Dog!
Those interested in attending can [RSVP here](#).

Welcome to new City team member!



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Elam is originally from Venezuela and previously lived in Greensboro, NC. Elam studied Marketing in Venezuela and previously worked for C & T as a Maintenance Tech. In his free time, Elam enjoys Motorcycling.



Assistant City Administrator Vernon Gerth said he would die his hair orange if all the departments under him got 100 percent participation in the employee survey. Guess what, they did, **Engineering, BNS and Planning and Sustainability all got 100 percent participation!** So yesterday, Vernon showed up to the Leadership meeting with orange hair. Way to go Vernon! Looking good (!)! **Go VOLS!**

AND THE SURVEY SAYS...starting today and running through the remainder of this month departments will begin holding meetings to review the citywide and department results of the employee survey. You should

be getting an invite soon from your department, if you have not already. This is a great opportunity to continue the dialogue and make the City of Franklin one of the best places to work in Middle Tennessee.

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

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