

## *Friday, August 11, 2023*

Good Friday morning, team!

Recently the Clean Water Professionals of Kentucky and Tennessee awarded our Water Reclamation Facility the Project Excellence Award for "excellence and innovation in the execution of the Water Reclamation Facility Upgrades and Expansion project." Outgoing CWP President, Water Management Director Michelle Hatcher, presented the award to Jonathan Villostas, Juan Davis, and Taylor Hopkins. Congratulations!



This week, we submitted **five ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) applications for capital projects** 

**for a total grant amount of \$17.1M.** Four of those were **water/wastewater projects and one was a stormwater project at the new Southeast Park**. The projects include the remaining parts of Lewisburg/Downtown area water & sewer improvements, the Forrest Crossing #2 and Riverview pump station construction, the pilot/proposed Clean Water Facility monies that have been spent thus far, and the lining projects we have proposed for the next three years (mains, laterals, and manholes). We should find out by November 1 of this year if we've been awarded these grants.

On **August 26<sup>th</sup>, Revenue Management's Tony Malugin will perform at the Water Valley Community Center**. This is a fundraiser for the Tennessee Kidney Foundation. Tony is a very talented singer and musician who has performed for us on numerous occasions. See the attached flyer for more details.

## Welcome to our new employee this week!



## Erik Ahonen, Building Inspector II, Building and Neighborhood Services Department

Erik is from Cudahy, Wisconsin. Erik is married with two sons, ages 21 & 24. In his free time, Erik enjoys hiking and making home improvements. Eric has more than 30 years' experience as an electrician and previously worked for the City of Cudahy as an Electrical/Building Inspector.

Welcome to the City!!

## From the HR Department:

On **Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**, we'll have our first **City of Franklin Crafting Hour!!** This is in recognition of mental health during National Wellness month. It is a time to take a **"mental break"** and do some fun crafts that will relax your mind. **We have painting, beads, bird houses, model cars, diamond art, and coloring books in the City Hall Training Room from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m.** There is something for everyone to enjoy. Grab your lunch and come join us! \*\*This will be done on your lunch break so if you are an hourly employee, you will need to clock out for the event.\*\*

We will continue accepting nominations for the **3rd Quarter** of the **Employee of the Quarter 2023 Program until September 30th.** 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.

The deadline for submitting nominations for the 3rd Quarter is Sept 30th, 2023!

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

From our **Risk Division: Introducing CPR Friday**. Save a life! Join us for the inaugural "CPR Friday" event on **Friday, August 18**th **at 8:30am in the City Hall Training Room**. This is a Red Cross CPR Certification course intended for first-timers and renewals. Class sizes are limited to 12 employees. All departments are welcome! Contact Ryan Naylor in Risk at <a href="mailto:ryann@franklintn.gov">ryann@franklintn.gov</a>.

Save the Date! The **2023 Employee Health & Safety Fair is scheduled to take the field on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, at Rolling Hills Community Church on Columbia Ave.** Watch for more information on vendors, door prizes, and activities.



Thank you for all you do! Have a great weekend!







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