

# E-Brief 2023



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**Friday, September 29, 2023**

Good Friday afternoon, team!

A few things from yesterday's **Leadership Team meeting** — We discussed the responses to the employee survey follow-up. We will be sharing those responses next week. We had very good participation once again, so thank you very much. We also talked about upcoming "Contracts 101" training next week (10/5) with the Law Department and Purchasing Department. If you work on contracts for your department, speak with your supervisor about attending. The leadership team also went over the BOMA and Work session agendas for October 10, which will be the last BOMA meeting before the election.

**Here are two employee award items!**



- **Michael Walters Young** received the **Career Mentorship Award** from the **University of Kansas Masters in Public Administration Alumni Association** – This is the first award of its kind for local government professionals (KU alumni) that are dedicated to supporting the professional development of students and others in the field of local government management.

- **Angie Skarp** (formerly Johnson) received the **President's Award at the TAMCAR conference** last week. The award recognizes the extra efforts Angie has made to support TAMCAR and work of City Clerks across the State of Tennessee.

Our next **Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, in the **City Hall Training Room from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** To make an appointment, you can go to the online scheduling system at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code: FranklinTN19. You can streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

At this week's Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting (9/26/2023), **Franklin Mayor Dr. Ken Moore proclaimed October 8-14, 2023, Fire Prevention Week in Franklin.** He reinforced this

year's theme, by telling residents, **"Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention."** Nearly half of all fires in Franklin and across the country are caused by unattended cooking. The **Franklin Fire Department** has several activities for children planned throughout the month of October to mark the occasion:

**POSTER CONTEST GRADES K-12:** Entries should illustrate the Fire Prevention Week theme. One winner in each grade level will be awarded a \$50 Visa gift card, courtesy of Atmos Energy, and advance to the state competition sponsored by the TN State Fire Marshal's Office. Posters may be any size but must be square or rectangular. Entries must be submitted as a file upload through the online entry form by October 22, 2023. Find complete guidelines and a link to the entry form here: <https://bit.ly/3DBFvkB>.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – FOUR "FIREFIGHTER STORYTIME & TOUCH A FIRE TRUCK" EVENTS PLANNED, AND GIVEAWAYS FOR CHILDREN ALL MONTH LONG:** On October 10th and 12th, firefighters will be special guest readers, and demonstrate their firefighting gear. Everyone will head out to the parking lot for the opportunity to touch a fire truck immediately following story time. There will be two separate, 30-minute presentations, with the first beginning at 10 AM and the second at 10:45 AM. Stop by the Children's Department anytime during the month of October for free plastic fire helmets, story books, coloring books, crayons, and more: <https://www.wcpltn.org/>.

**COOL SPRINGS GALLERIA:** Firefighters from Franklin and Brentwood will be at the Cool Springs Galleria, October 9-13, from 10 AM to 6 PM each day to answer questions, and distribute free, fun, educational giveaways for children and adults. Stop by the booth on the lower level of the mall by Belk and the indoor play area.

**FAMILY SAFETY HOUSE:** The Franklin Fire Department's Family Safety House, a Franklin tradition, since 2005, will be visiting Franklin-area schools to educate first-grade students. The Family Safety House is an interactive, educational trailer where children learn fire safety and survival skills. Take a virtual video tour and see what children will be learning at [www.franklintn.gov/FamilySafetyHouse](http://www.franklintn.gov/FamilySafetyHouse).

**Coffee with a Cop**  
October 4th / 8-9am  
White Bison - Both Locations  
1316 Murfreesboro Road & 5060 Carothers Parkway

October 11th / 8-9am  
Biscuit Love at Berry Farms  
3100 Village Plains Blvd  
Come by and enjoy a cup of coffee and talk with FPD officers.

**NEW! October 19<sup>th</sup> 3-6pm**  
**Academy at McKay's Mill**  
**Child Passenger Safety Inspection**



The graphic is a dark blue rectangle with white and yellow text. At the top, it says "Upcoming Franklin Police Events" in white. Below this, there are three yellow circles, each containing a date and a corresponding event. The first circle is labeled "Sept." and contains the number "21", with the event "CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY EVENT" from 3:00-6:00pm at The Academy of Forrest Crossing. The second circle is labeled "Oct." and contains the number "4", with the event "COFFEE WITH A COP" from 8:00-9:00am at White Bison - Both Locations. The third circle is labeled "Oct." and contains the number "11", with the event "COFFEE WITH A COP" from 8:00-9:00am at Biscuit Love at Berry Farms. At the bottom of the graphic, it says "FRANKLINTN.GOV/POLICE" and includes the Franklin Police Department logo.

**Upcoming Franklin Police Events**

Sept. **21** **CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY EVENT**  
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The Academy of Forrest Crossing  
377 S. Royal Oaks

Oct. **4** **COFFEE WITH A COP**  
8:00-9:00am  
White Bison - Both Locations  
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**Welcome to the following new City team members:**



**Victor Utter, Traffic Signal Technician, Street Department**

Victor is from Belfast, Tennessee. He is married with two daughters, one cat and one dog. Victor enjoys doing anything outdoors and enjoys cheering for Alabama and the Titans. Victor previously worked for S & W Contracting.

**Evan Williams, Firefighter, Franklin Fire Department**

Evan is from Big Bear City, California. Evan moved here to be closer to his family, he is one of eight kids! He previously worked as a Smokejumper for the US Forest Service and before joining the Franklin Fire team worked for the City of Lebanon.

**Mars Petcare is holding their 15<sup>th</sup> annual Mars Pet Adoption Weekend** taking place this Saturday and Sunday!

They're thrilled to be including Williamson County Animal Center in Adoption Weekend again this year and hope to help many dogs and cats find loving, forever homes. WCAC is participating with its weekend hours: **Friday and Saturday, September 29 to 30**. As shelters across the country continue to struggle with rising stray intakes and limited capacity, we're thrilled we can continue to make an impact with this event.



That's it for this week. I am away at the **International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Conference** for the next several days. During the conference, I will be sworn in as the new **Vice President representing the Southeast region of the United States for the ICMA Executive Board**. It is a three-year term.

Have a great weekend everyone and thanks for *all* you do.



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