



**Friday, March 1, 2024**

My apologies! It appears that E-Brief got hung up in my outbox. Sorry this is getting to you late. Here's to a great week ahead.

This week, our **Leadership Team** met and launched a leadership growth opportunity called **Leadership Lab**. The team will work through leadership exercises on the app that also corresponds with the book **The 5-Week Leadership Challenge by Patrick Leddin**. This book is a Wall Street Journal bestseller. Our goal is to create growth within the leadership team to reach our goals throughout the year and beyond. This could also be a leadership development approach we use throughout our team. Stay tuned!

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Margaret Wilson** as the **City of Franklin's new Comptroller**. Margaret will follow in the footsteps of **Mike Lowe** who is retiring at the end of the year after 25 years of service to the City of Franklin. Margaret has been with the City for five years and is being promoted from Financial Manager in the Finance Department. She recently earned the **Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO)** credential from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Of the nearly five hundred active CPFO's across the US and Canada, Margaret joins a small group of now **eight CPFO's practicing in the State of Tennessee**. With Margaret's accomplishment, **three of the eight CPFO's in Tennessee work for the City of Franklin (Mike Lowe and Kristine Brock are the others)**. Congratulations to Margaret on this well-earned promotion!



The **Franklin Parks Department** is beginning the work of installing a concrete replica of the old Interurban railway route. The Interurban ran from the Franklin Square to Nashville. The route was 3rd Avenue to Bridge Street (through what is now Bicentennial Park), across the Harpeth River to Harlinsdale Farm. From there, it generally followed Franklin Pike (US 31) to Nashville. Twenty stops were listed, but passengers could wave down the train at any point along the route to be picked up or pull a cord on the train to be let off. An interpretation of the Interurban Railway is included in the master plan for the Park at Harlinsdale. Interpretative signage will be added as part of this project; however, the newly stamped version of the Interurban provides park visitors with a realistic view of what it looked like in the past.

We would like to recognize and congratulate **Nathan Hollingsworth** on his recent promotion to **Municipal Inspection Officer II in the BNS Department**. Nathan becomes the 2nd MIO to reach this level since its inception a year ago. Nathan brings a high level of Excellence, Teamwork, and being Action Oriented to the MIO role and this promotion is very well deserved! We are very proud of his achievement and grateful he is part of the BNS team! Congratulations, Nathan!



Our first **Walk with the Mayor** is in the books! This event was in recognition of **Heart Month**. Joining the City team was **Buffalo Bills player Tyrel Dodson, son of Angela Sparkman from the Finance Department**. Afterward, the group gathered inside City Hall's lobby for healthy snacks and fellowship. **A BIG thank you to the City's Human Resources team for coordinating this special event.** Thank you to all who participated.

The **Parks Department** is starting a **Trail Series** coming up in March. Most of these events happen at 5:30 so many employees could participate after work. See below for all the events beginning in March and running through May! Also visit our website at <https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-k-z/parks/city-parks-events> There are many other fun events scheduled for Spring and Summer.



**Trail Series:**  
Eastern Flank Event Facility  
March 7, 5:30-7:00pm  
Jim Warren Park  
March 14, 5:30-7:00pm  
The Park at Harlinsdale Farm  
March 28, 5:30-7:00pm  
The Park at Harlinsdale Farm  
April 11, 5:30-7:00pm  
The Park at Harlinsdale Farm  
April 25 5:30-7:00pm  
The Park at Harlinsdale Farm  
May 11, 8:00-11:00am

Welcome to the following new employees!



**Bradley**



**Kainan**



**Joshua**

**Bradley McGrane, Firefighter, Franklin Fire Department**

Bradley is from Franklin. He has been married for 12 years and has a 10 year old, a two year old and one on the way! Bradley has an Associate's degree in Fire Science and is about to complete his B.A. in Fire Administration. Bradley previously worked for Columbia Fire Department.

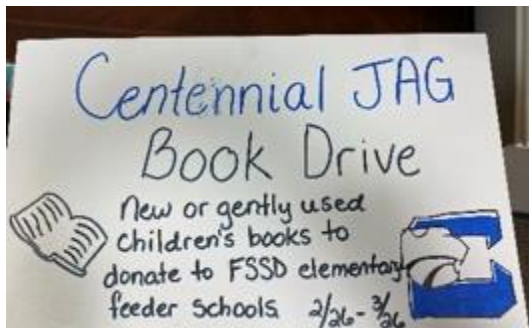
**Kainan Johnson, Firefighter, Franklin Fire Department**

Kainan is from Columbia Tennessee. He is married and has a son. In his free time Kainan is in the process of remodeling his home. Kainan has his AEMT for Columbia State and previously worked for the City of Columbia.

**Joshua Lin, Firefighter/Paramedic, Franklin Fire Department**

Joshua is originally from Southern California. He has been married for 6 years and has 2 boys. In his free time, Joshua enjoys spending time with family and friends. Joshua worked for the Long Beach Fire department for 12 years!

**Welcome to the City!**



**City Attorney Shauna Billingsley** is helping Centennial High Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) program collect books for FSSD elementary schools. We are looking for new and used books that can be read in elementary schools. The box is located in the Law Department.

**The American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive on March 25, 9am-2pm, in the City Hall Training Room.** To schedule an appointment

please visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: FranklinTN19. 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.

That's all for now. Thanks for *all* you do!



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