



**Friday, April 19, 2024**



About 100 City Managers and other local government professionals from across the state came to Franklin for the annual **Tennessee City Managers Association (TCMA)** conference. As part of the conference, they toured The Park at Harlinsdale Farm and also the upgraded/expanded Water Reclamation Facility. **A BIG thank you to our Parks and Water Management team who hosted these folks and gave great tours of these City facilities.**

Eight decades after the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp by a local hero's Army unit and two years after his passing at the age of 96, a bronze memorial statue honoring **Coach Jimmy Gentry and the Lost Heroes of Williamson County** will be unveiled at Five Points in Downtown Franklin Monday, April 29th at 10 a.m. This Leadership Franklin Project becomes a community-wide effort to honor World War II Soldiers. **Alderman Brandy Blanton is part of the Leadership Franklin group who brought this effort to fruition.** The event coincides with the 79th Anniversary of the Liberation of Dachau by Gentry's unit. Read more about the event on the Franklin City website

<https://www.franklintn.gov/Home/Components/News/News/11185/1354>.





A once open field in a small community along the Harpeth River has been transformed into a neighborhood pocket park in the Thompson Alley neighborhood. **City Officials cut the ribbon and opened the park on Wednesday, April 17.** This is the second neighborhood park to be created on land the City acquired that is located in the Franklin flood



plain. Instead of letting the land lay dormant, the Parks Department has created a neighborhood park for the Thompson Alley community. The park at 1140 Thompson Alley, includes an ADA-accessible picnic area under a rustic pergola, barbecue grills, corn hole, ping pong, water fountains, and a chess table. The facility is built to be flood resistant and cost the City just under \$500,000. **Several City**

**departments were involved in the design and build process including Parks, Engineering, Planning, and Building and Neighborhood Services.**

Read more about the park here

<https://www.franklintn.gov/Home/Components/News/News/11190/1354>.



**The Franklin Fire Department hosted an Awards & Badge Pinning Ceremony** on the evening of April 11th to present 2023 awards and honor promotions and new employees. The event took place at the **Franklin Special School District's Performing Arts Center.** **Tom Lawrence**, the Morning Show Host of the hometown radio station on WAKM 950 AM, served as the Master of Ceremonies. **Vice Mayor Matt Brown** joined **Fire Chief Glenn Johnson**,

Assistant Fire Chief Greg Baltimore, and Deputy Chief Andy King on stage to congratulate the honorees. Go to our website at <https://www.franklintn.gov/Home/Components/News/News/11187/132> to see all the honorees!

Welcome to our new City team members this week!



**Teena Palmer, Administrative Secretary, Water Department**  
Teena is from Franklin. She has 2 kids and a Golden Retriever. Teena likes art and volunteering at the animal shelter.

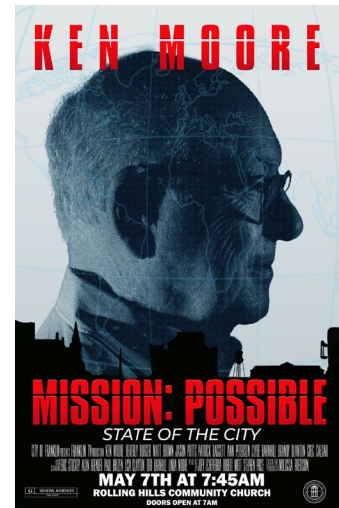


**Trent Sutherland, Building Inspector II, Building and Neighborhood Services**  
Trent is from Spring Hill. He has two children and used to work for the State of Tennessee. Trent has a Bachelor of Science from MTSU.

Welcome to the City!

#### REMINDERS:

**Mayor Dr. Ken Moore** will give his annual **State of the City address** on **May 7**, at Rolling Hills Community Church in Franklin. The Church is located at 1810 Columbia Ave. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. and the Mayor's speech will begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. The theme this year is "Mission Possible," playing off the Mission Impossible movies. Mayor Moore will discuss the City's achievements in 2023 and projects on the horizon. Aldermen other City officials and I will join the presentation. Breakfast will be provided thanks to the **Franklin Breakfast Rotary**. **City departments** will have displays at the event highlighting their services. **I look forward to seeing what our departments do at this event every year!**



The **Parks Department Trail Series** continues. Most of these events happen at 5:30 so many employees could participate after work. See below for all the trail series dates. Also, visit our website at <https://www.franklintn.gov/government/departments-k-z/parks/city-parks-events> for a schedule of events this spring and summer.

**Trail Series:**

Cool Springs Mountain Bike Trail  
Winstead Hill

April 25 5:30-7:00 pm  
May 09, 5:30-7:00 pm

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

Have a great weekend!



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