

## Friday, May 10, 2024









It's been a busy week for the City. We celebrated two great events: **State of the City** and the **ribbon cutting for the Expansion/Upgrade at The Water Reclamation Plant**. More than 300 people attended the State of the City and the **Department Booths** were on target with the **Mission Possible theme**. Thank you to our **Communications team and Admin staff** that helped plan and execute such a great, BLOCKBUSTER event for **Mayor Moore and the community! Michelle Hatcher and the Water Management team** did a great job with the Water Reclamation Plant Expansion/Upgrade ribbon cutting. It was a well-attended event, as well and a big accomplishment for the City and our community! For more photos from the event go to our city Facebook page!







Prior to the **Water Reclamation Facility ribbon cutting**, there was a small accident involving a hawk that was electrocuted! The hawk stretched out its wings to dry them on the new power station and shocked itself. It fell into one of the empty basins and **Ellis Dailey, David Gill and Dusty Leeth** rescued it. They created a containment area for it until the TWRA could arrive! Thanks, guys, for taking care of our wildlife! And an update this morning; the Hawk survived!



And our
Franklin
Police
Department
got in on the
action of
rescuing
wildlife last
night! A bull
got loose in
Franklin,

appropriately named, "Frank the Tank," this behemoth escaped his farm before witnesses reported seeing him swimming across the Harpeth River! Police officers were dispatched to the 1200 block of Carriage Park to rescue the animal, but he wasn't ready to go home just yet. With assistance from **Franklin Fire**, **Williamson County Animal Services**, and **members of the public**, Frank was eventually cornered and "taken into custody." No word on if the FPD issued Frank a moooving violation (sorry, I couldn't resist the Dad-joke opportunity!). Last night, he was back on the farm. Giddy up.

Also, this past week, the **Franklin Police Color Guard** represented the City at the **Predators Stanley Cup Playoff Game!** Pictured from left to right: **Kyle Brink, Ryan Langhi, Chad Pace, and Sullivan Tuck.** 

Franklin Fire Department EMS Officer Sarah
Glenn was one of five EMS leaders in Tennessee
selected to serve in the Tennessee EMS
Leadership Project. This specialized workgroup,
which is an initiative of the State Office of EMS and
TEMSEA (TN EMS Education Association), will assist
statewide EMS leaders by developing educational
leadership content, particularly tailored for field
training officers and preceptors. This is a considerable
recognition and honor. Congratulations!

Nine Franklin Firefighters attended the International Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis recently. FDIC is the largest fire training event in North America and

draws over 35,000 attendees from 55 countries. In addition to three days of classes, Firefighters Jason Bizwell, Brittany Greenlee, and Stephanie Kirk, Lieutenants Jeremy Martin and Paul Seltz, and Captain Ioe Hill participated in two days of hands-on training and workshops covering vehicle extrication, hose operations, search and rescue, fire investigation, high angle tower rescue, electric and hybrid car fires, and heavy vehicle rescue. Captain Jonathan Gill, recently retired Captain Greg Wild, and **Battalion Chief Joe Polenzani all** served as site safety officers during the conference's handson rescue and extrication training. Working as part of a team with other fire personnel













from around the region, they were responsible for the safety of approximately 400 students over two days. **Lieutenant Brian Brandon** worked with members of **Brentwood Fire & Rescue** and other agencies to oversee the fire science college students who served as classroom monitors and assistants during the conference. Additionally, **Chief Polenzani** presented a class on firefighting tactics for mobile home fires. 2024 marks his 14th year as an FDIC instructor.

Welcome to our new team member in **Building and Neighborhood Services**.



## Sarah Tipton, Permit Technician

Sarah is from Columbia, Tennessee. She enjoys painting, running 5Ks, baking and writing. Sarah received her Bachelor or Science in Interior Design from Freed-Hardeman University. Prior to joining the City, Sarah worked for the Farm Bureau Health Plans.

Next week on Wednesday, the **Engineering and Parks Departments** will be celebrating the completion of the **Harlinsdale Pedestrian Bridge with a ribbon cutting on May 15 at 1:00 pm**. Light refreshments will be offered at the Hayes Home directly following the ribbon cutting. The bridge connects the Chestnut Bend neighborhood, Hillsboro Road, and Franklin High School to the Park. The total cost of the project is \$4.4 million, with \$3.2 million funded through the Transportation Alternative Program Funds (TAP) with the assistance from the Tennessee Department of Transportation. The bridge is 220 feet long and 12 feet wide. The Project also includes concrete stamping of a portion of the path in tribute to the Franklin-Nashville Interurban railroad, ADA upgrades, pedestrian lighting, and bike racks. **Deputy Governor/TDOT Commissioner Butch Eley, Former Mayor and TDOT Commissioner John Schroer** and others will be speaking at the event!

Also, next week on May 14 our **Public Works employees will be competing in our annual Public Works Rodeo (Roadeo?)**. The event is at the Fire Training Center EVOC at 419 Century Court. There will be approximately 50 employees competing in six events which are knuckle boom, mini-excavator, zero-turn mower, skid steer, PVC pipe puzzle challenge and golf cart. The event starts at 8:00 am and will end at approximately 11:30 am.

That's all for now. **Happy Mother's Day** this Sunday to all the moms! I am headed to Ohio to see my 91 years-young Mom (you can count on her to set me straight!). To all the moms: you do amazing things to support your kids and families. Thank you and enjoy your day!

Have a great weekend! Thanks for all you do.







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