



**Friday, May 17, 2024**

**CONGRATULATIONS to Abby McCurry (Engineering) and Daniel Mooney (BNS)** who



were the winners for the **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of the Employee of the Quarter!** These two amazing employees were recognized Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to ALL who came out to celebrate!

We will continue accepting nominations for the 2nd Quarter of the Employee of the Quarter 2024 Program until June 30, 2024. 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 [nomination@franklinton.gov](mailto:nomination@franklinton.gov) or by dropping off the form in the HR Office.

Thank you for all that you do! Let's acknowledge and recognize those who are doing a great job at the City of Franklin! Questions? Please contact Melody Reeves!

**Taylor Powers, HR Generalist in the Human Resources Department**, recently earned the **Society for Human Resource Management Certified Professional credential (SHRM-CP) AND the Human Resources Certification Institute Professional in Human Resources (PHR)**. Both HRCI and SHRM are industry leaders in HR professional development and obtaining these certifications demonstrates knowledge and skill in various areas of HR management and strategy. Please congratulate Taylor on these well-earned certifications and accomplishments! Great job!

**REMINDER:** Welcome to **Benefits Open Enrollment season!** This is your chance to review and select the best benefits package for you and your family. Open Enrollment occurs annually, providing an opportunity to make changes to your healthcare and other employee benefits. Open Enrollment is the time to assess your needs and make informed choices. We have great news this year...premiums are NOT changing! This is a passive enrollment, so if you don't wish to make any changes, you don't need to do anything. Your current selections will remain in place. Remember, the decisions you make during this period can have a significant impact on your financial and personal well-being throughout the year. Take advantage of the resources available to you, ask questions. Look for more information to come regarding new enhancements to the plans and virtual meetings. **Open enrollment opens on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and runs through Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.**



The pedestrian bridge at **The Park at Harlinsdale Farm** is now officially open. Officials, including **Tennessee Department of Transportation Commissioner/Deputy Governor Butch Eley and Franklin Mayor Ken Moore** spoke and helped cut the ribbon at an event held Wednesday afternoon. 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. Special thanks to our **Engineering and Parks Departments** who saw this project through completion, also to **Alfred Benesch, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., Kiser Vogrin Design and Dement Construction Co.**



We had some special recognition this week at the **Board of Mayor and Alderman** meeting. May is **National Preservation Month**. **Preservation Planner Emily Huffer** and **Assistant Preservation Planner Elizabeth Bulay**, and **Planning and Sustainability Director Emily Wright** accepted the recognition from Mayor Moore. And May 19-25 is **National Public Works Week**. **Assistant City Administrator over Public Works, Mark Hilty**, accepted that recognition.



The **Franklin Police Department** was in **Cool Springs at the Target Starbucks for Coffee with a Cop**. From the photos it looks like it was a much-appreciated event from

the community. Thank you to our police team who spent time to meet and talk with our citizens.



**Fire and Police** sent personnel to help with a plane crash yesterday in the Leiper's Fork area of Williamson County. **Police sent its dive team and Fire sent its Drone Operator, Fire Information Systems Analyst-Paramedic Daniel Donegan**. A small plane crashed in Williamson County killing all three aboard, according to county and federal officials. **Williamson County Chief Deputy Mark Elrod** said during a Wednesday evening news conference that the plane left Baton Rouge, Louisiana and was headed to Louisville, Kentucky when it crashed at about noon -

<https://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/2024/05/15/aircraft-crash-natchez-trace-parkway-williamson-county/73703163007/>

**Welcome to our new City team member this week!**



**McKenly Owen, Turf Specialist, Parks Department**

McKenly is from Columbia. He enjoys running, riding mountain bikes and spending time with his daughter. McKenly previously worked at a school in facilities management. Welcome to the City!



An update from the **Water Treatment Plant** today, **Britt Hanes, Eric Austin, & Brian Goodwin**, gave tours of the water plant to students from **Thompson Station, Heritage, Sunset, and Spring Station Middle Schools** in Williamson County as part of their **STEAM day**. STEAM day is sponsored by **Williamson Inc** and introduces students to science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics in everyday careers to entice students into staying in those careers as they age. Also from the **Water Management Department, Juan Davis** was asked by **Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation** to present at the **Tennessee Environmental Show of the South in Chattanooga** this week. He was selected and asked based on the nutrient optimization efforts he led at our facility to optimize for nutrient removal.



Tonight is **Touch-a-Truck at Jim Warren Park**. Thank you to all departments who bring this special event to our community! It truly is special to show our citizens, young and old, what we do and how we serve our City.

Have a great weekend! Thanks for *all* you do.

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