



Friday, May 24, 2024



The **Franklin Visitor Center** welcomed the community to see its revitalized space on 400 Main Street. Many community members and visitors attended this open house event to learn more about what went into creating [Visit Franklin, TN's](#) revamped store and the services they provide while enjoying snacks and beverages from local vendors in a block party-style atmosphere. Visit Franklin is the Convention and Visitors Bureau for Franklin and Williamson County.

Tourism Pays

WILLIAMSON COUNTY 2022 STATISTICS

\$1.195 Billion

In Direct Spending from Visitors in 2022

\$1,522 Saved

In Taxes Per Household

\$3.28 Million

In Tourism Spending Per Day in 2022

Williamson County ranks

6th of 95 Counties

In TN for Tourism Spending



See a video of the event here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMkQA-a10Y4>

To get a sense of the impact of tourism on our local economy and the benefit to our taxpayers check out these numbers from 2022. The tourism industry employs over 8,000 people across Williamson County.

Congratulations to **Franklin Fire Department Captain Kyle Bess, Engineer Thomas Alexander, and Firefighter-Paramedic Adam Miller** who were honored as **Hometown Heroes at the Franklin Rodeo this past weekend!** They were recognized for rescuing an 82-year-old woman from a structure fire in the Reid Hill Commons community last year. The woman fell in her kitchen while trying to escape. She was unable to move but fortunately had a phone and called 911. Captain Bess (right), Engineer Alexander (center), and Firefighter-Paramedic Miller (left), who comprise the Engine 1 crew, arrived on the scene first, carried the woman to safety, and quickly extinguished the fire. Photo courtesy of @FranklinRodeo.



Registration for the **Franklin Fire Department's inaugural Lead with Fire summer camp for teens** is now open at www.franklintn.gov/LeadWithFire! The exploratory camp is being offered through a collaboration with the **Williamson County Schools** College and Career Technology Education Department, but your child doesn't have to attend a WCS



school to participate! The three-day program, which will **take place from June 3-5, is designed to introduce rising 9th through 12th graders** to the firefighting profession. Students will complete several hands-on training experiences to gain a better understanding of Fire Department operations and emergency response. Topics will include firefighting turnout gear and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), vehicle extrication, search and rescue, hose operations, and aerial apparatus operations:

Dates: June 3-5, 2024

Time: 8 AM to 3 PM, daily

Place: Franklin Fire Training Center, 419 Century Ct., Franklin, TN 37064

Who: Rising 9th-12th graders, ages 14-18 (high school graduates are not eligible to participate)

Cost: \$100. The fee will include lunch each day and a t-shirt.

The camp is limited to 25 participants.

Dress: Wear athletic shorts for the morning session and bring long pants and closed toe shoes for the remainder of the day.

Register: www.franklintn.gov/LeadWithFire

The camp will be led by the **FFD's Explorer Program Coordinator, Firefighter David Konstant**, along with other Franklin Firefighters. If you have questions, please **contact Firefighter Konstant** at david.konstant@franklintn.gov.

Welcome to our new City team member this week!



Adam Wilcox, Turf Specialist, Parks Department

Adam is from Port Orchard Washington. He is married and has two dogs. Adam enjoys building computers, working on cars, and has climbed Mount Rainer! Adam previously worked for Union Pacific Railroad.

Welcome to the City!!

Pratt Lane Bridge complete. Recently, the replacement of the bridge on Pratt Lane was completed. This new bridge replaces an old, undersized bridge. The City of Franklin made the commitment to replace this bridge as a part of the Ramsey investment in their campus in southeast Franklin. Great work by our **Engineering** and CIP team to help get this project completed!



Third Avenue and Lewisburg Pike Closures are expected during the week of June 3rd.

Recently, we were contacted that there will likely be work to elevate the train tracks on Third Avenue (Highway 96) and Lewisburg Pike during the week of June 3rd. We have been told that this train track work could result in the complete closure of Third Avenue and Lewisburg in this area for as long as two days. We are working with TDOT and railroad officials to obtain more information and work to minimize the impact on traffic. We will keep you informed and let the public know as we get more specific information.

“Sun Belt” cities lead the nation in growth. Recently, the US Census Bureau issued a report analyzing growth across the United States. Their analysis showed continued growth in Southern and Sun Belt cities. Here is the link to this story: <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2024/05/sun-belt-cities-and->

[towns.html?utm_campaign=20240517msacos1ccstors&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery](https://www.franklintn.gov/towns.html?utm_campaign=20240517msacos1ccstors&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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 20th and runs through Friday, June 14th.**

On this Memorial Day weekend, I hope you can take moment to reflect on the meaning of this day which recognizes men and women who gave their lives in the service of our country and the protection of our freedoms. **Mayor Moore** will speak at the annual community Memorial Day ceremony at Five Point Park on Monday morning (10 a.m.).

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



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