



Friday, June 28, 2024

Effective July 1, 2024, an update to our LONGEVITY PAY! Full time employees with 3 or more years of continuous service will receive \$50 per year of service up to a maximum of 30 years of service, or \$1,500. Full time employees with less than 3 years of continuous service will receive a fixed amount of \$100. Certain part time employees may receive a fixed amount of \$100 as directed by the City Administrator. This payment will now be made annually for all eligible employees. The date for purposes of determining years of service is November 1st, and the employees will receive this year's payment electronically on November 22nd, 2024.



Officer Ryan Schuman spoke to a group called **Fit4Mom** at a local Franklin Park this week. They were very appreciative and took many photos with Ryan and his patrol vehicle.

This Independence Day, the **Franklin Police Department** is reminding residents and visitors to celebrate our nation's birthday responsibly.

Over the next two weeks, extra Franklin police officers will be patrolling the streets, working tirelessly to track down impaired drivers. The police department has also placed electronic message boards in high-traffic areas around the city, reminding motorists not to drink and drive. "The Franklin Police Department has zero tolerance for impaired driving on our streets. If you're going to drink and drive in the city of Franklin, chances are that you will wind up behind bars, in a hospital bed, or even worse," according to Franklin Police Chief Deb Faulkner.

Every year, the Fourth of July stands out as one of the deadliest times on the nation's roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, from 2018-2022, there were more than 2,200 traffic crash fatalities during the holiday, 1,414 of whom were the driver. Nearly 600 of those drivers were drunk.



Drivers should plan ahead if they intend to drink. They should secure a designated driver or call a taxi or rideshare for a sober ride home. In Franklin, Uber, Lyft, and several locally owned taxicab companies are available.

Franklin residents and visitors who see an impaired driver on the road are urged to call 9-1-1.

Our **Streets Department** received a very nice **thank you note** last week. See below!

To Whom it May Concern,

*On behalf of man residents of Berry Farms, I want to thank you for initiating the topcoat paving at Berry Farms Crossing. The manhole covers are now recessed, and the entire street is much, much smoother on which to drive. We really appreciate the action you took to make it happen. Sincerely—**Gary Court***

Welcome to our new City team members this week!



Katelyn Darnell, Stormwater Intern, Engineering

Katelyn is from Franklin and is currently getting her bachelor's in agriculture & bioengineering from South Dakota State University. She was also on the SDSU Track & Field Team. Katelyn enjoys being outside, bowling, and going to watch movies.

Lincoln Knizley, Permit Technician, Building and Neighborhood Services

Lincoln is originally from Florida. He has three cats and a poodle. Lincoln has an associate's degree in accounting and is currently working on his bachelor's degree. Lincoln previously worked for Home Depot and Woodcraft.

Jason Gaddy, Human Resources Generalist, Human Resources

Jason is originally from Michigan. He is engaged and has one son and a dog named Juice. Jason enjoys skiing, hiking, and running. Jason’s favorite teams are the Detroit Lions, Pistons, and Redwings. Jason previously worked for the City of Chattanooga.

Welcome to the City!

The **Blackberry Jam Music Festival** benefitting the **Hard Bargain Association** is being held this year at the **Park at Harlinsdale Farm TOMORROW June 29th**. All **Government employees and retired veterans get in free**. City of Franklin employees will need to show their City ID badge. Entertainment includes the Don Adams Band, Tae Lewis, and headliner Reyna Roberts. The event includes a kids zone and food and beverages for purchase. If you’d like to volunteer at the event, please sign up through Hands On Nashville at:



<https://www.hon.org/opportunity/a0CVN00000j40xL2AU/blackberry-jam-volunteer>



Tonight, is the third in the **Parks Department’s Movies in the Park** series this summer. Tonight, the movie is **Forest Gump** at Eastern Flank Park. Bring a chair or pack a blanket and come out to the parks for a **FREE** outdoor movie! **Movies will begin at 8 p.m. or sunset**. Food Trucks available for purchase at 6 p.m. For the list of dates, movies, and available food trucks, visit our website at www.franklintn.gov/movies.

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



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