

Friday, August 16, 2024



Here's an update on the City Hall and moving project: **The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the lease agreement for the First Bank Buildings, our new temporary City Hall!** The First Bank Buildings are located on Columbia Avenue just north of our Police Headquarters. We have approximately five months before we start moving. To assist the Transition Team, a survey has been developed to assist us in making sure we are doing everything we can to make the move seamless for both employees and our community we serve. City Hall employees received an email and the survey from Kim Bennicas yesterday afternoon. Please complete the survey before next Thursday August 22, Employees who work in City Hall should contact Kim if they did not receive the survey. **Stay tuned for more info coming soon on Inside the City!** 



Last Friday, Franklin Police Chief Deb Faulkner was given the Chief Joe Casey Award from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police (TACP). The top law enforcement honor is given annually by the TACP in recognition of a chief of police who has served with distinction through their character, effort, and dedication. The award is extraordinarily meaningful to Faulkner. "Metro Police Chief Joe D. Casey hired me, encouraged me, and inspired me to always love the rule of law, the people I serve, the law enforcement profession, and my fellow officers," Faulkner

said. "This award, in his name, means more to me than I can express." **Congratulations, Chief Faulkner!** This honor is a great reflection on you and the excellent work of the Franklin Police Department team.



The Leadership Franklin Class of 2024 has selected Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor of Franklin, as this year's recipient of the Caroline J. Cross Award. Mayor Moore is the 31st Mayor and second physician to head the City of Franklin. He is the former chair of the Middle Tennessee Mayor's Caucus. In addition to this recognition from Leadership Franklin, he has received the Leadership in Regional Thinking and Action Award at the Power of Ten Summit, Tennessee Mayor of

the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League, and the Hank Thompson Award for leadership and integrity by the Greater Nashville Regional Council. He is the co-founder of Unite Williamson, an effort on uniting the community through and prayer and commitment to bring hope and unity in a time of great need, should it arise. Mayor Moore has a passion for delivering healthcare to the underserved and is medical director for the Shalom Foundation, which provides free surgery to poor children in Guatemala. He has focused on health in the City of Franklin with a particular focus on mental health through Find Hope Franklin. He is a 2013 Graduate of Leadership Franklin. According to Leadership Franklin Board Chair Julian Bibb, "Dr. Moore lives out his love for Franklin. Under his leadership, the City has prospered and achieved national recognition as being one of the best cities to live in America. But beyond that. Dr. Moore serves as a role model to all of us for generosity, collegiality, and as a true servant leader. We are delighted that he is the recipient of the award this year."

On Wednesday, Officer Joe LeCates received the Child Passenger Safety Technician of the Year Award from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office (THSO). The recognition is given to a Tennessee law enforcement officer who has proved to be an exceptional advocate for child passenger safety as demonstrated by service to caregivers and children through programs, the number of hours worked at child passenger safety events, individual events at which they



have worked, the conscientious compliance with record-keeping tasks, and a showing of passion for public service.

"This is a tremendous honor," said LeCates. "I treasure the moments where I, and the rest of the Franklin Police Department, can give back and educate the families in our community. As a father and grandfather, I know that there is nothing more paramount than the safety of our precious cargo." Over the past 12 months, LeCates has organized six car seat check events at local daycares and preschools, providing education, resources, and guidance. He has personally checked more than 135 car seats this last year, ensuring that each caregiver is confident in their own ability to install the seats in the future.

On Wednesday, August 14th members of Support Services (Billing & Licensing, Court, Finance, Purchasing, IT, Facilities, and HR) enjoyed a "lunch and learn" movie event. Staff enjoyed a screening of the documentary "An American Adventure: The Living Legacy Of Jimmy Gentry" complete with popcorn and movie candy. It was a great opportunity



for interdepartmental team building, while also learning about a true American hero whose legacy lives on in Franklin today.



Welcome Cathaoirleach Padraig Fleming and Simon Walton, Chief Executive Officer, from our **Sister County**, **Laois**, **Ireland**. They are visiting at the invitation of **Mayor Rogers Anderson** and **Mayor Dr. Ken Moore to celebrate 20 Years of the Williamson County Fair**. We are filled with hope and optimism for the future.

Many connections and relationships have been established, and we eagerly anticipate future collaborations between our two Counties in the coming months.

**Claude Yates Connector Complete**. **Our Streets** team has successfully completed the Claude Yates Trail Connector this week. You may remember this project came up in the budget process. This connector upgrades and replaces a deteriorating road with this improved roadway and new trail. Great work!

## More events coming up from the **Human Resources Department!**

- 08/20 2<sup>nd</sup> Medicare Informational employees & spouses are welcome
- 08/26 EAP Refresher/Updates for employees virtual via Teams
- 09/10 EAP Refresher for Supervisors via Teams



Finally, I thought you might enjoy seeing this "very special" artwork left on my desk earlier this week. Who is this incredibly talented artist in our midst? Maybe we can have an art gallery in the new City Hall!?! There's a lot of talent out there!

That's all for this week! Thanks for *all* you do. Enjoy your weekend.







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