



**January 30, 2009**

- Good Morning and welcome to your first **ebrief**. I would like to take this opportunity every Friday to update all employees about some of our accomplishments in the city and upcoming events and activities that may be of interest to you. It is my goal to keep the lines of communication open with all employees and have an open door policy. I value everyone's input and if you ever have any ideas or something to contribute please email me any time, give me a call or come by my office. I look forward in the coming weeks to visiting our offices outside city hall and meeting more employees.
- Next week John Grossman, President of E.G. & G. Inc. will be in town and meeting with various organizations to discuss the economic impact of the **Franklin Gateways, Corridors and Downtown Connector Streets Project**. There will be a presentation in City Hall on Wednesday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m. Employees and the public are invited to attend.
- Congratulations to the **Parks Department** for winning the Sizzle Award from Southern Exposure Magazine for the third year in a row for best Williamson County Parks. **Pinkerton Park** took top honors and **Jim Warren Park** received third place recognition. These were the people's choice awards based on the grounds, cleanliness, activities and facilities within the parks. Kudos to our Parks team and to **Anna Shuford** for accepting the award at the Factory Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **MIT's Fred Banner** won the **Patriotic Employer** award from the **Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)** and was honored at the January 27<sup>th</sup> BOMA meeting. Banner was nominated for his encouragement and support by city employee **SFC Michael Proctor**, one of two city employees currently deployed. **Franklin Police Officer John Morton-Chaffin** is also deployed. Proctor, the city's IT communications manager, is currently serving his second tour of duty in Iraq.
- Good budget news related to the **Franklin Police Headquarters**. The facility is at least \$1.5 million under budget and progressing nicely. **Brad Wilson**, facilities project manager was able to reduce some costs at the same time keeping our LEED sustainability goals. We are scheduling a hard hat tour with Aldermen and media the end of February and construction should be complete by the end of the year.

- In case you haven't heard **Franklin was named one of America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations by National Trust for Historic Preservation for 2009**. This prestigious title is presented to cities and towns across the country that offer an authentic visitor experience by combining dynamic downtowns, cultural diversity, attractive architecture, cultural landscapes and a strong commitment to historic preservation and revitalization, according to the National Trust.

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