



May 8, 2009

I'd like to thank all of our Police and Fire staff for an outstanding ceremony honoring our fallen law enforcement officers at the **Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial and Rededication Ceremony this past Wednesday in Franklin**. Many of our staff participated and attended the event. The **Franklin Police Department Honor Guard** did the presentation of colors. **Officer Rose Steagall** read the proclamations and **Sergeant Charles Warner** participated reading the last known call signals. Also, kudos to the **Police Department's Traffic Unit** for diverting traffic around the ceremony and all of our **Civilian Police Volunteers**. From the **Fire Department Jamie Mooney and Deputy Chief Mike Culberson** were instrumental in coordinating the Fire Truck with ladder and Flag which added to the patriotism and impact of the ceremony.

Franklin Fire Chief Rocky Garzarek and Police Chief Jackie Moore traveled to Brentwood this morning to accept a plaque on behalf of our city from the **Picayune, Mississippi Police Chief**. They are recognizing organizations that responded after **Hurricane Katrina**. **Both our Fire and Police sent staff**.

If you read the **Williamson A.M.** this morning you might have seen a new column by our **City Arborist Todd Snackenber**. Today's article is titled "Trees wake up to spring throughout the Midstate." Todd will be contributing an article every quarter for the **Tennessean**. He has some great knowledge to share with the readers in Franklin and Williamson County. Thanks to Todd and Communications Manager Milissa Reiersen for meeting with the editor of the **Tennessean** and making this happen.

National Public Works week is coming up the week of May 17th. Our public workers are being honored in a video produced by **Milissa Reiersen** and **Ray Foglia with Cable Channel 10**. The video titled "Every Day Heroes" features employees from **Solid Waste, Parks, Streets, Engineering and the Water Management Department**. The video will begin airing on Saturday May 16th on Cable Channel 10 and the stars, **Crystal Bishop, Kevin Comstock, Michael Collier, Michael Hamm, William Fox, Sam Starnes, Eric Austin, Juan Davis, Ignacio Basurto, Larry Ragsdale, and Todd Snackenber** are invited to see the premier next week in the City Hall Boardroom. Also on Saturday May 16th we'll have the second annual **Touch-a-Truck event at Pinkerton Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The **Franklin Rodeo Parade** is happening this weekend in Franklin. The parade starts Saturday at noon For a look at this year's parade route go to

http://www.franklinrodeo.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=36&Itemid=64 This is the **60th annual rodeo sponsored by the Franklin Noon Rotary**. The rodeo starts May 14-16 at the Williamson County Ag/Expo Center. For tickets go to <http://www.franklinrodeo.com/>

Enjoy your weekend everyone!

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