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About Franklin

*Where progress and
history give you a unique
sense of place!*

Franklin is located in Williamson County, approximately 20 miles south of downtown Nashville, Tennessee. Founded in 1799 and named after Benjamin Franklin, Franklin is a unique blend of history and new growth. Thousands of tourists come to Franklin each year to visit the site of the Battle of Franklin, the Carnton Plantation, the Carter House, and various other historic locations throughout the city.

The American Planning Association named downtown Franklin one of the Top Ten Great Neighborhoods for their outstanding historic character, architecture, and protective measures to maintain the quality of life with the growth and development.

Approximately 62,000 people live in Franklin. The Cool Springs area is a business and shopping hub, abundant with Fortune 500 companies. Business Week Magazine named Franklin one of the Top 50 Cities to Start a Small Business in 2009.

Downtown Franklin is well-known for its annual festivals and parades, ranging from the Main Street Festival in the spring, to Pumpkinfest in October, to the Dickens Christmas in December. The 15 block historic district offers a taste of genuine Southern hospitality with elegant boutiques, galleries, and an array of excellent food and bakeries.

In 1995, Franklin was honored as one of the best downtown areas in the nation when it received one of five "Great American Main Street" awards in an annual competition held by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since then, accolades have included the "Best Small Town in Tennessee," "America's Most Romantic Main Street," and "One of America's Greatest Antique Destinations."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Franklin's economy is one of the strongest in the nation. Its diverse business climate shelters the city from problems typically associated with a fluctuating economy.

The Greater Nashville area provides an abundance of suppliers and services, and employers' overheads are

lower than in other regions. Franklin's rich quality of life and southern hospitality makes it an ideal location for employees and their families to call home.

Community leaders in the area have carefully planned for growth while maintaining historic treasures and natural

resources important to the lifestyle of the residents. Current infrastructure projects and new developments are opening doors to even more financial prosperity in Williamson County.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The chamber is a vital component of the community.

Judy Hayes, chamber chairperson, says, "The chamber has been instrumental in helping to make the quality of life as good as it is in Williamson County.

"We promote our businesses, help with

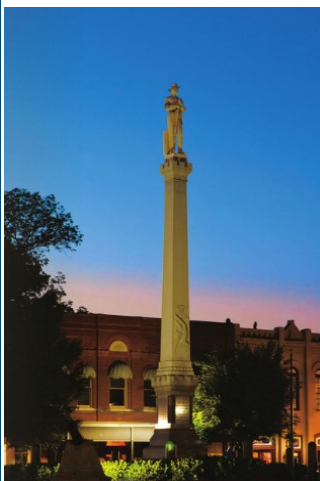
relocations, and encourage our chamber members to shop with each other to keep tax dollars at home.

"The chamber is all about partnership and cooperation with government, nonprofits and businesses - all for the good of our membership."

The Chamber website offers membership benefits and a business resource center.

For more information, visit: williamsoncountrychamber.org

HOW FRANKLIN COMPARES



Quick Facts

Population: 62,614
Median Household Income: \$80,423
Average Work Commute: 21.66 minutes
Median Home Price: \$279,750

What People Are Saying

"The Factory has so many wonderful shops and antiques. I've watched it change from an actual factory to what it is now - it's amazing."
- Jean Norman, 85

"Downtown Franklin is quaint, aesthetically pleasing and historic, and the people are friendly. It's beautifully landscaped and in the center of beautiful rolling hills. It's a positive piece of America."
- Cindy Savarda, 58

WILLIAMSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

Williamson County's school system is a student-centered, academically enriching district that supports the collaborative educational efforts of students, teachers, staff, and community. It is a K-12 school district with approximately 32,000 students enrolled in the system. The district is ranked nationally for its performance scores, and as one of the top school systems in the state of Tennessee.

According to the 2012 Newsweek, Brentwood High School is ranked 252 in the nation, followed by Ravenwood High at 419, Franklin High at 572, and Page High at 672. The list represents less than six percent of the approximately 27,000 U.S. public high schools.

The Franklin Special School District is a K-8 school system with approximately 3,900 students enrolled. The FSSD Board of Education has proudly committed itself to meeting and/or exceeding the state's teacher to pupil ratio requirements: 1 to 20 in kindergarten through third, 1 to 22 in fourth, and 1 to 25 in grades 5-8.



RECREATION

Williamson County is widely known for its 31 parks and recreational facilities. With everything from athletic fields to indoor swimming to green spaces, it's just what people expect in a growing and thriving community. The facilities are continually being improved and expanded.

Franklin maintains three types of parks - active, passive and historic. The city plans to improve the Park at Harlinsdale Farm, a former historic horse farm, and its 200-acre property, drawing inspiration from Central Park. Members of the community envision a multi-purpose gathering place that offers concerts, holiday events, historic reenactments, family fun days, walking and running trails, a dog park, catch-and-release fishing, a children's garden, and more.

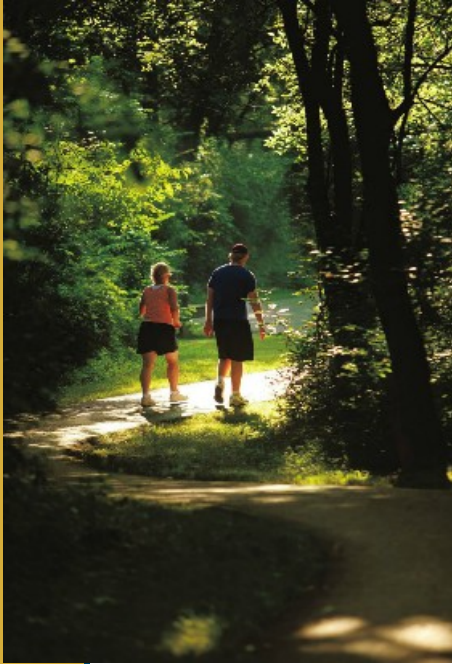
Franklin Parks Department
615-794-2103

The Natchez Trace Parkway runs through Franklin and stretches 444 miles to the southern terminus in Natchez, Mississippi. It features a stunning 1,600 foot double-arched bridge and is an excellent location for camping, biking, and hiking. You can read more about the parkway at www.natcheztrace.info.

As a historic Civil War landmark, Franklin is home to the Carter House and Carnton Plantation, both testimonies to how civilian lives were disrupted by the war. The two locations, combined, bring in approximately 80,000 visitors per year. For more information, visit: <http://battleoffranklintrust.org>.

Recreation hotspots in the Williamson County area include:

- Bowie Park and Nature Center
- Maggie's Bark Park
- Pinkerton Park
- Jim Warren Park



The Carnton Plantation in March



EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

Franklin Fire Department

500 New Highway 96 West
Franklin, TN 37064
Fire Chief: Rocky Garzarek
615-791-3270
rockygf@franklintn.gov

Franklin Police Department

900 Columbia Avenue
Franklin, TN 37064
Nonemergency: 615-794-2513
Emergency: 911
Chief of Police: David
Rahinsky

Williamson County Sheriff

408 Century Court
Franklin, TN 37064
Phone: 615-790-5560
Fax: 615-790-5580
Sheriff Jeff Long

Williamson County Rescue Squad

508 West Main Street
Franklin, TN 37064
Phone: 615-790-5821
Fax: 615-591-6882
Chief Todd Bowman
info@wcfire.com

Williamson County Crime Stoppers

615-790-4000
pays up to \$1000 for
information that leads to an
arrest and indictment.

Tennessee Highway Patrol

615-794-1442

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Driver's License

615-790-5515

Election Commission

615-790-5711

Recycling

615-790-5848

Vehicle Registration

615-790-5712

Voter Registration

615-790-5711



UTILITIES

ELECTRIC

Middle Tennessee Electric Corporation
2156 Edward Curd Lane
Franklin, TN 37067
Phone: 615-794-3561
Fax: 615-794-1102
Deposit required: up to \$275
depending on your credit

GAS

Piedmont Natural Gas
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37228
Phone: 615-734-0665
Emergency Response: 615-734-1400

WATER SERVICES

Water Authority

CABLE SERVICES

- **Charter Communications**
Phone: 888-438-2427
- **Comcast Cable**
Phone: 615-244-5900
- **Direct TV**
Phone: 888-777-2454

TELEPHONE SERVICES

- **AT&T**
Phone: 800-222-0300
- **Comcast Cable**
Phone: 615-244-5900
- **Sprint**
Phone: 888-211-4727
- **Verizon**
Phone: 877-771-0771



ADMINISTRATIVE

Emissions Testing Location

You will need to visit the emissions testing station at one of the following locations:

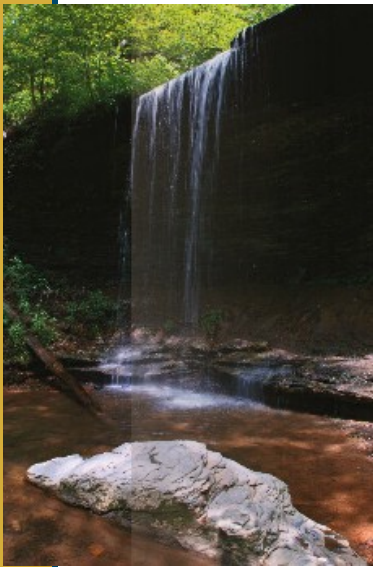
1005 Merylinger Court
Franklin, TN 37067

Hours:

7am - 6pm Mon & Tues
7am - 5pm Wed thru Fri
8am - 1pm Saturdays

Williamson County Administrative Complex

1320 W. Main Street
Franklin, TN 37065
Phone: 615-790-5712
Fax: 615-790-5610
williamsoncounty-tn.gov/



GREEN NEWS

RECYCLING LOCATION

Trinity Convenience Center
3004 Wilson Pike
Franklin, TN 37064
615-794-3904

Mon - Fri 7am - 5pm
Sat & Sun 7am - 6pm

Commercial Loads Landfill
5750 Pinewood Road 1
Franklin, TN 37064
Mon - Sat 7am - 3:30 pm

Convenience Center
Mon - Fri 7am - pm
Sat & Sun 7am - 6pm
Batteries, oil, paint anti-freeze and tires are accepted at the Williamson County Landfill Convenience Center.

City of Franklin Solid Waste Department
417 Century Court
Phone: 615-794-1516



OTHER SERVICES

Animal Control
138 Claude Yates Drive
Franklin, TN 37064
615-790-5590

Williamson County Animal Hospital
1126 Murfreesboro Road
Franklin, TN 37064
615-794-7113/615-799-0222

Physicians Urgent Care
155 Covey Drive
Franklin, TN 37064
615-472-1550

Williamson Medical Center
4321 Carothers Parkway
Franklin, TN 37067
615-435-5000

Williamson County Drivers Testing Center
3830 Carothers Parkway
Franklin, TN 37064
615-790-5515

Williamson County Public Library
1314 Columbia Avenue,
Franklin, TN 37064
615-794-3105

HOURS:
Mon - 9am-8pm
Tues - 9am - 8pm
Wed - 9am - 8pm
Thurs - 9am - 8pm
Fri - 9am - 6:30pm
Sat - 9am - 6:30pm
Sun - 1pm-6:30pm

Facts About Tennessee

Adopted in 1905, the flag features three stars representing the grand divisions of the state: East, Middle and West. The stars are bound together in indissoluble unity by an unending white band.



The Iris, *genus Iridaceae*, is the **official state cultivated flower**. It is an herbaceous perennial of which there are about 170 species, including several North American varieties, the most common of which is the Blue Flag. While there are several different colors among the Iris, and the act naming the iris as the state flower did not name a particular color, by common acceptance the purple iris is considered the state flower.



The Mockingbird, *Mimus polyglottos*, was selected as the **official state bird** in 1933. The Mockingbird is akin to the Brown Thrasher and the Catbird. It is ashen gray above, with darker, white-edged wings and whitish under parts; its length, inclusive of the long tail, is about 10 inches. One of the finest singers among North American birds, it possesses a melodious song of its own, and is especially noted for its skill in mimicking the songs of other birds.



Tennessee's **official sport fish** is the Largemouth Bass, designated in 1987. The largemouth *Micropterus salmoides*, is probably the most popular and sought after fish in the state. Sometimes referred to as "bigmouth," its popularity is due to a strong fighting ability, relatively large size and pleasing flavor. The Tennessee largemouth can grow to 14 or 15 inches by its third year and may be found in most of the lakes and streams in the state.



The **official state agricultural insect** is the Honeybee and was designated in 1990. The honeybee, *Apis mellifera*, is a social, honey-producing insect that plays a fundamental role in the production of all crops. It is also very popular for its production of honey and beeswax. The honeybee plays a vital economic role in Tennessee through its pollination of various crops, trees, and grasses. The honeybee is the only insect that can be moved for the express purpose of pollination.



The Tulip Poplar was designated as the **official state tree** of Tennessee in 1947. As no state tree had ever before been designated, the adoption of an official tree seemed appropriate. The tulip poplar was chosen "because it grows from one end of the state to the other" and "was extensively used by the pioneers of the state to construct houses, barns, and other necessary farm buildings."



Found just about everywhere in Tennessee, **limestone was designated the official state rock** in 1979. Tennessee marble, as the metamorphic version of limestone is known, is widely used in public and private buildings.



The Tennessee Walking Horse was named the **official state horse** in 2000. The Tennessee Walking Horse is bred mainly from Standardbred, Morgan, Thoroughbred, and American Saddlebred stock. The three, easy-riding gaits of this breed: the flat-foot walk, the running walk, and the canter, are all natural, inherited characteristics, making this breed one of the smoothest riding horses in the world. This breed was a practical utility horse in the beginning and evolved into a pleasure horse with its gentle ride. Tennessee Walking Horses generally range from 14.3 to 17 hands and weigh 900 to 1,200 pounds.



The Eastern Box Turtle, *Terrapene carolina*, was designated **official state reptile** in 1995. This peaceful creature usually reaches a length of less than six inches and has a shell of black or brown with spots of yellow, orange and red. This reptile usually lives between 30 to 60 years and never ventures far from its place of birth.



In 1971, the Raccoon was adopted as Tennessee's **official wild animal**. The Raccoon, *Procyon lotor*, is a furry animal that has a bushy, ringed tail and a band of black hair around its eyes which looks like a mask. Raccoons eat fish and frogs that they catch in rivers and streams. Raccoons living in Tennessee weigh from 12 to 25 pounds. Most males are larger than females. Raccoons walk like bears, with all four feet on the ground, and are good swimmers.



The Tennessee Cave Salamander was named **official state amphibian** in 1995. This large, cave-dwelling salamander has three red external gills, a broad, flat head with small eyes and a tail fin. It is most often found in limestone caves that contain streams in central and southeast Tennessee.



The Bobwhite Quail, *genus Colinus virginianus*, was designated as the **official state game bird** in 1987. The Bobwhite, also known as the Partridge, is considered one of the finest game birds in the world. It is a short-tailed chunky brown bird, usually 8 to 10 inches long. The male has a white throat and a white stripe above the eye, while the female has a buffy throat and eye stripe. In spring the male's clearly whistled bob white is answered by the female's four-syllable whistle. This game bird lays from 10 to 20 pure white eggs, more than almost any other bird.



Tennessee River Pearls are the **official state gem**. The Caney Fork in Middle Tennessee was noted for its pearl-bearing mussels, and "pearling" was a favorite sport on Sunday afternoons at the turn of the century. After World War I, dams were built on many of the rivers, and the mussels lost their swift and shallow shoals. Also, the waters became more toxic and pearling became unprofitable. But, Tennessee river pearls are among the most beautiful and durable in the world.





Whatever your real estate needs may be, we are here to assist **YOU!**
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