

Focus on Frankfort



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City Partners with KSU and FHS to Give Students Valuable Work Experience

The City of Frankfort has been working with Kentucky State University (KSU) and Frankfort High School (FHS) to give students valuable experience in public administration.

Kentucky State University

Over the last several years the City has utilized students from Kentucky State University both as part time employees and as part of a traditional internship program. During the spring semester of 2015 the City had five KSU students working in the City, four in the Police Department, and one in the Public Works Department.

Ron Banks, Director of Career Planning and Placement for KSU, said there are many reasons the school's partnership with the City is valuable. "It gives the students hands on experience in their major, builds a strong resume, and helps get them hired," he stressed.

Banks said KSU students working for the City also strengthens relationships between the university, the student body and the City. "The students feel they are accepted, they are part of the City."

Banks said he has been working with some City departments, such as the Frankfort Police Department, for over 20 years. "I've worked with at least three Police Chiefs and they have always utilized our students for interns or part time parking enforcement," he said. The department currently has students Joslyn Akins, Alexandria Davis, Nocomis Miner and DeJanee White working part-time. White's part-time work has served as a stepping stone toward full-time employment as a Patrol Officer I according to Human Resources Director Kathy Fields.

Banks said he has received support from Mayor Bill May and City

Clerk Ramona Newman over the years. "When these students get a reference from the Mayor of Frankfort it goes a long way."

One department that has just recently utilized KSU students is the Public Works Department. Marcus Harris, a Public Administration Major, is currently working in the Public Works Department to present a Storm Water Educational Curriculum to local students. "I have met a lot of great people and my supervisors have been very helpful," Harris said. "This internship has afforded me the opportunity to grow as a leader and presenting the Storm Water curriculum in the schools has been a humbling experience," he continued.



Moriah Bellamy
Frankfort High School Senior

Frankfort High School

Although utilizing college students for internships is somewhat common, this year the City also had a Frankfort High School Senior, Moriah Bellamy, join its temporary workforce.

During the 2014-2015 school year Frankfort High School began offering a career pathway in public administration. A culminating requirement of seniors involved in this program is to participate in an aligned internship.

According to FHS teacher Shane Hecker, since the program's inception, City Manager Tim Zisoff and the City of Frankfort have been major supporters of the program. As a result, the City offered Bellamy an internship within the City Manager's Department.

"Interning at City Hall has been a great experience! I plan to study law in college, and I am considering the political field. Conveniently, this opportunity is a gateway for meeting city officials and networking with city employees as well as gaining knowledge on how the City of Frankfort is operated.," Bellamy said.

"I want to thank City Hall for providing the students of Frankfort this opportunity, as it produces better citizens, which ultimately creates a stronger community. A true education occurs, in my opinion, when our community, its resources, its educational institutions, and its leaders come together for the advancement of our youth," Hecker stressed.



Marcus Harris, a Kentucky State University student, is presenting storm water curriculum to students in local schools.

Mayor's Message—

The Winter and Spring of 2015 turned out to be very active for the Eastern United States, the State of Kentucky, and the City of Frankfort. With two major winter storms quickly followed by flooding issues here in Frankfort, it was a difficult time for many.

During these events our City, County, and State employees did a great job keeping our roads clear and our citizens safe. I want to personally thank everyone for the long, hard hours they put in and the dedication to a job well done that was demonstrated during each event. I would like to

thank media outlets, especially the *State Journal*, for helping us get information out to the public.

I also want to thank the citizens of Frankfort for your cooperation. I know you were asked to stay off the roads and possibly to move your vehicles off certain roads. We understand those requests may have been inconvenient. However, your cooperation allowed our crews to perform their jobs efficiently and safely. As we move forward the City continues to appreciate the dedication of our employees and the cooperation of our citizens.



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Frankfort Police Department Unveils Mobile Application

The Frankfort Police Department recently unveiled a mobile application that promises to be both informative and useful for the citizens of Frankfort. The application or APP can be used on smart phones and tablets, is available online at the Apple APP Store and the Google Play Store and is absolutely free. Simply turn on your device, open the Apple Store or Google Play Store and search for Frankfort Police Dept.

Direct links to the app are as follows:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/frankfort-police-dept/id980173213?ls=1&mt=8>

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.app_frankfortpd.layout

Once the APP is downloaded a citizen has the option of requesting to receive Push Notifications. These notifications will be sent out by the Frankfort Police Department and include real-time information on on-going situations such as traffic acci-

dents, road closures, and other active calls of public concern.

The APP also allows citizens to perform a multitude of tasks including completing a Crime Tip Form, signing up for Smart 911, accessing social media (Facebook and Twitter), or completing a Community Survey. Citizens can also send photos and voice messages to the Police Department using the app.

Also available on the APP are several services including payment of a FPD ticket, requesting a Neighborhood Watch, Step Up Patrol, or Traffic Enforcement. Citizens

can also report crime on-line for Harassment, Fraudulent Use of Credit/Debit Cards (Under \$500), Criminal Mischief/Vandalism (Under \$1,000), or Lost or Damaged Property.

Police Chief Jeff Abrams wants to stress that, although the APP is useful, it is not a replacement for 911 services. "If the citizen has an emergency or is in need of immediate assistance, they need to call 911 and talk to a dispatcher. The application will help us to gather information and send out communications, but it is not designed for emergency situations," he said.

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Chermie Maxwell Appointed New Frankfort City Clerk

The Frankfort City Commission recently appointed Chermie Maxwell City Clerk. During the month of April, 2015 the Commission interviewed candidates for the position which will become vacant May 1, 2015 with the retirement of Ramona Newman.

Maxwell, a native of Frankfort, is excited about this new challenge. "I'm honored to have been appointed to this position. I've enjoyed working for the City of Frankfort and I'm looking forward to this new chapter in my career," she said.

During her 10 year tenure with the City of Frankfort Maxwell has held administrative positions in Planning & Zoning as well as the Public Works Department. "In my former positions with the City a big part of my responsibilities has been working with the public and I feel the City Clerk's position will be a continuation of that public service."



Chermie Maxwell

In addition to her service with the City Maxwell has held the position of Secretary for the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) and the Kentucky Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Maxwell said being able to help the citizens of Frankfort has been very rewarding for her and she is certain the City Clerk position will bring its own challenges and rewards. "It's a very exciting time for me and my family," she said. Maxwell lives in Frankfort with Scott, her husband of 23 years. They have one son, Justin.

Storm Water Information

Sewer Systems and Storm Drain Systems

Sewer systems and storm drain systems are not the same. The water that goes down a sink or toilet in your home or business flows through a sewer system to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated and cleaned. Water that flows down a driveway or street and into a gutter goes into a storm drain which goes directly to a natural body of water, such as the Kentucky River or Elkhorn Creek, untreated.

How can you help?

Wash your car the right way. Either wash your car at a car wash that filters the wastewater, or wash your car in a grassy area. Avoid washing your car on a driveway or in the street unless you are using environmentally friendly cleaning products.



Tips to Help Save Energy and Money

- ◆ Set your thermostat as high as tolerable.
- ◆ Do not place any appliance that would generate heat next to your thermostat.
- ◆ The use of a fan with a window air conditioner can help cool additional space.
- ◆ Turn lights off or as low as they will go.
- ◆ Close blinds, or curtains to keep the sun out during the day.
- ◆ In the summer, turn off the furnace pilot light.
- ◆ Dress for the weather (light-weight clothing for summer).



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