

SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee

Dear STFB member—

Well, we made it! Save The Franklin Battlefield and Franklin's Charge sprinted across the finish line in the final days of 2005 and met our goal to raise \$100,000, which was effectively matched one-to-one by both the CWPT and Rod Heller, the seller of the country club property. Our sincerest thanks go out to everyone who gave so generously, from the early days of the drive to the final hours. You are making a difference here in Franklin!

As the drums beat the final celebrations, STFB has resolved to brush the campaign dust off and press on. Many times in the War, on both sides, a commander didn't push on after victory to build on his troop's success. We intend not to be guilty of this scenario. STFB is committed to raise awareness of the great number of Civil War sites here in Franklin and Williamson County that are threatened daily.

Do you know that a new building is going up across the street from the Pizza Hut, and within site of it? Or that the County is "refurbishing" the old BGA site, rather than following the recommendations of studies funded, in fact, by themselves? Our collective work is never done here, and we must be ever vigilant to future threats to the Franklin Battlefield. Your membership and your help at every level makes it possible to soldier on here in Franklin.

God bless you for that, and have a great start to the New Year!

Joe Smyth

Eastern Flank Park Celebration

The City of Franklin is hosting a reception on Tuesday, February 7 from 4-6 PM to celebrate the final purchase of 112 acres of the Franklin Battlefield eastern flank. You are invited to be part of this very special celebration. The event will be held at the golf course club house near the Confederate Cemetery at Carnation Plantation. The schedule details are still in flux, but Franklin Mayor Tom Miller will welcome Rod & Kay Heller of Washington, DC and officials of the National Parks System, the Civil War Preservation Trust, and local preservation groups. Watch the newspapers and the STFB web site for additional details.

Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Park

Yes, you read that correctly. On Saturday, June 10, 2006 at 11:00 AM there will be a celebration and dedication of the Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Park. The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Battle of Parkers Crossroads Living History, Battle Reenactment, and Battleground Chili Cook-Off at the Parkers Crossroads City Park. The first phase of the battlefield preservation is almost complete. There are now 206 acres of core battlefield preserved at Parkers Crossroads near I-40 Exit 108 west of Nashville. Mark your calendar – additional details for the event will be posted later. See the Parkers Crossroads Battlefield Association website at www.parkerscrossroads.com

News In Review

Columbia Avenue's Changing Lanes — *Franklin Review Appeal* — 12/21/05 —

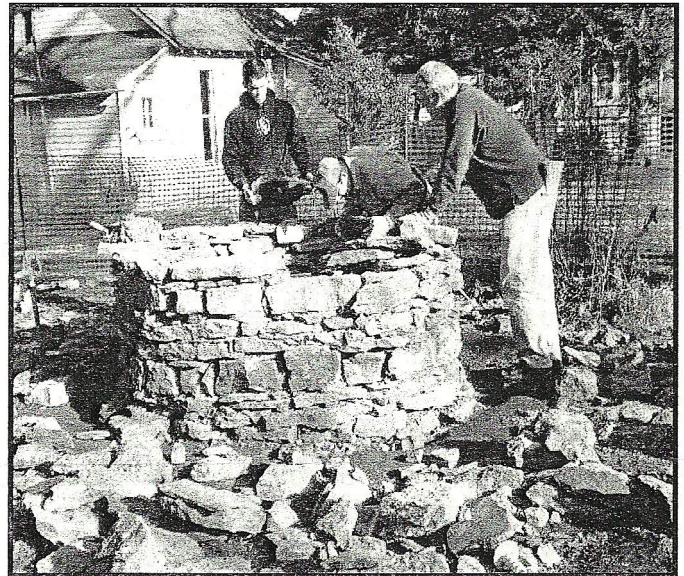
FRANKLIN — When Franklin Mayor Tom Miller drove the arm of the track hoe through the roof of the Columbia Avenue's former Pizza Hut earlier this month, it was only one of the dramatic moments the street has seen recently. From historic reclamation to retail development, it's been a year of changes for the street. More changes are on the way for the dynamic area. "Like many areas within the city of Franklin, Columbia Avenue is experiencing developmental pressures which threaten the area's visual and historic integrity," reads a section of the "Purpose" section of the city's Columbia Avenue design standards document. Then there is the Pizza Hut building, which Miller said could be a catalyst for more battlefield reclamation projects along the corridor.

A year of action: More parks and green space added — *Franklin Review Appeal* — 12/28/05 — **FRANKLIN** — In 2004, the city bought the 200-acre Harlinsdale Farm horse farm off Franklin Road and plans were stepped up this year to create a park there. And in 2005, the city purchased the Pizza Hut property on Columbia Avenue, where intense fighting occurred during the Nov. 30, 1864, Battle of Franklin. That land cost \$300,000. The city closed on the sale of the Country Club of Franklin property, which it bought for \$2.5 million along with matching funds from local preservationists.

Consultants to help bring battlefield back to life — *Franklin Review Appeal* — 12/28/05 — **FRANKLIN** — Franklin is closer to finding someone to help transform the Country Club of Franklin property into a battlefield park. What that means, in part, is restoring the greens and sand traps to a condition approximating the look of the land in 1864 and making appropriate accommodations for park users. The city has received seven proposals from consultants interested in creating a master plan for the park which is considered the eastern flank of the Battle of Franklin.

Liberty Pike condos receive varying reactions — *Williamson Herald* — 1/12/06 —

Franklin — A 300-unit condominium and town-house development planned for 22 acres surrounding The Factory at Franklin is getting mixed reviews from those who have seen the plan. Jamison Station would be built on both the north and south side of Liberty Pike, according to Dwight Kiser of Land Design who is representing the client on the property, Summit Development. (Editors' note: This area was part of the Ft. Granger complex and the scene of intense fighting during the retreat from Nashville.)



A Step Towards Collins' Farm Site Restoration: A Rock Well Curb

The Collins' Farm well now is protected by a rock well curb. When STFB member Stephen Rutledge, an Eagle Scout candidate from Boy Scout Troop 177, was searching for an Eagle Scout project, he considered several possible tasks at Collins' Farm, finally settling on building the much-needed well curb.

Building the well curb was quite a daunting task. Stephen was assisted by his father, John, an Assistant Scout Master, two other Assistant Scout Masters, eight other Scouts, and Bob Herbert, a family friend who furnished much of the rock needed and worked with the Scouts throughout the construction. The project involved 340 hours of labor.



David Fraley Honored With Dozier Award

At the January STFB board meeting, outgoing board member David Fraley was presented with the Tenny Pinkerton Dozier Award. Save The Franklin Battlefield periodically gives the Dozier Award to individuals who have given their all to help preserve, protect, and reclaim the Franklin Battlefield.

Tenny Pinkerton Dozier was the wife of a local Confederate veteran who worked tirelessly throughout her lifetime for the establishment of a battlefield park at Franklin. She was instrumental in funding the monument that stands today in the Franklin Square.

David Fraley is a native of Indiana, whose passion for the Battle of Franklin led him to relocate to Franklin. He is a longtime member of STFB, and started his journey with us as a volunteer. He later became a board member, a position he held for many years, retiring from the board this past November. He has been STFB Vice President for the past two years.

David brought the Collins' Farm property to our attention, and worked tirelessly to almost single handedly organize our Preservation Marches which were crucial to paying off the property.

David will continue on as a crusader for the Franklin Battlefield, and many of you may want to give him a hearty thank you and a firm handshake when you see him in his position as military curator at The Carter House in Franklin.

We once again congratulate David Fraley for his years of service to the battlefield at Franklin, and wish him well in all his future endeavors!

New STFB Battlefield Marker For Liberty Pike Underpass

A very generous member of the New Orleans Civil War Roundtable has donated funds for a new STFB roadside marker on old Liberty Pike at the CSX railroad underpass. This site was well inside the Fort Granger complex and was the scene of heavy fighting during Hood's retreat from Nashville on December 17, 1864. This will be a two-sided marker with place history on one side, and battle history on the other. All STFB sponsored markers are placed with the cooperation of the Williamson County Historical Society to insure that markers county-wide have a uniform appearance, tone, and writing style.

New & Renewing Members Dece. 2005

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