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As mentioned last month there are several upcoming events for STFB. Our annual meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2016.

On December 3 and 4 we will again be participating in the Mike Kent Civil War Show in Franklin, one of the largest events of its kind in the country. Visitors from throughout the United States present us with an opportunity to continue to share the Franklin Story and to showcase the progress we all have made together.

Progress continues on the Carter Hill Park as the groundwork has begun for the walking trails that will be a permanent feature of the park. Look for additional markers on our city streets marking the skirmish line along the length of the battlefield on that fateful November day.

Other events of interest in the coming month include Descendants' Reunion September 23-25; Battle of Franklin symposium: October 20-22; Blue & Gray Days: November 4-5, 152d Anniversary of the Battle of Franklin/Illumination: November 30. For additional information on these events visit: www.boft.org.

See additional news in this newsletter. Please continue to follow us on Facebook and on our webpage, and as always we appreciate your continued support.

Dan Mora – President

New & Renewing Members August 2016

Wayne B Anderson	Raymond, MS
Karen Arnsdorf	Chippewa Falls, WI
Ed Bearss	Arlington, VA
The Carter House	Franklin, TN
John Cox	Franklin, TN
Brandywine Valley CWRT	West Chester, PA
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Save the Date - STFB Annual Meeting & Dinner with Speaker Eric Jacobson

The STFB Annual Meeting and Dinner will be Thursday, November 17 at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Franklin. We will gather in Otey Hall beginning at 6:00 PM with a full dinner buffet at 6:30 PM. A short business meeting will follow which will include a review of STFB 2016 activities followed by our speaker Eric Jacobson.

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The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person with payment in advance no later than Monday November 14. Our seating is limited to 50 so please get your check in early to:

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Progress Continues at the Carter Hill Battlefield Park

Franklin Parks Dept employees are making steady progress on installing the planned improvements at the emerging Carter Hill Battlefield Park. They have dug out of the pathways and are building the crushed limestone base needed before the asphalt trails can be put down. Except for laying the asphalt, all work is being done by Parks staff who said the crushed limestone must settle and weather for about two weeks before the paving contractor can begin.



The last of the crushed limestone is dumped for building the trail foundation.



The entrance from Columbia Pike will lead the visitor to the wooded area north of the cotton gin site

At the time of this report, the asphalt contractor had not yet been scheduled. This is a busy time for them. But everyone was confident that the trails would be ready in October.



The trails will parallel the trench line in the area of the Carter cotton gin

Across Columbia Pike ...at the Lovell property, the Casa house is being readied for moving. Workmen recently cut some trees, cleared out the house, and reinforced the structure. The original plan was to move by September 30, but that date may slip a bit.

Once the Casa house is moved, work will begin to remove the flower shop house just to the north. The general timeline is for the flower shop to be removed by yearend.



Workmen are clearing trees around the Casa house and preparing the structure for moving.

And just north of the flower shop.... Repairs are underway for the Carter Farm Office. This is the red building that we have all visited that was shot full of holes during the battle. At a recent Franklins Charge Board Meeting, BOFT CEO Eric Jacobson

briefly reviewed the damage that has been found and the repairs needed. The building had been repaired over the years with modern materials that are now being removed. As the interior walls were removed, everyone on site was struck with how the sunlight dramatically revealed just how many holes there were. Someone offered that maybe the Farm office should be included in the interpretive tour with the interior walls removed so the holes are highlighted. Eric also observed that there was a 50 year accumulation between the walls of pull tabs, gum wrappers and other odds and ends that had been stuffed into the bullet holes. He plans a full report in a press release later this fall. Some fund raising will be necessary, he adds, since the repairs will exceed the funds allocated.

And on north to the Franklin High School gym site.....

that has now been graded and seeded. The gym site is now part of the Carter House Historic site. It is not open to the public yet but with the gym structure and many trees removed, it is obvious why it was called Carter Hill.



The old Franklin High School site looking south to the Carter House shows the new grading and the grass starting to cover it.

In late 2014, the Tennessee Historical Commission released a conceptual interpretative plan for the Carter House Historic Site. It showed a general layout of the Carter Hill Park with a new Visitor Center, walking trails and much open area. Battle of Franklin Trust CEO Eric Jacobson reports that the actual interpretative plan for the entire Carter Hill Battlefield Park east and west of Columbia Avenue is now being developed but will not be ready until well into 2017. More later

2016 Middle Tennessee Civil War Show At Ag Center December 3 - 4

The 30th Middle Tennessee Civil War Show is set for December 5 – 6 at the Williamson County Ag Expo Center, I-65 Exit 61 in Franklin, TN.

Mike Kent and Associates of Tennessee will once again host the show. The hours are Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.- Sunday, 9:00 Am. to 3:00 p.m. General admission is \$10.00 with children under 12 free. Come visit us at the STFB table on the lower level at the west end of the arena.

News In Review September 2016

Thompson's Station's Preservation Park discussed at Parks Committee meeting — Williamson Herald — 9/8/16 — FRANKLIN

— The Thompson's Station Parks Committee discussed a master plan for the town's newest park, now known as Preservation Park, at its meeting on Sept. 6. The park has not been named as of yet, and the town is still seeking community input for the naming. They are tentatively calling the area "Preservation Park," partly because they want to preserve the land, which includes land utilized during the Battle of Thompson's Station in 1863. On part of the land, (Confederate Gen.) Nathan Bedford Forrest took command and defeated the Union Army,"

Despite its Civil War setting, Robert Hicks' new book speaks of today's issues — Williamson Herald — 9/13/16 — FRANKLIN

— Robert Hicks released his newest historical novel, *The Orphan Mother*, on Sept. 13, followed by a launch ceremony Sept. 15, at the Franklin Theatre. *The Orphan Mother*, set in Franklin, takes place during Reconstruction. Mariah Reddick, a character from *Widow of the South*, is a woman of mixed-race. Born into slavery, Mariah was given as a gift to Carrie McGavock when they are both young girls.

Mariah becomes a midwife helping Franklin's women of all races. Mariah's only child, Theopolis, is a cobbler by trade but politically minded with a greater ambition for his people. However, being in the wrong place causes his early demise. This murder sets Mariah on a journey to discover who was responsible for his death.

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