

Community Notes

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Mayor's Message...

Happy Spring! I hope this finds you having a wonderful spring, and enjoying the warm weather that could NOT have come soon enough for me! Around our community, spring is always a wonderful time. Neighbors finally are coming out of their houses and working their yards, helping one another and making our neighborhoods and communities a brighter place. If you happen not to prefer flower beds and gardens, perhaps you'll be interested in Franklinton's Adopt a Street program as a way to brighten our Town. Applications are still available at Town Hall, and there are still plenty of streets to be adopted!

I must admit, these last few months have been a bit more hectic than I prefer. I haven't been able to be around town as much as I like, and I haven't been able to make it to as many of our community's events as I intend, all thanks to my 'day' job as an education consultant, working with candidates for National Board Certification (in teaching). However...I have had the privilege of working with many *local* candidates for NBC...so in a way, I've been working for you even when I'm not in town! Things on that front will begin to lighten up considerably around the end of April, so look to see me a little more frequently. (Whether that's a good thing or not remains to be seen...but I hope it's a good thing!) If there's something going on with your organization, civic group or church that you'd like me (or any Town Board of Commissioners) to attend, please don't hesitate to let us know. We'll do our best to be there. If you aren't able to reach me at Town Hall, you're welcome to contact me at 919-702-4814.

Please also remember that every member of the Board of Commissioners (including myself) has access to e-mail. All Town e-mails are first initial and last name @franklintonnc.us. (For example – esenter@franklintonnc.us.) All of our e-mails are listed on the back cover. Let us know where we can be to support you!

Given that spring will have sprung by the time you receive this, hopefully you know there's lots to do in our little town. From the Communitywide Yard Sale to Fun in the Sun to Movies on Main and Stars on Main to Stand up for America and all the businesses you can support in between, there's a host of opportunities to enjoy yourself right here in Franklinton. Have an idea for something new we can do? Let us know, we just might try it!

Have a wonderful spring!

Elic



BUDGET MEETINGS BEGIN

The Board of Commissioners will hold several workshops in an effort to begin the planning process for the Town's 2010-11 budget. These meetings will be held on April 27 (7:30pm), April 29 (7:00pm), May 4 (7:00pm), May 6 (7:30pm), and May 11 (7:00pm). The final proposed budget will be presented to the Board and the citizens at the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on May 18, 2010. The budget must lay open for comment prior to being approved. Traditionally, the Board of Commissioners votes on the budget in a final vote at the June meeting.

Budget meetings are open to the public.

WHEN IS HARDEES COMING?

We know you're wondering – because you've asked! So here's your official update. At the March Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board approved a resolution which grants the contract for placing sewer lines along the west side of US 1 (from Pocomoke Road to Green Street). The next step will be the actual process of putting the pipes into the ground, which actually shouldn't take very long. Once that is done, Bodde Noell Enterprises can begin their work on their site. The target date the Town has been given is August 2010.

However, keep in mind this project is about more than just one restaurant. By placing sewer lines along this side of US 1, we are able to open several additional parcels of land to development, which hopefully will entice additional development. Keep an eye out for future developments!

Come Celebrate Our Community!

The Town of Franklinton will hold a Community Celebration on June 5, 2010 at the American Legion Building on American Legion Road. Since our Town's founding in 1842, we have held a long history of wonderful citizens, fantastic events, many firsts, and created some history of our own along the way. We're coming together on Saturday, June 5, 7:00 pm at the American Legion to celebrate just that!

There will be entertainment, local stories, good food and great fellowship to be shared! This event is FREE and open to the public! Please RSVP your attendance to Nikki May at Town Hall - 494-2520. See you there!

Movies & Stars on Main

The Franklinton URC has again planned to host **Movies on Main** this year, and will again partner with the Franklinton Arts Alive Committee to host **Stars on Main**! The two events will take place on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, starting on May 22. Movies will be shown on Main Street in the public parking area.

Stars on Main will again be hosted by the Arts Alive Committee, and will begin at 6:30pm. Three finalists will be named at each night of competition, and prize packs will be given. All finalists will be invited back for **Finals Night on August 28**. The grand prize winner will receive a \$250 check! Additional prizes may be awarded.

May 22	The Blind Side
June 12	Tooth Fairy
June 26	Twilight & New Moon (Double Feature)
July 10	Madea Goes to Jail
July 24	Kung-Fu Panda
August 14	Up!
August 28	The Fantastic Mr. Fox

You Can Recycle Your CFL Bulbs Right Here!

CFLs and tube fluorescent lights (like those found in Town Hall and the Town Hall Annex) contain mercury, which is a dangerous element that can poison humans and animals with even the slightest of contact. Proper disposal of such semi-hazardous material is key to ensuring a safe living and working environment. Currently, there are programs in our region for recycling mercury bulbs, including Home Depot's CFL recycling program, and Wake County's bulb site in Knightdale. However, there really is nothing of convenience to the citizens of Franklin County, much less Franklinton, which is what prompted the Town to create, for Town residents, a mercury bulb recycling

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Fun in the Sun & Fireman's Day Coming Soon!

Get your sunscreen (and hopefully, no umbrellas!) ready for May 15, because Fun in the Sun is headed your way! Make plans now to attend the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce's annual spring street festival in uptown Franklinton. There will be food, games, fun times and carnival rides - something truly for everyone!

And just like family tradition, the same day will be the annual Franklinton Fire Day in our community. This is the main fundraiser held by the Franklinton Fire Department, a volunteer organization dedicated to protecting the members of our community from one of nature's most dangerous and devastating elements. Members of the Franklinton Fire Department volunteer at events year-round, not just taking calls for the department. Come show your support by purchasing a chicken or barbeque plate, or buying a raffle ticket, or a t-shirt at Franklinton Fire Day!



Stand Up For America

On July 4, the American Legion Post 52 (Franklinton Post) will again host its annual Stand Up for America event at the FHS Athletic Complex just off US 1 Highway. PLEASE come out and support the event! There will be lots of fun and games during the day, live entertainment all day long, great food, fireworks at the end...and you might even get the chance to dunk the Mayor! Hope to see you there!

FIND THE BICYCLE, WIN A PRIZE!

If you find the picture of a bicycle in this edition, come to Town Hall or email contest@franklintonnc.us to register to win a \$50 gift card to Food Lion! All entries must include Name, Phone Number and Location of the Bicycle. Entries must be received by May 18th at 5:00 pm. Winners will be drawn from correct entries and announced at the Franklinton Board of Commissioners meeting on May 18th.

GOOD LUCK!



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program. This program does not require residents to pay an extra fee or a recycling fee, as many recycling programs do, and is easy to use.

Town residents who have CFLs that have burned out may bring them to Town Hall during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm) to be recycled. If you have a fluorescent tube light, you may bring it (or them) to the Public Works Department on S. Chavis St. on Tuesdays between 7:00am and 9:00am. Please help us protect your living environment and the residents of our Town by correctly disposing of mercury based light bulbs and using this new Town service!

Novozymes Named Top Business Partner by NC SMT Education Center

On April 17, Novozymes will be given the 2010 Business Partnership award by the North Carolina Science Mathematics and Technology Education Center. The Burroughs Wellcome Fund launched the SMT Center in 2002. A 22-member board of directors comprising N.C. leaders in education, business, and government oversees the Center. The mission of the NC SMT Center is to systematically improve performance in science, mathematics, and technology pre K-12 education as a means of providing all children in North Carolina with the necessary knowledge and skills in science, mathematics, and technology to have successful careers, be good citizens, and advance the economy of the state. The SMT Awards are given each year in multiple categories including outstanding educators, business partners, and community partners.

Novozymes was selected for the Business Partnership award because of their outstanding corporate partnerships with local schools in Franklin County and beyond over their 30+ years in North Carolina. Upon locating their North American headquarters in Franklinton, Novozymes (then Novo) partnered with Franklinton High School to build a greenhouse, and provide supplies for AP science classes to be taught. Novozymes has since been host to multiple site visits and job shadowing opportunities, and most recently provided Franklin County Schools with funds to build a new biotechnology laboratory in the new Franklinton High School, currently under construction.

Franklinton Mayor Elic Senter, a member of the NC SMT Center Board of Directors, will present the award to Novozymes North America President Adam Monroe at the ceremony. Mr. Monroe will be welcomed to the Franklinton community at a reception prior to the Franklinton Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 6:00pm. The public is invited to attend.

Community Celebration ~ June 5th
R.S.V.P. at Town Hall TODAY!

FRANKLINTON SENIOR CENTER
Center of Excellence

The NC Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) Counseling site at the Franklinton Senior Center spent the month of March problem solving. The Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) closed the Fox Insurance Company Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) on March 9th. 24,000 North Carolinians were affected and 193 Franklin County residents were affected. Many of the problems developed as Fox members were asked to pay full price for prescriptions. If you are having problems with your current Prescription Drug Plan or Medicare Advantage Plan please give us a call, 494-5611. We work closely with the Raleigh SHIIP office who then work directly with the Atlanta offices of CMS.



Brandon Madden with the NC Department of Justice talked about how to prevent frauds and scams with over 50 seniors who were present at the center for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration. Great food, fellowship and fun were had by all. Brandon's thirty minute presentation was very well received and generated a host of great questions from folks. He left us with several brochures that may be helpful to you so please stop by and pick one up. We are located at 602 E. Mason St.

Article submitted by Patrick Woods, Director Franklinton Senior Center

Important Dates to Remember

Township Chamber	6:00 pm	1 st Monday
Planning Board	7:00 pm	3 rd Monday
Board of Commissioner	7:00 pm	3 rd Tuesday
Tree Committee		4 th Tuesday
URC Meetings	6:30 pm	1 st Thursday
Arts Alive		3 rd Thursday
Fun in the Sun Fireman's Day	May 15, 2010	Main Street
Movies & Stars on Main Series Begins	May 22, 2010	2nd & 4th Saturday Evenings
Memorial Day	May 31, 2010	Town Hall Closed
Community Celebration	June 5, 2010	Am. Leg. Post 52
Stand up for America	July 4, 2010	FHS Football field
Independence Day Observed	July 5, 2010	Town Hall Closed

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MOVIES ON MAIN & STARS ON MAIN 2ND & 4TH SATURDAY BEGINNING MAY 22ND



Letter from the Desk of Police Chief John Green

Dear Citizens:

Like most of you, I welcome the coming of spring and hope this letter finds everyone in the best of health. With the onset of warmer weather families will be planning vacations. I would like to remind our citizens that if you contact Ms. Susan Cothran at the police department you can have your homes placed on our property check list for officers to keep a special eye on your property, so that you enjoy your time away from home with an extra confidence.

As I know many of you are aware, during the month of March, the police department responded to three different shooting incidents within city limits. First and foremost, I want to assure all of our citizens that your police department is investigating each of these incidents with all of the resources at our disposal to insure the arrest and conviction of the individuals responsible for perpetrating these crimes. Like many cities across the country, we are finding ourselves with drug and gang problems, which inevitably leads to the types of crimes we have been experiencing. Recognizing the problem is the first step in finding a solution to the problems we now face. It takes a joint effort between citizens, police and the judicial system to combat this ongoing problem. The police department welcomes your input and cooperation to keep our streets, schools, and businesses safe.

I would like to end on a positive note; recently Sergeant Wade Bulloch was named American Legion Post 52 Officer of the Year. Sgt. Wade Bulloch was honored at dinner hosted at by the American Legion Post 52. Sgt. Bulloch, who has the highest DWI arrest rate within Franklin County during 2009, was selected for his efforts in combating the increased problem of Drunk Drivers on our roadways. Again, I would like to recognize and thank Sgt. Bulloch for his ongoing efforts to keep our streets safe for the motoring public.

Let's work together to make Franklinton a safe community to live and raise our children.

Chief John Green

For more information on gangs and what to be on the lookout for please visit the following website: http://ssw.unc.edu/fcp/fp/fp_v10N2/gangs.htm.

