

Frankenfest on Main Oct. 27th 9am - 5pm

# Community Notes

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## Mayor's Message....

It's FALL ! Where in the world has 2012 gone?? How did we go from the wonderful rays of the sun this summer to the changing colors of leaves and crisp fall air in the mornings? (Not to mention mums, pumpkins...and the pending need to fill our bowls with candy for trick-or-treaters?!) When the clock struck midnight last December 31, I vowed to take more time to 'smell the roses' this year...and I think I missed them!

It's nearly time for *Frankenfest on Main!* In our 6th year, this festival has truly become a labor of love for many, including myself, and we hope you'll come out and enjoy yourself. There will be crafters, games, local artists, regional art classes, performers, and of course, great food! I hope we'll see you there!

Speaking of changing...that seems to have been the theme of this year. One of the biggest changes we've seen has been right here at Town Hall. Some of you may already know, and if you don't, you're about to read some of the biggest news in all of this year. Raymond Bragg, our longtime Public Works Director, a Town employee of over three decades, and one of the most dedicated servants this town has ever had the privilege to employ, has retired. You read it right, friends...*retired*.

Well...retired from his work with the Town. If you join us at Frankenfest, you might get to see him playing on stage. And more than likely, he'll be back at work doing something somewhere sometime soon...because as we all know, Raymond "doesn't do" staying at home for more than a few days. (Even when he was sick, unless it kept him truly bed-ridden, he was at work!) I hope, though, that he'll take at least a few weeks for



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## Pumpkin Pageant & Costume Contest

On Wednesday, October 31, *OneFranklinton* - Fine Arts will host our community's annual *Pumpkin Carving Contest* and *Costume Contest*. In the days leading up to Halloween, members of the Fine Arts program area will work with local schools and daycares to provide classes and individuals with pumpkins to be carved and put on display on Halloween. Pumpkins will be delivered three to four days prior to pick up on the afternoon of Wednesday, October 31.



Interested individuals not affiliated with a school in the Franklinton area may request a pumpkin to carve by calling Town Hall (494-2520) and speaking with Nikki May; you will be given a pickup date and time when you call. There will be a limited number

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## FRANKENFEST ON MAIN IS COMING

*OneFranklinton* will host our 6th Annual **Frankenfest on Main** Fall Festival this year! On Saturday, October 27, downtown Franklinton will be transformed into an exposition of crafters, professional vendors, non-profits organizations and community outreach booths from local governmental agencies! There will be live entertainment all day long, lots of great food and fun for the whole family! The streets will close at 6am in preparation for the day, and the fun begins at 9am!

Want to see Frankenfest on Main grow? Want to support *OneFranklinton* in its mission to foster community and that great Franklinton community spirit? Sponsor the event! E-mail us at [info@frankenfestonmain.org](mailto:info@frankenfestonmain.org) for more information!

Come one, come all for a great fall festival in our historic downtown business district!

## Trash & Recycling Schedule

- October 31 Trash Collection
- November 7 Trash & Recycling Collection
- November 14 Trash Collection
- November 21 Trash & Recycling Collection
- November 28 Trash Collection
- December 5 Trash & Recycling Collection
- December 12 Trash Collection
- December 19 Trash & Recycling Collection
- December 26 Trash Collection
- January 2 Trash & Recycling Collection
- January 9 Trash Collection
- January 16 Trash & Recycling Collection
- January 23 Trash Collection
- January 30 Trash & Recycling Collection

## Citizen of the Year Nominations



Do you know a Franklintonian that gives of their time, talents and heart? Know someone that goes above and beyond their call of duty as a citizen? Then take an opportunity to nominate them for Citizen of the Year!

The Board of Commissioners will celebrate our newest Citizen of the Year at the December 2012 meeting. Nominations for Citizen of the Year will be accepted through November 30, 2012. Nomination forms and guidelines are available at Town Hall, and can be mailed to you, or obtained from the Town's website ([www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us)). Please consider nominating someone for this great honor!

## MERCURY BULB RECYCLING

Compact fluorescent lights (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. While they are great energy saving products, 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 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 (M-W-F, 8:30am – 5:00pm; Tu-Th 8:30am–11:30pm: 2:30pm-5:30pm ) to be recycled. 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!



## TOWN HALL CONTACT INFO

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## TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY TIPS

- An adult should accompany children at all times.
- Carry a bright flashlight
- Wear clothing and costumes with reflective tape or "Glow in the Dark" markings.
- Always WALK, do not run.
- Stay on the Sidewalks.
- If there is no sidewalk keep to the left side of the road.
- Trick-or-Treat only in familiar neighborhoods.
- DO NOT go to strangers' houses or cut across their yards and driveways.
- Visit houses that have lights on, especially houses with Halloween decorations.
- Always use the front door; NEVER go to the back of a house.
- Stay away from any animals that you don't know.
- Always be polite and don't forget to say "Thank You."

## Trick or Treat October 31st 6 - 8 pm



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himself, get some rest and relax a little before embarking on a new journey. After nearly 40 years of never-ending, 'always-on' service with and for the Town of Franklinton, he certainly deserves it. Raymond, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the thousands of citizens (and visitors) you've served in your tenure, we say a hearty and loud **THANK YOU!**

As you read this edition of *Community Notes*, you'll see that there are a number of activities going on in and around Franklinton in the coming weeks. From *Frankenfest on Main* to the Halloween events to the annual American Legion Chitlin Strut to *Christmas on Main* to our community's annual night-time Christmas Parade, there's much to do between now and the end of the year. Be sure and take advantage of these fantastic experiences that are right here at home!

As you may have noticed, the year, *Community Notes* has not been published on its regular schedule. That is, in part, because of the year being one of the most hectic that I've experienced both professionally and personally. Please accept my apologies for not being as regular with the publication, and know that I will work to put *Community Notes* on its regular schedule of publication in 2013!

And don't forget—Tuesday, November 6 is Election Day. Regardless of your party affiliation (or unaffiliation), remember to exercise your right to vote!

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of individual pumpkins made available. (Please remember – these pumpkins are for carving and participation in the contest, not for personal use.) Pumpkins will be on display at Franklinton's Central Park on Main Street, and will be lit at 5:00pm.

The Costume Contest will be held at Frugal's Fun Center, also our contest sponsor, on Main Street from 6:00 – 8:00pm. Photos of costumes will be taken during this time. Photos will be placed on the Town of Franklinton website, where you can print your photo. Winners will be announced at 8:30pm. The downtown business district will remain closed to traffic through 10:00pm that night, and businesses will be encouraged to stay open. Music will be played downtown throughout the evening, and *OneFranklinton - Fine Arts* will be hosting our annual Halloween Street Dance!

By now you're asking...what are the prizes?

For the Costume Contest, entries will be based on age: Birth - 4, 5-11, 12-17, 18+. There will also be a Best in Show winner. Each category will have one winner, who will receive a \$25 gift card from Kohl's Department Stores! The Best in Show winner will receive a \$50 gift card!

For the Pumpkin Carving Contest, there will be a first and second place winning class selected from Franklinton Elementary, Long Mill Elementary, Cedar Creek Middle, and Franklinton High Schools, providing schools participate. There will also be a prize given to the winning daycare entries and a winning individual entrant. First place classes will receive a pizza party, while second place classes receive an ice cream party. The individual winner will receive a \$25 gift card!

**We're on the Web!**  
**[www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us)**

5th Annual  
**Frankenfest**  
**On Main**



Uptown Franklinton  
October 27, 2012

9am – 5pm

**Crafters, Local Artists,  
Food and Fun!**

*Live Entertainment All Day Long!*

[www.frankenfestonmain.org](http://www.frankenfestonmain.org)

# JOIN US FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Mark your calendars now for events held by the Town of Franklinton (via *OneFranklinton*) throughout the holiday season!

**Franklinton Christmas Parade** - 7pm, Thursday, December 6 on Main Street in downtown Franklinton. The Town Christmas Tree will be lit just prior to the parade so line up early to get the best viewing spot!

**Community on Main** - 7pm, Saturday, December 8 at the **Town Christmas Tree**, which will be in Franklinton's Central Park. Local vocal artists and church choirs will perform for the community. The event is free to the public, and donations will also be accepted. Light refreshments will be available. Come join your community for a celebration in song!

**Holiday Lights Tour** - Tours from 6pm-9pm, Saturday, December 8. Tours leave from the **Town Christmas Tree**. Maps will be available at Town Hall beginning on December 6 (in conjunction with the annual Christmas parade). Stops on the Holiday Lights Tour are noted by signs in the yard.

If you are interested in participating, please visit [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us), call or stop by Town Hall (494-2520) or e-mail [esenter@franklintonnc.us](mailto:esenter@franklintonnc.us) to obtain the entry form. Submissions must be made no later than November 30, 2012. Special awards will be given to stops on the tour, including Most Classical, Most Outrageous, Most Unique, and Best in Show.

Should you have any questions about the Town's holiday events, please don't hesitate to contact *OneFranklinton* by phone (494-2520) or e-mail ([esenter@franklintonnc.us](mailto:esenter@franklintonnc.us) or [tray@franklintonnc.us](mailto:tray@franklintonnc.us)). Want to become more involved? Join us at our meetings, the second Thursday of the month, 7pm at the Town Hall Annex!



## HOW CAN I CONSERVE WATER?

You can conserve water (and reduce costs)! A few steps you can take to conserve water include:

- ◆ When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run while rinsing. Fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- ◆ Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- ◆ Use the garbage disposal sparingly. Compost vegetable food waste instead and save gallons every time.
- ◆ Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- ◆ Shorten your shower by a minute or two and you'll save up to 150 gallons per month.
- ◆ Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- ◆ Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- ◆ If your dishwasher is new, cut back on rinsing. Newer models clean more thoroughly than older ones.

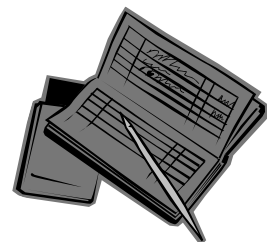


## HAVE YOU CONSIDERED DRAFTING YOUR MONTHLY UTILITY BILL?

Most every resident in Town has a utility bill. For decades, the Town's policy has been that Town utility bills are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, are late after 5:30pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month, and if not paid by 5:30pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month, the customer's utilities are cut off. Those policies will continue in the 2012-13 budget year. Want an easy way to not have to remember to get your payment to Town Hall **and** save a little money on postage or gas? Use our bank draft service!

To set up automatic bank draft, bring a voided check to Town Hall, and fill out a brief form. The entire process will take less than ten minutes! It also makes paying your utility bill **much** simpler, because it will automatically be drafted from your checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. So avoid the big lines! Set up automatic bank draft today!

Any resident **not currently** on automatic bank draft that registers for it before December 31 will be entered into a drawing for a prize pack including a \$25 gift card to Franklinton's WilcoHess station! The drawing will be held at the January meeting of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners!



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### Town Hall Business Hours

**Mon. ~ Wed. ~ Fri.**

**8:30 am - 5:30 pm**

**Tue. & Thur.**

**8:30 am - 11:30 pm**

**2:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

## The Franklinton Board of Commissioners Meet the 3rd Tuesday of Every Month. Citizens are Invited to Attend.

### CLIP IT, POST IT, REMEMBER IT!

October 15.....Planning Board - 7pm  
October 16.....Board of Commissioners Meeting 7pm  
October 27.....Frankenfest on Main - 9am - 5 pm  
October 31.....Halloween Trick or Treat 6pm - 8pm  
.....Costume Contest 6pm - 8pm  
.....Pumpkin Pageant  
November 6.....Election Day! Don't Forget to Vote!  
November 12.....Veteran's Day (Observed) - Town Hall Closed  
November 19.....Planning Board - 7pm  
November 20.....Board of Commissioners Meeting - 7pm  
November 22-23.....Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Hall Closed  
December 6.....Franklinton Christmas Parade - 7pm  
December 8.....Christmas on Main!  
December 17.....Planning Board Meeting - 7pm  
December 18.....Board of Commissioners Meeting - 7pm  
December 24-26.....Christmas Holiday - Town Hall Closed  
January 1.....New Year's Day Observed - Town Hall Closed