

# Community Notes

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## Mayor's Message...

Hello, and Happy Autumn! I hope this finds you and yours doing well and enjoying a wonderful fall season. As you know, fall is a busy time here in Franklinton, with many events taking place throughout the course of October, November and December. I do hope you'll have an opportunity to take advantage of these many family-friendly and (best of all) *free* events held right here in Town, just for *you!*

I know there have been many questions of late around how the Town creates its budget. I also realize that not everyone has an opportunity to attend the Board of Commissioners meetings; not everyone is a cable subscriber so not everyone can see the meetings shown on Channel 10; and not everyone subscribes to a local newspaper. However, there are many outlets by which to receive information...not the least of which are the six elected officials you have chosen to serve you. We are all here to answer questions, explain our thought processes around how the budget is created, and hear your concerns (and of course, do our best to respond) regarding how your tax dollars and utility fees are spent. Please know that your Board is working to ensure that you, as a citizen and utility customer are as informed as possible, and we are using all possible resources to keep you up to date. Every day is a new learning experience, and with each lesson we try to improve every day.

While I am consistently honored with the privilege of serving as your mayor, my top priority is my family, and I imagine you all feel the same about your own. Ordinarily, I wouldn't take this space to write about something quite so personal, but I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you for the outpouring of support surrounding my mother and her illness. It's that kind of support - the love and generosity of a community like ours - that makes me proud to call Franklinton home. My best to you for a happy - and healthy - holiday season!

*Elic*

## Pumpkin Pageant & Costume Contest

On Saturday, October 30, the Franklinton Arts Alive Committee will again host its annual *Pumpkin Carving Contest* and *Costume Contest*. In the days leading up to Halloween, members of the Arts Alive Committee 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 Friday, October 30. Interested individuals not affiliated with a school in the Franklinton area may request a pumpkin to carve by calling Town Hall (494-2520); you will be given a pickup date and time when you call. There will be a limited number 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 throughout the day of Frankenfest on Main, and will be lit immediately following the close of the event. Trick or Treating will take place in Franklinton from 6-8pm, during which the Costume Contest will also take place. Photos of costumes will be taken from 6-7:30pm. Photos will be placed on the Town of Franklinton website, where you can print your photo. Judges will make their selections from 7:30 - 8:00pm, and winners will be announced at 8:00pm. 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 following the close of Frankenfest on Main, and the Arts Alive Committee will be hosting our first ever 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+. Each category will have one winner, who will receive a \$25 gift card from Kohl's Department Stores!



## What's Going on With the Pocket Park?

As you may have noticed, progress on the 'pocket park' planned for downtown Franklinton has slowed in recent weeks. Wondering why? There's good reason. As it turns out, there was once a gas station on the lot that will eventually be the 'pocket park,' and the tanks from that station were still in the ground. (The lot being converted to a park was most recently the site of the Franklinton Rescue Squad building, destroyed several years ago during a storm.) As Town crews began the process of removing asphalt and clearing the area, they discovered the tanks. From this point, the Town used funds set aside by the Board of Commissioners to remove the tanks. Ultimately, three tanks (all of which contained some amount of gasoline) were removed from the site, along with some contaminated dirt. The site has now, however, been pronounced 'clean' and is considered fully safe for the forward movement of the development of the park. Look for more progress to begin happening soon, and to keep up with the movement of the park, feel free to attend and participate in the Tree Committee's meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Town Hall Annex!



### FRANKLINTON SENIOR CENTER Center of Excellence

The Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) continues to offer one-on-one counseling sessions at the center. You can get some very helpful information about Medicare, what it covers and how much it will cost. We can do a price comparison check on Medicare supplement policies and identify the Medicare approved prescription drug plan that does the best job covering your prescription drug needs at the lowest price. We can also help folks on Medicare due to disability. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> there have been some major changes to the standardized Medicare supplement plans. We have all the information you need to make sense of it. November 15<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> is the Annual Election Period for your prescription drug plan. This is the time to change plans if we find one that serves you better and saves you money. Schedule an appointment today, call 494-5611.

*Article submitted by Patrick Woods, Director  
Franklinton Senior Center*

## Citizen of the Year Nominations



In the last edition of *Community Notes*, you read about a new opportunity for citizens of Franklinton to recognize one another. The Board of Commissioners will celebrate our newest Citizen of the Year at the December 2010 meeting. Nominations for Citizen of the Year will be accepted through October 31, 2010. 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!

**FRANKLINTON BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
MEETS THE 3RD TUESDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH.  
CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED  
TO ATTEND!**

## Round Up for Franklinton!

What is the Round Up program? Round Up Franklinton is a program of the Town of Franklinton to provide an opportunity for citizens to make contributions on a monthly basis to the Uptown Revitalization Committee, the Arts Alive Committee, or the Tree Committee. Contributions can be made in two ways. Citizens can contribute by 'rounding up' their monthly utility bill – in other words, if your bill is \$54.50, you can round up the additional \$0.50 to 'round up' your bill to \$55, and the additional \$0.50 would be donated to one of the three committees, of your choosing. You can also contribute by making a flat dollar figure contribution, such as a monthly contribution of \$5, which would be donated to one of the three committees, of your choosing.





## The Quest for E-mail Continues!

We're still taking e-mails, and because of the wonderful response to the last request, we're doing it again! We're working to gather e-mails so that we can begin sending this newsletter, along with notices about public meetings, events, and other important information to you electronically. Doing so will help the Town save paper (thus making us greener) and postage (thus saving the Town money).

From October 1 – December 31, every Town resident who submits an e-mail address for Town use will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to Food Lion. A drawing will be held monthly at the Board of Commissioners meetings for a \$25 gift card. At the December meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Mayor will draw a name from all those submitted during October, November and December for a \$100 grand prize gift card. Won't you help us save trees, postage and time? Send us your e-mail! You can give it to us when you come in to Town Hall to pay your utility bill, e-mail Mayor Elic Senter ([esenter@franklintonnc.us](mailto:esenter@franklintonnc.us)), or you can call Town Hall (494-2520) and provide your e-mail to Kate Patridge, Utility Clerk. We'll send confirmation e-mails as soon as possible after we receive it. (If you have already submitted your e-mail, thank you! But...you won't be eligible for the drawing.)

Don't have an e-mail address? Even if you don't have internet access, you can have an e-mail address. Computers are available for use at the Franklinton Public Library to those who have a library card, and for those who are senior citizens, at the Franklinton Senior Citizens Center. Whether you go to the library, senior center, or have internet access at home, you can get an e-mail address. Visit [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com), [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), or [www.hotmail.com](http://www.hotmail.com) for a free e-mail address. Once you have it, let us know. Together, we'll make a change in the future of Franklinton!



*Find the candy in this edition of Community Notes and win a gift card. The winner will be announced at the December 21, 2010 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Entry forms available at Town Hall or online at [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us).*



### LOGO MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Items available to celebrate your community pride include t-shirts (\$10), travel mugs (\$5), lawn chairs (\$15) and umbrellas (\$10). Items are available at Town Hall, and events such as Frankenfest on Main. When you purchase a travel mug, refills on drinks at Movies on Main are available for \$0.50, instead of the regular drink cost of \$1. So get yours today – flash that red and white around and let everyone know you're proud to be a Franklintonian!



### URC – What, When, Why

The Franklinton Uptown Revitalization Committee was formed three years ago in an effort to support re-development in our downtown business district. Since its formation, the URC has created several successful events, including Frankenfest on Main and Movies on Main, both designed to bring the community together and bring citizens to the downtown business district. Franklinton URC is continuing to move forward, working to create a facade grant program, placing new banners throughout downtown, and working in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce to foster a spirit of community among businesses in Franklinton.

The URC, as with all other committees and civic groups, welcomes any citizen to join us in this work. Franklinton URC meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7pm at the Franklinton Town Hall Annex.



## 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 30th 6 - 8 pm

## LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Want to support Franklinton Elementary School but aren't sure how? Here's a way that's simple and easy! If you use Campbell's products, such as chicken noodle soup, just peel off the red label and bring it in. FES will then send those labels to Campbell's and will receive a payment for each label sent. You can also bring in labels from Nestle's Pure Water, most Coca-Cola products (the bottle caps or the tabs from 12-packs of Coca-Cola products), and Box Tops for Education. There are receptacles for each of these products available at Town Hall and at Franklinton Elementary School in the lobby. Save your labels, box tops and bottle caps, and bring them to Town Hall anytime you come by - and support Franklinton Elementary when you do!



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Mark your calendars now for events held by the Town of Franklinton (via the Arts Alive Committee) throughout the holiday season!

**Community Holiday Concert** - 7pm, Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Franklinton High School Auditorium. Local vocal artists and church choirs will perform for the community. The event is free to the public, and doors will open at 6pm. Contributions to the Arts Alive Committee are welcome, and guaranteed seating will be provided as a thank you to those who make contributions of \$25 or more. Donations will also be accepted at the door. Light refreshments will be available at intermission.

**Holiday Lights Tour** - Tours from 6pm-9pm, Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12. Tours leave from the Town Christmas Tree at the corner of Mason & Main Streets. Maps will be available at Town Hall beginning on December 2 (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) to obtain the entry form. Submissions must be made no later than November 24, 2010. Special awards will be given to stops on the tour, including Most Classical, Most Outrageous, Most Unique, and Best in Show. (Awards will be given at the December 2010 meeting of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners.)

Should you have any questions about the Town's holiday events, please don't hesitate to contact the Arts Alive Committee by phone (494-2520) or e-mail ([esenter@franklintonnc.us](mailto:esenter@franklintonnc.us)). Want to become more involved? Check [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us) or Channel 10 for meeting locations.

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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!

Also, Arts Alive will have a pumpkin carving and decorating station at Frankenfest on Main. Come by and have some fun!





# Frankenfest On Main



Uptown Franklinton

October 30, 2010

9am – 5pm

**Crafters, Vendors, Food  
Vendors, and Fun!**

*Live Entertainment All Day Long!*

**\*\*PUMPKIN PAGEANT AND COSTUME  
CONTEST THAT NIGHT!\*\***

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

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



### *Holiday Closings*

November 11, 2010 –  
Veteran's Day

November 25-26, 2010 –  
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 24, 27, 28, 2010 –  
Christmas Holiday

January 3, 2011 –  
New Year's Holiday

### Dates to Remember

October 30 – Frankenfest on Main  
Pumpkin Carving &  
Costume Contests

October 30 – Trick or Treat 6-8pm

November 5 – Senior Picnic

December 4 – Community Holiday  
Concert 7 pm

December 11-12 – Holiday Lights  
Tour

December 21 – Citizen of the Year  
Announced

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[www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us)

*Seasons Greetings*

