

# Community Notes

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## Upcoming Service & Policy Changes



### CURBSIDE COLLECTION ON WEDNESDAYS

Effective **July 1**, the Town of Franklinton will be moving to curbside garbage pickup. This means that by 6:00 a.m. on the morning of your garbage pickup day, you will need to roll your trash cart to the curb of your street; once the trash has been picked up, you will need to roll your cart back. By moving to curbside pickup, the Town was not only able to return to curbside recycling, but also to reduce the monthly garbage fees charged to our residents. Also, Waste Industries notified the Town earlier this year that back yard pick up would no longer be available effective July 1, 2012.

If you feel that your cart is too large, and would like a smaller cart, please contact Town Hall and make that request. Town staff will request that you complete a short form to have a record of this request, and your new, smaller garbage cart will be delivered as quickly as possible.

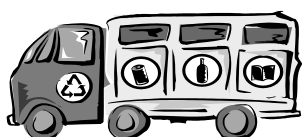
For those residents who are physically unable to move their carts to the curb, backyard pickup will still be made available. If you are unable to move your garbage cart to the curb, it is **imperative** that you contact Town Hall as soon as possible to fill out the backyard request form. Please call 919-494-2520 or visit [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us) for more information.



### CURBSIDE RECYCLING BEGINS JULY 6TH

In the coming weeks, Franklintonians who utilize the Town's garbage services will be receiving a green recycling cart. This new service – curbside recycling – will allow residents to recycle any recyclable material (except mercury bulbs – fluorescent bulbs) in **one container**. You will be able to combine cans, bottles, paper, plastic, aluminum – everything recyclable! This service will be provided on a bi-weekly basis beginning on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Because the Town is moving to curbside recycling, we will also in the coming weeks be removing the recycling containers in downtown Franklinton. We are excited about this new service, and hope that *all* our residents will take advantage of the opportunity to help protect our planet!



### National Night Out 20 Years of Community!



The Franklinton Police Department will hold its 20th annual observance of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. There will be lots of activities for everyone in the family to enjoy! Come out and join us!

Franklinton is one of the 10,000+ communities that were involved in observing National Night Out in 2010. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watches and is an effort to heighten crime prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The event began in Franklinton in 1992 with residents being encouraged to turn on their porch lights and come outside, while officers made visits to as many residents as possible. Participation was so overwhelming that "Block Parties" had to be organized so that officers could meet

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## UTILITY DISCONNECTION WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED



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 9<sup>th</sup> of the month and are late after 5:00pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> of the month, and if not paid by 5:00pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month, the customer's utilities are cut off. The Town has been lenient in the enforcement of its disconnection policy allowing customers until the end of the day on the 15<sup>th</sup> before cutting off their services. However, in order to fairly enforce the disconnection policy, all accounts that are unpaid at 5:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month, or the next business day after should the 14<sup>th</sup> fall on a holiday or weekend, will be scheduled for disconnection. After 5:00 p.m. on the 14<sup>th</sup> payments will not be accepted in the after hours drop box. The next morning beginning at 7:00 a.m. all customers who have not paid will be disconnected and charged a \$50 reconnection fee in order to restore service. All utility accounts that are satisfied prior to 12 noon will be restored on the same day. All efforts will be made to restore service to accounts satisfied between 12 noon and 3:00 p.m. on the same day; however this will be dependent on the Public Works schedule and reconnection is not guaranteed and may be as late as 12 noon on the following business day.

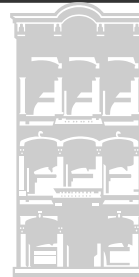
## Easy Pay!

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 5<sup>th</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 August 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 September meeting of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners!

## OneFranklinton Announces Façade Grant Program



One of the major focus areas of *OneFranklinton* is the appearance of the streetscape along Main Street and in the downtown/uptown area. After three years of fundraising and the hard work of a subcommittee in developing guidelines and an application, the *OneFranklinton* Façade Grant Program is ready! Those who own properties in the historic downtown business district are eligible to apply for a 50% matching grant (up to a \$2,000 reimbursement) to replace, upgrade, or repair the exterior façade of their property. The grants will be awarded quarterly, with applications due mid-quarter on a rolling deadline basis. Remaining deadlines for 2011 are August 31, and November 30. Awards will be announced at the regular meetings of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners in July, October, and January following the application deadlines, and recipients will be notified by mail prior to the public announcements. Those interested in applying can find the application online at [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us), or at Town Hall, 7 W. Mason St., Franklinton, NC. (You can also call Town Hall at 494-2520.)

## MOVIES ON MAIN



How wonderful and exciting it was on June 4 to see over **100** people come out and participate in our June event! *OneFranklinton* is in the midst of our **third** summer movie series. These **FREE** events, hosted at Franklinton's Central Park (at the former Southern Municipal Parking Lot), are opportunities for residents and their families to enjoy a movie, some popcorn, and the fantastic atmosphere of our community.

Why does *OneFranklinton* host Movies on Main? Several reasons! Events like Movies on Main bring together our residents to create the sense of community for which Franklinton has long been known. Some folks come from other towns and other areas just to watch movies in downtown Franklinton! This brings visitors to see opportunities that exist in our historic downtown business district. It also provides our local downtown businesses the opportunity for new customers when they come to see a movie!

When programs aren't supported, they can't continue. These free opportunities are essential for families who can't travel to neighboring cities for family entertainment. Without your support and participation, *OneFranklinton* can't keep movies playing in downtown!

Join us August 6th & September 10th !

# Water Restrictions??

Currently, the Town of Franklinton does not have any restrictions in place on water usage. (This is, in part, due to the nearly four inches of rain that has fallen since the first of June.) However, should the Town need to take steps to implement water restrictions, such actions will be publicized in several places. Both *The Franklin Times* and *The Wake Weekly* will be informed, and the Town will post a notice on our Public Access Cable Channel 10. Further, thanks to a tip from an active citizen, the Town has placed a Water Restriction Status on our website, and will keep it updated at all times.

The Town will **not** send a direct mailer to any resident or utility customer unless the Town finds it necessary to enact Stage III water restrictions. You can do your part to prevent water restrictions from becoming necessary by voluntarily conserving water. 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.
- \* Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, then reuse it to water houseplants.
- \* If your shower fills a one-gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.
- \* 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.
- \* Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.
- \* 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.

## EVERGREEN CEMETERY INFORMATION NEEDED

As you may know, just over a year ago the Board of Commissioners voted to begin maintenance at Evergreen Cemetery. Evergreen is currently a private cemetery adjacent to the Franklinton Elementary School playground, and is just outside Town limits. The cemetery was created over 100 years ago as a final resting place for our community's African American citizens. At that time, African American citizens were not allowed to be buried in Fairview Cemetery, the official Town cemetery. Since then, Evergreen, its plots, roads, and markers have all been maintained by a committee of volunteers who have for decades raised funds to maintain the cemetery. It is the goal of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners to officially make Evergreen Cemetery a Town cemetery effective January 1, 2012.

Do you own a plot in Evergreen Cemetery? Do you have relatives buried there? Please help the Evergreen Cemetery Committee and the Town staff in identifying those buried and those unfilled plots! It is **imperative** that we have as accurate and complete of a record as possible. Any plots not identified as owned by December 31, 2011 will show in the Town's records as unsold, and therefore, available for sale to residents. The current price for a cemetery plot in the Town of Franklinton is \$800. Thus, it is critical that we have the most complete record as possible.

A reporting form can be found online at [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us). The reporting form can also be found at Town Hall. **Please take an opportunity** to share this information with us so that we may have the most accurate maps possible when Evergreen becomes a Town Cemetery. For more information, please call Town Hall at 919-494-2520.

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more citizens.

Our community has been very supportive of National Night Out and this event would certainly not be possible if it were not for the gracious volunteers who organize and donate their time for this event as well as our local merchants who donate door prizes. Proceeds from raffle tickets support Police Community Outreach programs. If you are interested in volunteering or making a donation for this event please contact Town Hall at 919-494-2520.



**STAND UP FOR  
AMERICA  
JULY 4**

**Historic FHS Athletic Complex  
FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

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# Movies on Main Aug 6th & Sept 10th



*Clip It, Post It, Remember It!*

- July 4 – Stand Up For America, Historic FHS Athletic Complex
- July 6 - 1st Curbside Garbage/Recycling Collection
- July 19 – Franklinton Board of Commissioners Meeting – 7pm, Town Hall Annex
- August 2 – National Night Out
- August 4 - 6 – Preddyfest! Camping Starts July 30th
- August 6 – Movies on Main! Rango Playing!
- August 11 – *OneFranklinton* Meeting
- August 16 – Franklinton Board of Commissioners Meeting – 7pm, Town Hall Annex
- September 8 – *OneFranklinton* Meeting
- September 10 – Movies on Main! Megamind Playing!
- September 20 – Franklinton Board of Commissioners Meeting – 7pm, Town Hall Annex

