## TOWN OF FRANKLINTON

# Community Notes

Happy New Year Mayor's Message....

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Elic A. Senter, Mayor Anita Fuller, Mayor Pro Tempore John Allers, Commissioner Al Barbour, Commissioner Ray Gilliam, Commissioner Art Wright, Commissioner



I hope this finds you and yours having had a wonderful, restful and funfilled holiday season. In our family, it was a Christmas season of firsts.

Fortunately, even as things change, many remain constant. I know I can count on the annual Christmas parade to be the first Thursday in December, and to be an outstandingly fun night, and this year was no exception, thanks to Town staff and volunteers. One of these days, I'll perfect the arch on my candy toss!

These past few months have been filled with activities and events for all in our community to enjoy. While the mid-winter usually presents a lull in terms of major events in town, there's still quite a bit to do, and for which to prepare. For the 7th year, the Franklinton MLK Committee will host our community's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance at First Baptist Church on Saturday, January 19, 2013. Please come for what has been (and promises to continue to be) an incredibly moving experience.



As other events in our community are announced, we do our best to keep them up to date on our Community Calendar online, as well as the calendar posted at Town Hall, the Town's public access cable channel, and local publications. To share an event, please contact Town Hall (919-494-2520, PO Box 309, or <u>wgilliam@franklintonnc.us</u>). We generally need at least a week to ensure it's posted online, at Town Hall and on Channel 10, and 3-4 weeks for other means of communications.

Here's to a winter of mild weather and no ice storms!

# WHAT IS CAMPO?

By now, especially if you've ever been to a Board of Commissioners meeting, you may be wondering, what in the world is CAMPO and why do we talk about it so much? CAMPO is the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. Across North Carolina, cities, towns, and counties are organized into regions that work together to develop regional priorities for transportation planning, and the NCDOT uses these plans to inform the Transportation Improvement Plan, which is a 25 year forward plan for where roads and bridges will be paved, build and repaired or replaced. In 2003, Franklinton joined CAMPO, along with Youngsville, Bunn, and Franklin County.

So, what is our benefit as a member? In recent years, Franklinton has seen much activity as a result of our CAMPO membership. CAMPO helped coordinate the repaving of US 1, South Main Street, and Green Street. CAMPO also funded the study of an alternative to closing the Mason Street crossing due to High Speed Rail, producing a viable alternative, though it was not accepted by NC Rail Division. CAMPO continues to make the Town aware of potential



funding sources for street projects, and works to ensure the voice of Franklinton and its citizens is included in all regional transportation planning.

CAMPO meets once per month; a representative from the Board of Commissioners (Mayor Elic Senter or Commissioners John Allers or Anita Fuller) is in attendance at nearly all meetings. Information is shared at the following Board of Commissioners meeting unless a matter is urgent and action is required by the Town Board prior to the next regular Board meeting. Look for an update in January!

# NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER**

Town of Franklinton Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes

#### (TTHMs) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results for water samples collected during the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 show that our system exceeds the standard or maximum contaminant level (MCL) for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs). The standard for TTHMs is 0.080 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The average level of TTHMs for the last 12 months was 0.086 mg/L.

#### What should I do?

You do not need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, **some people who drink the water** containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### What happened? What is being done? When will the problem be corrected?

The Town of Franklinton is currently working with the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources and an Engineer to design changes to the chemical disinfection process. In the interim and while the Town acquires Grant funding, The Town of Franklinton has incorporated a routine flushing program and has added carbon to its process to increase removal of organic compounds.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

For more information, please contact:

Responsible Person	System Name	System Address (Street)
Jay Van Hoose	Town of Franklinton	529 W. Green Street
Phone Number	System PWSID #	System Address (City, State, Zip)
(919) 494-2218	NC 02-35-010 Franklinton, NC 27525	

#### VIOLATION AWARENESS DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2012

DATE NOTICE DISTRIBUTED: JANUARY 18, 2013 METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION NEWSLETTER

Public Notification Certification:							
The public water system named above hereby affirms that public notification has been provided to its consumer in accordance with all delivery, content, format, and deadline requirements specified in 15A NCAC 18C .1523.							
Owner/Operator:	(Signature)	<u>Tammy M. Ray</u> (Print Name)	<u>01/13/2013</u> (Date)				
	(Signature)						

TOWN HALL CONTACT INFO	Tra	ish & R	ecv	cling Schedule
Tammy Ray, Town Manager	j •••		eej.	
tray@franklintonnc.us 494-2520 x 23	<b>}</b> →	February	6	Trash Collection
Kim Worley, Assistant Town Clerk	i >	February	13	Trash & Recycling Collection
kworley@franklintonnc.us 494-2520 x 22	<b>&gt;</b>	February	20	Trash Collection
Wendy Gilliam, Assistant Town Clerk	i >	February	27	Trash & Recycling Collection
Utilities, Channel 10 & Website	<b>→</b>	March	6	Trash Collection
wgilliam@franklintonnc.us 494-2520 x 27	i ≻	March	13	Trash & Recycling Collection
Henry Gupton, Code Enforcement Officer		March	20	Trash Collection
Code Enforcement & Zoning Permits		March	27	Trash & Recycling Collection
hgupton@franklintonnc.us 494-2520 x 34	<b>→</b>	April	3	Trash Collection
Police Department	i >	April	10	Trash & Recycling Collection
Chief John Green 494–2151	<b>↓</b> >	April	17	Trash Collection
jgreen@franklintonnc.us	<b>i</b> →	April	24	Trash & Recycling Collection

# **USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS**

Franklin County Sheriff's Office	919-494-2186		
Franklin County Clerk of Court	919-497-4200		
Franklin County Animal Control	919-496-3032		
Franklinton Post Office	919-494-5068		
Franklinton Library	919-494-2736		
CenturyLink	252-977-9011		
Progress Energy Customer Service	800-452-2777		
Progress Energy Report Outages	800-4196356		
PSNC	877-776-2427		
Time Warner Cable	866-489-2669		

#### 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. 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  $5^{th}$  of the month. So avoid the big lines! Set up automatic bank draft today!

We're on the Web! www.franklintonnc.us

#### **Town of Franklinton**

7 WEST MASON STREET Post Office Box 309 Franklinton, North Carolina 27525

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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.

# OneFranklinton

What an outstanding fall! It's been a busy couple of months for the volunteers of OneFranklinton! Most of the events that our community enjoyed this fall - Frankenfest on Main, the Communitywide Yard Sale, the Halloween Costume Contest and Pumpkin Pageant, Christmas on Main, and the Holiday Lights Tour - were all coordinated by volunteers. Many on our Town staff volunteered their own time to bring you our annual Christmas Parade, supported by several additional volunteers. Volunteers are the heartbeat of our community!

Won't you join them in working to make Franklinton a better place to live and grow? The work of OneFranklinton - community events, downtown revitalization, community arts events, building historical displays at the Town Hall Annex, supporting our business community - is 100% volunteer driven. Those volunteers raise funds, develop programs and events, and coordinate all programming of the committee. Right now, OneFranklinton is built of only 15 that's right, 15! - volunteers. We need you!

Join us on the second Thursday of each month. We meet at 7pm at the Town Hall Annex, and we do our best to conclude no later than 8:30pm. We try to accomplish much via email, as well. A couple of hours a month to grow an incredible community...what a bargain! See you there!!