

Community Notes

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Mayor's Message....

It's FALL ! It feels like this year literally ran away! While the summer season was a nice one here in Franklinton, it generally pales in comparison to fall—and I hope the fall is a little more weather-cooperative with outdoor plans. We have a lot of exciting events planned for this fall and holiday season, beginning in just a couple of weeks!

It's nearly time for *Frankenfest on Main!* In our 7th 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—and read on for more exciting happenings!

In the past several weeks, many of you may have heard differing versions of what's happening with our town's streetlights. Allow me to clear up some of that confusion. The Town of Franklinton is **not** removing all of our streetlights. Town staff and the Board of Commissioners are, however, examining how best to manage our community's streetlights—as they belong to the entire community, not any one individual or a particular property owner. In the past, we have not had any form of equity or uniformity as to where we place streetlights. Citizens in our community now spend (through their tax dollars) over \$60,000 on street lights—that's over six cents of the Town's property tax rate!

So, why now? Several reasons. In a separate mailer, we will communicate information about street lights, how the Town is looking at lighting for public safety, and what steps we are taking to ensure such while being as efficient and effective with your tax dollars as possible. Streetlights are **only** funded through your local tax dollars, and your Board of Commissioners feels an utmost responsibility to spend

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Pumpkin Pageant & Costume Contest

On Thursday, 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 Thursday, October 31.



Interested individuals not affiliated with a school in the Franklinton area may request a pumpkin to carve by calling Town Hall (919-494-2520) and speaking with Sonya Johnson; you will be given a pickup date and time when you call. There will be a limited

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FRANKENFEST ON MAIN IS COMING

OneFranklinton will host our 7th Annual **Frankenfest on Main** Fall Festival this year! On Saturday, October 26, 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 for more information!

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



Trash & Recycling Schedule

- October 30 Trash Collection
- November 6 Trash & Recycling Collection
- November 13 Trash Collection
- November 20 Trash & Recycling Collection
- November 27 Trash Collection
- December 4 Trash & Recycling Collection
- December 11 Trash Collection
- December 18 Trash & Recycling Collection
- December 26 Trash Collection
- January 2 Trash & Recycling Collection
- January 8 Trash Collection
- January 15 Trash & Recycling Collection
- January 22 Trash Collection
- January 29 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 2013 meeting. Nominations for Citizen of the Year will be accepted through November 30, 2013. 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). 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-F, 8:30am – 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!



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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 31—6 - 8 pm



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those dollars wisely.

We're also looking at LED lighting as an option to help us do just that. Wondering what LED street lighting looks like? Drive down West Mason Street between Main Street and Hillsborough Street. Duke Energy Progress has provided us—free of charge—a 'test strip' of LED street lights, which cost about half of what the orange (sodium vapor) street lights do to run, and actually provide more light and give off less light pollution.

Interested in learning more? **PLEASE ATTEND** the Street Light Workshop on Monday, October 28 at 6pm at the Town Hall Annex, 5 W. Mason Street. Maps will be available to show you exactly where the lights are currently, where lights are being considered for removal, and relocation. This is your chance to be informed!

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. Be sure and take advantage of these fantastic experiences that are right here at home!

And don't forget—Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day. Regardless of your party affiliation (or non-affiliation), remember to exercise your right to **vote!**

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number of individual pumpkins made available. (Please remember – these pumpkins are for carving and participation in the contest, not for personal use.) Pumpkins submitted by individuals must be delivered to Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. on October 31st. 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 to a local retailer! 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

7th Annual
Frankenfest
On Main



Uptown Franklinton
October 26, 2013
9am – 5pm

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

Live Entertainment All Day Long!

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 5 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!

Christmas on Main - 7pm, Saturday, December 7 at the **Town Christmas Tree**, 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 7. 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, call or stop by Town Hall (494-2520) or e-mail esenter@franklintonnc.us to obtain the entry form. Submissions must be made no later than December 2, 2013. 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 or trav@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.



Street Light Workshop
Town Hall Annex
October 28, 2013
6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION

Thursday, December 26, 2013
 Thursday, January 2, 2014

Normal Collection Will
 Resume January 8, 2014



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Town Hall Business Hours

Mon. ~ Fri.

8:30 am - 5:30 pm

919-494-2520

The Franklinton Board of Commissioners

Meet the 3rd Tuesday of Every Month.

Citizens are Invited to Attend.

CLIP IT, POST IT, REMEMBER IT!

October 26.....Frankenfest on Main - 9am - 5 pm

October 28.....Streetlight Workshop, 6pm

October 31.....Halloween Trick or Treat 6pm - 8pm
.....Costume Contest 6pm - 8pm
.....Pumpkin Pageant

November 5.....Election Day! Don't Forget to Vote!

November 11.....Veteran's Day - Town Hall Closed

November 18.....Planning Board - 7pm

November 19.....Board of Commissioners Meeting - 7pm

November 28-29.....Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Hall Closed

December 5.....Franklinton Christmas Parade - 7pm

December 7.....Christmas on Main!

December 16.....Planning Board Meeting - 7pm

December 17.....Board of Commissioners Meeting - 7pm

December 24-26.....Christmas Holiday - Town Hall Closed

January 1.....New Year's Day Observed - Town Hall Closed