

# Community Notes

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## SHOP FRANKLINTON FIRST!

Bet you didn't know that it actually pays you back to shop locally. Didn't? Well, it does. See, when you shop locally, part of your sales tax comes back to the Town of Franklinton. Nifty, eh? Well, a lot of the sales tax you pay in some way come back to the Town of Franklinton. Here's how...

As you know, the majority of the Town's General Fund comes from real estate taxes. However, there are other pieces to the General Fund. (What is the General Fund? It's one of the three major 'accounts' you find in the Town's budget. From the General Fund, the Town funds the Police Department, the Administrative department (Town Hall staff), and Governance (the Board of Commissioners and other programs, like OneFranklinton).

The first comes from the taxes you pay for electricity, cable, and phone. A (very small) portion of those taxes come back to the Town from the State of North Carolina. These payments are based on a formula largely calculated from our population, and thus, how much we contribute to those taxes. These taxes usually bring about \$65,000 to the Town each year, depending on use and population.

Second, the Town receives a small allotment from the gas tax paid when you purchase gasoline. (This only comes from the part that is the state gasoline tax.) This allotment comes from a piece of state legislation known as the Powell Bill, and such funds are known by the same name. These funds are only able to be spent on streets and sidewalks within the Town. Thus, they are somewhat restricted. And now, hopefully, you can see why it's so important that we buy our gas in Franklinton whenever possible!



## Pumpkin Pageant & Costume Contest

On Monday, 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 Monday, 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 (extension 33); you will be given a pickup date and time when you call. There will be a limited number of individual pumpkins made available. (Please remem-

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## FRANKENFEST ON MAIN IS COMING

*OneFranklinton* will host our 5th Annual **Frankenfest on Main** Fall Festival this year! On Saturday, October 29, 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!

Are you a crafter? Do you sell professional items like Avon, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, etc.? Do you work with a non-profit that needs to get its name out there? Frankenfest on Main is your opportunity! Visit [www.frankenfestonmain.org](http://www.frankenfestonmain.org) to register for a booth space. Booths are \$25 per space until October 1; they become \$40 per space on October 1.

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## Curbside Trash Pick Up

Effective **July 1**, the Town of Franklinton moved to curbside garbage pickup. This means that on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning, citizens should roll their trash cart to the curb of your street; once the trash has been picked up, you will need to roll it 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.

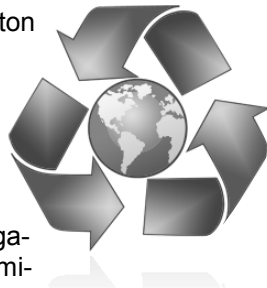
If you feel that your cart is too large, and would like a smaller cart, please contact Town Hall and make that request. (Call 494-2520, x33) Town staff will request that you complete a short form to have a record of this request, and your new, smaller garbage cart will be delivered as quickly as possible.

Effective **October 1**, residences where garbage and recycling carts have not been removed from the curbside by sunrise on Thursday morning will be in violation of the Town's ordinance regarding trash and recycling, and will be subject to a fine. Warnings will be issued **only once** per residence.



## Curbside Recycling

By now, you know that Franklinton has returned to recycling materials curbside. Now, you can recycle *anything* that is recyclable (except cardboard & mercury-based light bulbs) in **one** container that you can roll right to the curb! All recyclables can be mixed – paper, magazines, catalogs, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, plastic jugs, etc. – in your Town recycling container. (It's the green roll cart with the black lid.)



Roll your recycling cart out to the curb every other Wednesday for pickup. Not sure when to roll it out? Mark your calendar for these dates:

- ⇒ **September 28: October 12, 26: November 9, 23**
- ⇒ **December 7, 21: January 4, 18**

Don't have a recycling cart? Contact Nikki May at 494-2520, x33 or [nmay@franklintonnc.us](mailto:nmay@franklintonnc.us) and let us know so we can get one out to you! (Remember, carts should be rolled to the curb no later than 6:00 am on Wednesday morning, and rolled back off the curb no later than sunrise on Thursday morning.)

## 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 2011 meeting. Nominations for Citizen of the Year will be accepted through November 30, 2011. 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 PARTICIPATES IN DEBT SET OFF PROGRAM

In the next couple of months the Town will start participating in the North Carolina Debt Setoff Collection Program. What is this program? Approved by the North Carolina Legislature for the purpose of collecting municipal delinquent debts, this program works by seizing North Carolina Individual Income Tax refunds and Education Lottery winnings of those who owe a debt to the Town of Franklinton (and thereby, its citizens), and have not paid it. These debts are not those that would be considered short term – these debts are seriously delinquent, sometimes two to three years old. Types of debt include unpaid utility bills, unpaid traffic citations and unpaid code enforcement citations. The Town's participation in this program will allow Town staff to work towards collecting outstanding debts owed to the Town.

### 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 greatly 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



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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



Your Support of  
Franklinton Rescue  
& EMS  
is Greatly  
Appreciated!

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ber - 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 - 7:30pm. 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. 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, 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!

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!



### FRANKENFEST from page 1

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!

5th Annual  
**Frankenfest**



**On Main**

Uptown Franklinton

October 29, 2011

9am – 5pm

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

*Live Entertainment All Day Long!*

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



## TOWN HALL CONTACT INFO

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*Code Enforcement & Zoning Permits*

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*Police Department 494-2151*

## 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.



## Evergreen Cemetery Moves Toward Becoming a Town Cemetery

As you may know, the Franklinton Board of Commissioners voted in 2010 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.

# ADOPT A STREET

Franklinton's Adopt a Street program has been underway for nearly two years, and we have lots of streets that are ready to be adopted! So far, ten streets have been adopted, with several more in process. If you, your group, neighborhood, church or business are interested in adopting a street, please contact Town Hall at 494-2520 (x24) and ask for an information packet to be sent to you, or stop by Town Hall to pick one up. First come, first served with respect to street assignments.

What does it mean to Adopt a Street in Franklinton? The process is simple. Visit Town Hall (or call 494-2520 x24) and request the Adopt a Street packet. To adopt a street, individuals, groups, churches or businesses will select a street section (or whole street), and agree to clean that street or street section at least every two months. The initial agreement will be for two years, and you can renew that agreement annually after that. The Town will provide trash bags (two different colors – one for trash, one for recyclables), safety vests and gloves. After each cleanup, the adoptee will be asked to report the cleanup to Town Hall the next business day so that Town staff can pick up the bags.

Join us! Our streets are ready for you! Help keep Franklinton clean and beautiful by adopting a street today!

## Join Us for the Holidays



Mark your calendars now for events held by the *OneFranklinton* throughout the holiday season!

**Franklinton Christmas Parade** – 7pm, Thursday, December 1 on Main Street in downtown Franklinton. Line up early to get the best viewing spot!

**Community Holiday Concert** – 7pm, Saturday, December 10 at **Town Christmas Tree**, which will be placed in the new downtown 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 10. Tours leave from the **Town Christmas Tree**. Maps will be available at Town Hall beginning on December 1 (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 in the Holiday Lights Tour, please visit [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us), call or stop by Town Hall (494-2520 x 24) or e-mail [esenter@franklintonnc.us](mailto:esenter@franklintonnc.us) to obtain the entry form. Submissions must be made no later than November 23, 2011. 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 x 23) 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 OneFranklinton meetings, the second Thursday of the month, 7pm at the Town Hall Annex!

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**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.

**Effective July 1, 2011, mercury based bulbs are no longer permitted in landfills or traditional garbage disposal sites.** **Town residents** who have CFLs that have burned out may bring them to Town Hall during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm) to be recycled. If you have a fluorescent tube light, you may bring it (or them) to the Public Works Department on S. Chavis St. on Tuesdays between 7:00am and 9:00am. 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!

## Join *OneFranklinton!*

The mission and vision of *OneFranklinton* will integrate all of the functionalities of the committees and organizations (and their programs). The program areas of *OneFranklinton* include Downtown Revitalization, Events, Fine Arts, Historical/Museum, Business Community Development, Community Beautification, and Public Access Cable Programming. If you're interested in any of these program areas, please join us! Meetings are held on the **second Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00pm** at the Franklinton Town Hall Annex, 5 West Mason Street. Program areas meet from 7:30 – 7:30, and the Committee of the Whole (all volunteers) meet at 7:30. We do our best to end no later than 8:30pm!

We hope to see you there!

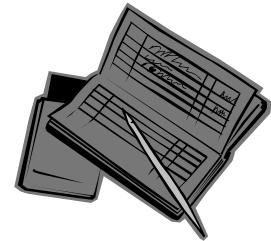
**We're on the Web!**  
**[www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us)**

## 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 5:00pm 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. Those policies will continue in the 2011-12 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!

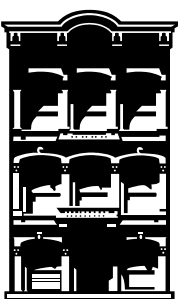
To set up automatic bank draft, bring a voided check to Town Hall, and fill out a brief form. The entire process will take less than ten minutes! It also makes paying your utility bill **much** simpler, because it will automatically be drafted from your checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.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

Any resident **not currently** on automatic bank draft that registers for it before November 30 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!



## Façade Grants Available from *OneFranklinton*

In July, *OneFranklinton* and the Franklinton Board of Commissioners awarded the first Façade Grant in our program to **Leslie Martin Pottery** on Main Street! Those who own properties in the historical 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. The final façade grant application deadline for this year is November 30, and grantees will be announced at the January, 2012 meeting of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners.



The program will begin again at the start of 2012 with applications due on February 28, May 31, August 31, and November 30, 2012. Awards will be announced at the regular meetings of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners in April, July, October, and January following the application deadlines, and winners 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, and request information by dialing extension 24 for Mayor Elic Senter.)

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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**

**First Saturdays**

**8:30 - 12:30 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 1..... Communitywide Yard Sale 7am - 12pm  
..... Town Hall Open 8:30am - 12:30pm  
..... Franklinton Rescue & EMS Fundraiser 11am  
October 10..... Columbus Day - Town Hall Closed  
October 17..... Planning Board - 7pm  
October 18..... Board of Commissioners Meeting 7pm  
October 19..... Ordinance Workshop - 7pm  
October 29..... Frankenfest on Main - 9am - 5 pm  
October 31..... Halloween Trick or Treat 6pm - 8pm  
..... Costume Contest 6pm - 7:30pm  
..... Pumpkin Pageant  
November 5..... Town Hall Open 8:30am - 12:30pm  
November 8..... Election Day! Don't Forget to Vote!  
November 10..... OneFranklinton - 7pm  
November 11..... Veteran's Day - Town Hall Closed  
November 14..... Planning Board - 7pm  
November 15..... Board of Commissioners Meeting - 7pm  
November 24-25..... Thanksgiving Holiday - Town Hall Closed  
December 1..... Franklinton Christmas Parade - 7pm  
December 3..... Town Hall Open 8:30am - 12:30pm  
December 10..... Christmas on Main!  
December 19..... Planning Board Meeting - 7pm  
December 20..... Board of Commissioners Meeting - 7pm  
December 26-28..... Christmas Holiday - Town Hall Closed  
January 2..... New Year's Day Observed - Town Hall Closed