

Community Notes

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Mayors Message...



What a wonderful spring this is shaping up to be! There are great programs in store that you'll read about in this edition of *Community Notes*, and I hope you'll take advantage of them. From *Get Fit Franklinton*, to Movies on Main, to Franklinton Fire Day, there's lots coming up in May and June! Mark your calendars now!

I'd like to share a special invitation for all of you to come out for the kickoff event of *Get Fit Franklinton*, our community's recent effort to create a positive, healthy and fit environment for all Franklintonians! This effort could not happen without the team of volunteers that have been working towards our kickoff on May 7 for over a year, and I'd like to say thank you to all of them for their incredibly hard work and persistence! Please come out and support their efforts!

I'd also like to invite you to join the Board of Commissioners for our regular monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. All regular Board of Commissioners meetings are held at the Franklinton Town Hall Annex, 5 West Mason Street. Virtually all decisions regarding Town policies and finances are decided at these meetings –join us and voice your opinion!

On a personal note, I'd like to take a moment to say thank you to...well...all of you, every person who's reading this newsletter. For the past year, so many of you have been so incredibly supportive as my mother has battled cancer; and in early April, my family could truly feel the love and support of this wonderful community as my grandmother, Elizabeth Senter, passed away. For 87 wonderful years, she taught everyone in my family the importance of giving, supporting others, and serving this community, and those lessons carry on even though she's gone. I wish I could express in words how much my family and I appreciate the thoughts and prayers from you, but it would be impossible. It is more than appreciated, and I cannot thank you enough.

Best wishes to you for a wonderful spring!

Elic

Get Fit Franklinton Kicks Off May 7th

Get ready Franklinton! Our community's newest program is coming your way on Saturday, May 7! **Get Fit Franklinton** is a program that Town volunteers have been working on since October 2009, and the kickoff is just around the corner! Introduced by Mayor Elic Senter, chaired and coordinated by Franklinton Senior Center Director Patrick Woods and Town Manager Tammy Ray, **Get Fit Franklinton** is designed to be more than a one-day event. Working with our partner **Be Active NC**, and sponsors such as **Novant Health, Franklin Regional Medical Center, Franklinton Medical Practice, Dr. Stephanie Brown, Amedisys Home Health and Hospice, Cabin Branch Farm Market, Subway of Franklinton, LGFCU, and Rex Healthcare**, **Get Fit Franklinton** looks to be a continuous, year round program promoting healthy eating and fitness habits.



The kickoff event will begin on Saturday, May 7 at 9am in downtown Franklinton with the first annual **Get Fit Franklinton Walk**. The first 100 registered walkers will receive a free t-shirt! There will

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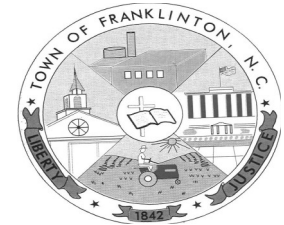
WORK ON 2011-12 BUDGET CONTINUES



As you know, spring is the time of year when we clean, and plan. It's no different for the Franklinton Board of Commissioners, as the Board works to create the budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year. The Board has been meeting in workshops (remember, workshops are open to the public!) since early February. With input from the Budget Advisory Committee, as well as Town staff and citizens, the Board continues its work throughout the month of May. The final budget workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, May 5. The final proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Commissioners and the public at the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, May 17.

Public hearings regarding the budget will be held on Tuesday, May 24; Tuesday, June 7; and again at the regular June Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, June 21. All

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Important Dates to Remember

Planning Board	7:00 pm	3 rd Monday
Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm	3 rd Tuesday
Tree Committee		4 th Tuesday
OneFranklinton	6:30 pm	2 nd Thursday
Movies on Main	8:00 pm	May 7th June 4th August 6th September 10th
Fireman's Day		May 21st
Communitywide Yard Sale		May 21st
Memorial Day	Town Hall Closed	May 30th
Trash Collection Goes Curbside		July 1st
Stand Up for America		July 4th
Independence Day	Town Hall Closed	July 4th



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 May 31, 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 winners will be notified by mail prior to the public announcements. Those interested in applying can find the application online at www.franklintonnc.us, or at Town Hall, 7 W. Mason St., Franklinton, NC. (You can also call Town Hall at 494-2520.)

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be five *Fit Routes* - ½ mile, 1 mile, 1 ½ mile, 2 mile and 3 mile routes will be available. There will be a lead walker for each. **You can register to walk prior to the event at Town Hall, or on the morning of from 7:00 – 8:45am.**

Once you've walked around Franklinton on Saturday morning, join us in downtown Franklinton for the **Get Fit Franklinton** Community Health Fair! The health fair will begin at 9am – you don't even have to walk to participate! Over 30 different health fair vendors – health care providers, information, and plain ol' fun and games included! – will be available on Main Street from 9am – 1pm. The morning's activities will include the walk, as well as line dancing lessons, salsa dancing lessons, a yoga demonstration and a Creative Aerobics Free Play area at the downtown park, coordinated by Be Active NC. We're also working to create a special dancing area just for kids!

So come join us! Let's Get Fit, Franklinton!
See you there!



Communitywide Yard Sale
May 21 7am-12pm
Reserve Your Space Now!

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public hearings will begin at 7:00pm. The proposed budget will be posted on the Town's website (www.franklintonnc.us) and will be available for review at Town Hall during regular business hours. Please take an opportunity to review the Town's budget to understand how your property tax dollars and utility fees will be spent! Feel free to ask questions of your Board of Commissioners, as well as Town Manager Tammy Ray, by contacting them using the contact information found on the back cover of this and every edition of *Community Notes*.

Garbage Collection Goes Curbside

Waste Industries, the Town's garbage collection service, will be moving to curbside collection in the Town of Franklinton beginning on July 1, 2011. By doing so, the Town will be able to avoid a significant cost increase in garbage collection fees, as well as be able to offer curbside recycling again. Residents will be able to select from three different sizes of rolling garbage carts; unless specifically requested, residents will automatically be given the 65 gallon cart for recycling. New carts for garbage and recycling will be delivered in the early fall.

Unable to roll your cart to the curb? Please let us know if you are physically unable. Town staff will mail you a form to complete that will determine if you qualify for backyard pickup at no extra charge.

Recycling? You can mix your recyclables! Once the new recycling carts are delivered to households around Franklinton, the downtown recycling bins will be removed. Please take this new opportunity to take care of our planet!

Look for more information in the June 2011 (Summer Edition) of *Community Notes*!



WHY E-MAIL ?

When you come into Town Hall to pay your utility bills or for other reasons, you may notice that a Town staff member may ask you for your e-mail. If you have one, please consider providing it to us. We will use it to share information with you, to keep you abreast of upcoming events, and to ensure you stay informed as a citizen of Franklinton. The main reason we're asking, however, is so that we may send you this newsletter electronically. We are looking to do this so that we may reduce the amount of paper used to produce the newsletter, as well as the cost of postage to mail it. We believe the newsletter is an important piece of communication to our citizens; however, we are also seeking to further implement conservation efforts throughout the Town. Please consider helping us! (If you pay your utility bill electronically or by mail, feel free to call Town Hall to share your e-mail, or e-mail Mayor Senter at esenter@franklintonnc.us. Don't have an e-mail? Don't want to share your home or work e-mail? Get a free e-mail address from Yahoo (www.yahoo.com), Microsoft (www.hotmail.com) or Google (www.gmail.com).

Warm Weather Safety Tips

Spring & summer are the time for outdoor fun and relaxation. Common activities like swimming, biking, skating, gardening, picnicking, or just sitting in the sun can create safety hazards if not approached with care. The following tips are some simple ways you can stay safe and avoid the risk created by your fun in the sun time.

Preventing Heat-Related Illness

- * Dress for the heat
- * Drink plenty of water
- * Take regular breaks
- * Eat small meals and eat more often (avoid foods high in protein which increases metabolic heat)

Bug Safety

- * Avoid scented hair & skin care product when planning to be outdoors
- * Use insect repellent (products containing DEET are most effective against ticks & mosquitoes)
- * Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate (stagnant water, blooming flowers, uncovered foods)
- * If you experience flu like symptoms (head ache, fever, body aches) after finding a tick on your body contact your physician for professional care

*Remember stay safe & have fun this
spring & summer!*

Franklinton Fire Department
Fireman's Day May 21st
Come Out & Show Your Support!



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MOVIES ON MAIN Begins May 7th



Join *OneFranklinton*

In an effort to bring our community volunteers together under one umbrella, to ease the burden of multiple meetings, and to streamline our efforts to improve Franklinton for the benefit of all citizens, several Town Committees have joined together to form *OneFranklinton*. Those committees include the Franklinton Uptown Revitalization Committee, the Franklinton Arts Alive Committee, the Town of Franklinton Channel 10 (Public Access) Committee, and the Franklinton Beautification Committee.

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 6:30pm at the Franklinton Town Hall Annex, 5 West Mason Street. Program areas meet from 6:30 – 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!

DON'T FORGET

Get Fit Franklinton May 7th