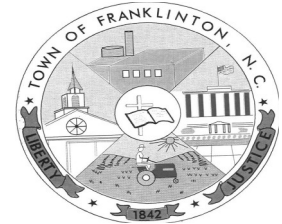


# Community Notes

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## FRANKLINTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONTINUE WORK ON 2012 - 13 BUDGET



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 2012-13 fiscal year. The Board began meeting in workshops around the budget in early April. (Remember – workshops are open to the public!) With input from the Budget Advisory Committee, as well as Town staff and citizens, the Board will continue its work throughout the month of May. A budget workshop has been scheduled for May 9. 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 15.

**All Town residents will have an opportunity to have their voice heard on the 2012-13 budget!**

There will be four opportunities:



Tuesday, May 15 – Town Hall Annex (Board of Commissioners Meeting)

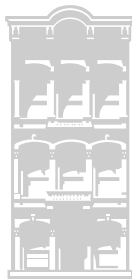
Wednesday, May 23 – American Legion Post 52

Tuesday, June 12 – Franklinton Lions Club

Tuesday, June 19 – Town Hall Annex (Board of Commissioners Meeting)



The proposed budget will be posted on the Town's website ([www.franklintonnc.us](http://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*.



### **OneFranklinton Continues 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 several years of fundraising and the hard work of a subcommittee in developing guidelines and an application, *OneFranklinton* Façade Grant Program has been rolled out for just over a year! 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 2012 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](http://www.franklintonnc.us), or at Town Hall, 7 W. Mason St., Franklinton, NC. (You can also call Town Hall at 494-2520.)

### **UNITED WAY SPRING 2012 FOOD DRIVE MAY 1st –15th**

Consider supporting those in need by donating canned goods, juice, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, and boxed food items to the United Way's Spring Food Drive. You can also make contributions of funds to support the United Way. All donations and proceeds stay **right here** in Franklin County! United Way of Franklin County supports 17 different food pantry locations, including several in Franklinton. Please consider making a contribution to the food drive!

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### **TOWN HALL HOURS**

**Mon. ~ Wed. ~ Fri.**

**8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

**Tue. & Thurs.**

**8:30 a.m. ~ 11:30 a.m.**

**2:30 p.m. ~ 5:30 p.m.**

## Important Dates to Remember

Planning Board	7:00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday
Board of Commissioners	7:00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
Tree Committee		4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday
OneFranklinton	7:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Fireman's Day		May 19th
Movies on Main	8:00 pm	June 2nd September 15th
Memorial Day	Town Hall Closed	May 28th
Stand Up for America		July 4th
Independence Day	Town Hall Closed	July 4th

## Movies on Main Is Back!

OneFranklinton will continue a relatively new summer tradition in Franklinton with the announcement of dates for Movies on Main. The site of the movies has changed slightly, due to the current construction at the park being built downtown. Instead of showing them in the park, we'll screen them at the intersection of Front Street and Main Street. South Main Street during these dates will be **closed**. Events like this can only be held if our citizens come out and support them – so join us for these family friendly, and **FREE** opportunities to see great movies!

All movies begin at dusk...most movies will begin screening by 8:00pm. Bring your friends and family for a fun night at the movies!

**STAND UP FOR AMERICA  
CELEBRATION  
JULY 4TH  
OLD FHS FOOTBALL FIELD**

## Mayors Message...

Happy Spring...and a little Summer! I hope this finds you and yours in great health and spirits as we journey into May. Please accept my apologies for not having an issue of Community Notes out for the winter. It's the first one we've missed in several years, but unfortunately, it was next to impossible for me to fit anything else into January of this year.

That brings me to the main message I'd like to convey, at least from me personally...gratitude and thankfulness. Most of you are likely aware by now that my mother, who began fighting lung cancer in May 2010, died in mid-March. The two months before her passing were filled with opportunities to tell her we loved her, and to be with her and to be supportive of both her and my father as they continued their journey in what would have been 50 years of marriage this June. For those of you who may have called or e-mailed regarding a Town matter during January, February or March, please accept my apologies for not returning your message in a timely matter, but I know you understood. To everyone who came to visit, called, e-mailed, sent cards or flowers, or brought food to make our lives easier during the transition, thank you. And to all of you that made contributions to the American Cancer Society (remember, Relay for Life is May 18-19!), the American Diabetes Association, or your church in her honor, thank you. I cannot say thank you enough...and words just don't do it.

Things are settling back to some sense of normalcy. In April, the Board of Commissioners began moving forward with the creation of the 2012-13 budget; OneFranklinton began hosting Movies on Main again with the support of a new business in Franklinton, *Inter Technologies*. Franklinton Fire Day will be held in May; Stand Up for America will be held in July...and life goes on. I hope that you find time this spring to enjoy some wonderful weather, and time with your loved ones and friends. We do our best in Franklinton to offer opportunities to do so – and we hope you'll take advantage of those. And remember, the members of your Board of Commissioners, Town staff and I am all just a phone call or an e-mail away.

Best wishes to you for a wonderful spring!

*Elic*

**Franklinton Fire Department  
Fireman's Day May 19th  
Come Out & Show Your Support!**





## You Can Recycle Your CFL Bulbs Right Here!

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. 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.

## Emergency Planning: Preparing for Spring Storms

### Storm Safety Procedures

The following steps should help keep you and your family safe from harm in the event of a spring storm.

- Create an emergency action plan that includes evacuation procedures and contact information for local first responders.
- Keep supplies in an emergency preparedness kit. Suggested items include water bottles, non-perishable food, blankets, first-aid supplies, flashlights, and a battery-powered radio.
- Contact your state emergency management office for information about local shelters, evacuation plans, and emergency exit routes.
- Choose a safe area in your home where occupants can gather if a storm or tornado warning is issued. This area should be located in a basement if available, or a ground-level room with no windows.

### After the Storm

While your electric power is very reliable, outages do happen. Damage can also result in long-term downtime. By planning ahead, you can get back to business quickly and minimize the damage to your bottom line.

**Backup Power**—Dependable back-up power is necessary to maintain mission-critical equipment during an outage. Diesel and natural gas generators are the most commonly used. Diesel systems are the most widely used and typically have the lowest initial costs.

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Drop your donations off at Franklinton Town Hall (7 W. Mason St.) or Franklinton Public Library (9 W. Mason St.), during regular business hours. Let’s make this the most generous food drive our United Way has ever held!

## HAVE YOUR UTILITY BILL DRAFTED!



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, 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. Those policies will continue in the 2012-13 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 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 May 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 June meeting of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners!

# THINK GREEN



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[www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us)

# Board of Commissioners Meetings Shown on Channel 10



## Join *OneFranklinton*

Ever wondered who makes sure that the Franklinton Christmas Parade comes off without a hitch? Have an interest in supporting businesses in Franklinton? Thinking about volunteering to support Stand Up for America? Then *OneFranklinton* is where you need to be! *OneFranklinton* was formed in early 2011 as a result of the consolidation of many different volunteer efforts and Town committees, so that all of our efforts to make Franklinton a better place would be centralized and focused.

What does *OneFranklinton* work with? Take a look...

Frankenfest on Main  
Movies on Main  
Stand Up for America  
Downtown Redevelopment  
Channel 10 – Cable Access Programming  
Holiday Lights Tour  
Christmas on Main  
Pumpkin Pageant and Costume Contest  
Communitywide Yard Sale  
Business Community Support and Outreach  
*And more!*



Want to be a part of the movement to make Franklinton a better place to live, work, grow and thrive? Join us! *OneFranklinton* meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm at the Town Hall Annex (5 W. Mason St.). Our upcoming meetings are: May 10; June 14; August 9.

**Hope to see you there!**