

Community Notes

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Volunteer to Keep Franklinton Moving Forward

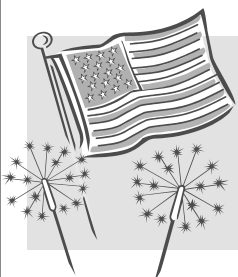
Our town's main volunteer committee, *OneFranklinton*, has spent the past six years (in various forms) working to build a stronger sense of community in Franklinton, through working to rebuild downtown Franklinton, create community events to bring our citizenry together, offer opportunities for learning and support for our business community, and foster a sense of pride in our town. This work began through the work of predecessor organizations such as the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce, Arts Alive Committee, and the Uptown Revitalization Committee, and is continued by the unpaid team of volunteers that strive to keep the work of *OneFranklinton* moving. These volunteers need your help!



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 at 7:00pm** at the Franklinton Town Hall Annex, 5 West Mason Street. Without a strong team of volunteers, programs like Business Night Out, Movies on Main, our community festivals such as Frankenfest on Main and Stand Up for America, the Pumpkin Pageant and Halloween Costume Contest, and the Christmas Parade **do not happen!** With a significant reduction of funding available to continue these programs, it's more important now than ever that we have a strong team of volunteers working on behalf of our community. Please join us, and help keep Franklinton growing and moving forward!

FRANKLINTON CONTINUES TO STAND UP FOR AMERICA

There is no visual so spectacular as seeing those with pride in their hearts come together under a star spangled night to celebrate our freedom and those who guarantee it! That's exactly what nearly 3,000 citizens from Franklinton and surrounding areas chose to do on Wednesday, July 3 at the 7th annual *Stand Up for America*, in spite of the rain that threatened to ruin the evening. With vendors on hand to share information, raise funds for programs in and around the community, and provide food fun for those in attendance, there was literally something for everyone at this annual event.



Months of planning and fundraising by *OneFranklinton* and American Legion Post 52, as well as partnerships with civic groups throughout our community and region proved to be well worth the effort.

The citizens of our community continue to owe a debt of gratitude to the Franklinton American Legion Post 52. The next time you see a member of the Legion, please take a moment to say 'thank you' – not just for Stand Up for America, but also, for standing up for America! And mark your calendars... Franklinton WILL observe Independence Day in the same way next year!

FPD ORGANIZES COMMUNITY WATCH



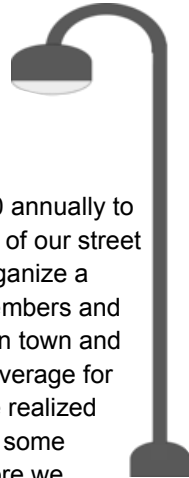
National Night Out was the kick off for Franklinton's Community Watch Program. The Community Watch Program educates citizens in being more alert, encourages neighbors to watch out for each other's property, and forms a bond between law enforcement and the community. The goal is

to make our community a safer place to live and play. In order to make this program successful we must have support and participation from citizens of every neighborhood within the Town limits. Together we can form a partnership to drive out crime and make our Town the safest place in North Carolina.

The first meeting will be held August 29th, at 7pm in the Town Hall Annex. This meeting will be used to form captains and establish a plan of action. New Franklinton Community Watch signs will be designed and placed throughout neighborhoods to show that crime will not be tolerated.

Please come out and assist the police department in fighting crime within our wonderful Town.

Street Light Modifications



It costs the Town approximately \$60,000 annually to light our streets with the existing placement of our street lights. This prompted the Town Board to organize a committee comprised of selected Board members and Town Staff to inventory all the street lights in town and to conduct a cost analysis to provide the coverage for all areas. As a result of this study, we have realized that there are an abundance of lights along some roads and a shortage along others. Therefore we have developed a plan to maximize the benefit to all of our citizens by redistributing lights in a consistent manner throughout town. This may mean the removal or placement of street lights in your neighborhood. Our Staff has flagged lights that are scheduled to be discontinued with orange rope. If you believe a light in your neighborhood should remain, please contact Tammy Ray at Town Hall at (919) 494-2520. Each call will be taken into consideration and a determination made by the committee. We realize that street lights are important for the safety and welfare of our community and for individuals walking and running along sidewalks at night and we have endeavored to maintain enough to ensure the wellbeing of all our citizens while reducing our cost to provide this service. Please be aware that lights being discontinued by the Town may be continued by property owners at their own expense. You may call Duke Energy at 1-800-452-2777 and request the light to be arranged so that your property remains lit.



Trash & Recycling Schedule

- September 4 Trash Collection
- September 11 Trash & Recycling Collection
- September 18 Trash Collection
- September 25 Trash & Recycling Collection
- October 2 Trash Collection
- October 9 Trash & Recycling Collection
- October 16 Trash Collection
- October 23 Trash & Recycling Collection
- October 30 Trash Collection
- November 6 Trash & Recycling Collection
- November 13 Trash Collection
- November 20 Trash & Recycling Collection
- November 27 Trash Collection

You can conveniently recycle the following items :

- Glass - glass must be a *food or beverage* container of any color. *Not* accepted are ceramic materials or plate glass: ex. coffee cups, window panes, plates.
- Aluminum & Steel Cans - any aluminum beverage containers & steel food cans. Also accepted are *rinsed* aluminum foil or pie plates.
- Newspaper, Magazines & Junk Mail - Newspaper & all inserts, magazines with stapled bindings, office paper, cereal boxes, and junk mail.
- Not Accepted - large quantities of corrugated cardboard like moving boxes, hardback books, tissue or other paper products.

**** Corrugated cardboard can be recycled at local convenience sites ****

- Plastics - Plastic bottles  & milk jugs 
- Not accepted are antifreeze or motor oil jugs, cat litter buckets, butter or yogurt tubs, grocery bags.
- Recycle tips: Rinse containers to avoid insects and odors in the warmer months, Crush plastic and aluminum containers to avoid your recycle cart overflowing between service days.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A GREAT SUCCESS!



The Franklinton Police Department held the 22nd annual observance of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6. Moving from several block parties to one main event this year brought our entire community downtown to connect with officers and leaders of the Franklinton Police Department. One of the reasons for the consolidation this year was to debut the new Franklinton Community Watch Program. (See more information elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Franklinton is one of the 10,000+ communities nationwide that observes National Night Out. National Night Out is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watches and is an effort to heighten crime prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

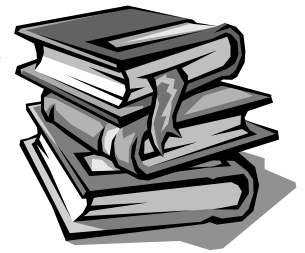
The event began in Franklinton in 1992 with residents being encouraged to turn on their porch lights and come outside, while officers made visits to as many residents as possible. Participation was so overwhelming that "Block Parties" had to be organized to so that officers could meet more citizens. In 2006, the Town boasted eight "Block Parties" which, to say the least, afforded officers, elected officials, and staff little time for meaningful interaction at each host site. With this in mind, the next year the Town organized one big event which was held at the Franklinton Park. This brought all of our citizens to together at one location and allowed all of our police, fire, rescue and town officials an opportunity to meet and get to know our citizens.

Our community has been very supportive of National Night Out and this event would certainly not be possible if it were not for the gracious volunteers who organize and donate their time for this event as well as our local merchants who donate door prizes. Proceeds from raffle tickets support Police Community Outreach programs. If you'd like to be involved in National Night Out 2014, please contact the Franklinton Police Department at 919-494-2520, or speak with any police officer.

FRANKLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SET TO OPEN

Later this month, our downtown landscape will see the return of a fully-functioning school to the old Franklinton High School building. Now in its third iteration as a public school, this venerable building will become home to the new **Franklinton Middle School**. Following several renovations, and a few modifications to the surrounding landscape, the school will open for students on August 26th.

We are excited to welcome students and staff back to this beautiful building, and back to our downtown community. Please be alert for students and parents as you travel through downtown Franklinton once school begins this year. These new middle schoolers are a precious asset – they are our future!



School Bus Safety

As many of us know it is against the law to pass a stopped school bus. Once the Stop arm is up, everyone must stop when driving on a two lane road. As all streets in the Town of Franklinton are two lanes, it is critical that we all obey this law. The safety of our children is at risk. Be conscious of school buses when you are driving, especially during the hours of 6am - 8am, and 2pm - 4pm, as these are the most common times for school buses to travel on local streets.

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

COMMUNITYWIDE YARD SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
 7am—12 pm Main Street
 Rent a Space for \$10
 Rent a Table & Space for \$20
 No Food Vendors

Keep Franklinton Beautiful ADOPT A STREET

Ever wondered how you can take a small step to keep our community looking its best? Consider adopting a street! Franklinton's Adopt a Street program has been underway for over four years, and there are several streets that are ready to be adopted! If you, your group, neighborhood, church or business are interested in adopting a street, please contact Town Hall at 919-494-2520 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 919-494-2520) 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!



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.

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!



Frankenfest on Main

October 26, 2013

More Info:

www.frankenfestonmain.org



EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

RECOMMENDED ITEMS:

- **WATER**, one gallon per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- **FOOD**, at least three day –supply of non-perishable food
- Battery powered or hand crank radio and NOAA weather radiow with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid Kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Complete change of clothing including sturdy shoes
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Manual can opener for food
- Matches in waterproof container
- Cell phone with chargers, inverter or solar charger
- Prescription medications and glasses
- Pet food and extra water for pets
- Cash or traveler’s checks and change
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels, plastic utensils, and toiletries,

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

In an effort to keep citizens better informed regarding changes and/or delays in trash and recycling services Waste Industries has asked the Town to provide them with a list of our customers phone numbers. To ensure that everyone is notified the Town is asking that all customers update their phone information as soon as possible. You may do this by including your number on the return stub of your monthly utility bill, by calling Town Hall at 919-494-2520 or by emailing wwilliam@franklintonnc.us.



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**2012 FRANKLINTON
ANNUAL DRINKING WATER
REPORT CAN BE VIEWED AT
www.franklintonnc.us/images/ccr.pdf**

PERMITS REQUIRED

The primary purpose of zoning is to segregate uses that are thought to be incompatible. In practice, zoning is used to prevent new development from interfering with existing residents or businesses and to preserve the "character" of a community. The Zoning Department is responsible for issuing permits to ensure that new structures, additions, uses and businesses are in compliance with the applicable zoning district standards. If you are thinking about building a new home, adding on to your current home, building a garage or storage building, installing a swimming pool or starting business from your home, and are located within the town limits or ETJ (one-mile beyond town limits) please contact the Zoning Department, Mr. Henry Gupton, Code Enforcement Officer for the appropriate permitting requirements. He can be reached at (919) 495-0336 cell or Town Hall at (919) 494-2520.

WANTED: YOUR DRAIN'S WORST ENEMY



DO

- ✓ Put oil/grease in collection containers
- ✓ Remove oil/grease from kitchen utensils & food preparation areas with scrapers, towels or brooms
- ✓ Keep grease out of wash water
- ✓ Place food scraps in collection containers

DON'T

- X Pour oil/grease down drains
- X Wash dishes with hot water until oil/grease is removed from surface
- X Put food scraps down drains even if using food grinders
- X Use cloth towels to clean grease from surfaces or dishes

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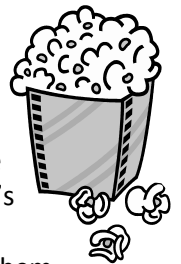
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Town Hall Business Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 5:30 pm

The Franklinton Board of Commissioners Meet the 3rd Tuesday of Every Month. Citizens are Invited to Attend.

***DON'T MISS THE FINAL
MOVIES ON MAIN OF THE SEASON!***



Even though the first movie (in May) was rained out, we've had three great events in June, July and August. There is one more scheduled for this season of Movies on Main, our community's fifth year of showing **FREE** movies downtown to give our citizens a great night out! Instead of showing them in the park, we'll screen them at the intersection of Front Street and Main Street. The 100 block of 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!

September 21 – Hotel Transylvania

The movie will begin at dusk...most movies will begin screening by 8:30pm. Bring your friends and family for a fun night at the movies!