

Community Notes

From The Mayor...

Shop Local

I bet you didn't know that it actually pays you back to shop locally. You 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 taxes 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 such projects, like the Arts Alive Committee, the URC, Channel 10, etc.)

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 \$75,000 to the Town each year, depending on use and population.

Why Do We Annex?

By now, you likely know that the Town of Franklinton is moving forward with the voluntary annexation of the proposed 'Cedar Creek' development. This is a 110+ acre project on the southwestern edge of town limits, bordered by Howard Harris Road, South Main Street, South Cheatham Street and US 1 Highway, which, contrary to popular opinion is actually *not* Capital Boulevard once you enter Franklin County. Eventually (when fully built out) it will house three 'big box' stores, several smaller retail outlets, office space, town homes and/or apartments. There isn't a real value attached to it once it is built out, as we really can't estimate at this point due to several factors, however, we do know that it will contribute about \$11,000 per year to the Town's budget once it's annexed initially. Of course, this will increase as the property is developed.

So, why would annexing property into the Town's corporate limits be important? There are several reasons. Firstly, it allows us to grow our Town's corporate limits, which, thus, increases the size of the Town. It also allows the Town to expand the offer of quality services to those who live in proximity to the corporate limits. However, as NC League of Municipalities Executive Director S. Ellis Hankins recently pointed out in his column in *Southern City*, it's also a matter of fairness to the current residents of the corporate limits.

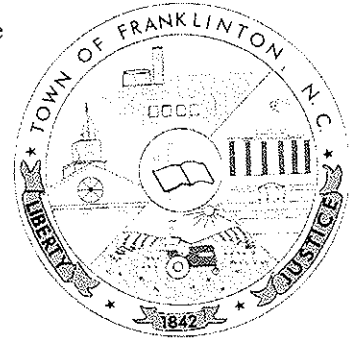
Why? Simple. Citizens who live in the perimeter of the Town, such as those in the extraterritorial jurisdiction, or those just outside, still travel on the Town's streets, which are quite expensive to maintain, and which has led to some of the deterioration of several of our streets which are top on

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!

Finally, the Town receives through Franklin County a certain percentage of sales tax from the State. (It equates to about 1 ½% of the 6 ½% sales tax.) This percentage is based upon local sales – in other words, the State looks at how much sales tax is collected in Franklinton, and then returns a percentage of that to the Town. (This includes sales tax collected on beer and wine.) Franklinton gains about \$250,000 per year from sales taxes returned to the Town.

So...as you can see, it's CRUCIAL that we buy locally as often as possible! The more the Town generates from local sales and use taxes, the less we have to ask in property taxes. Now, there's a correlation!

Elic A. Senter, Mayor
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our list of those to repair in the near future. Our Police Department responds to calls just outside the corporate limits in tandem with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, which also requires the support of the Town's budget. There are many services these residents, whom we are happy to have, use. However, this is also a reason to invite them to be a part of the full community. It is with this in mind that we examine carefully the process of annexation in the Town of Franklinton. It is also with this in mind that we support the current statutes currently in place in our General Assembly which provide for the processes of voluntary and involuntary annexation. Without it, municipalities will remain stagnant, and I don't believe that's what anybody wants for the future of Franklinton.

Local Food Pantry Serves Community

In 2006 the members at Union View Baptist Church felt burdened to begin serving their community in a unique yet practical way. They wanted to begin a food pantry that provided free grocery items to their neighbors. After meeting and planning together there was also a burden to get to know our neighbors, pray with them one on one, and share from the Bible with them. The purpose of the ministry developed into one solid goal: to glorify and honor God by loving our neighbor through providing food, prayer, and encouragement from the Bible.

Our ministry team decided that we would open the pantry every third Saturday of the month, and in November 2006 the food pantry ministry opened its doors for the first time. Volunteers were excited and ready to serve and our bins were full of free food to give away. That day we only served one family...the first family of what would soon become many. After 2 years of operation this ministry now serves on average 45-55 families each month.

God has richly provided each month an abundant amount of food items to give away so that there is never a family who leaves empty handed. He has done this through the generous giving of not only our church members but also the local community churches in Franklinton. The burden of serving our community has also been felt by other churches and they have joined us in operating this ministry. We have never felt more blessed and praise God for His goodness and provision.

**The food pantry ministry is held every 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. for the residents of Franklinton. It is located at Union View Baptist Church facilities and all food items must be picked up by the resident (we do not deliver). If there are any further questions or interest about this ministry please visit www.uvbconline.com and e-mail us...we will be happy to help you!

Article submitted by Jonathan Chandler

Newsletter Contributions Welcome

Any civic organization wishing to contribute material for our next newsletter please email Elic Senter at esenter@franklintonnc.us or Wendy Gilliam at wgilliam@franklintonnc.us with your submission. Anyone with ideas or items they would like to see in upcoming editions please share feel free to submit those as well!



WHAT A GREAT IDEA

Progress Energy and the Town of Franklinton are partnering to give free energy saving compact fluorescent light bulbs to citizens who are interested at the regular Board of Commissioners meeting on April 21, 2009. The Mayor also hopes to announce some exciting new services that the Town hopes to launch in 2009.

Coming Attractions

F.Y.I.

Movies on Main 4/25

Fun in the Sun 5/16

Fire Day



Preddyfest Bluegrass Festival

5/21 - 5/23

Drug & Gang Awareness Program
5/30 11 am—2 pm

Popes Chapel United Church of Christ
PLEASE DON'T PUT CARDBOARD IN YOUR TRASH. WASTE INDUSTRIES WILL NOT COLLECT IT!

NEWS FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

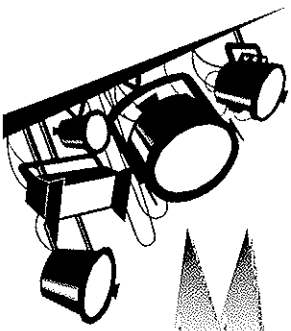
Join us at the Center for "Police Chat." Running through the end of April as a pilot program, "Police Chat" gives you direct access to a town police officer in an informal setting on Friday mornings from 8-9 am. Lt. Johnny Mitchell will be here to answer questions, address concerns and to pass on any information that may be important to the safety of seniors in our town.

The Franklinton Meals-on-Wheels route needs a volunteer to deliver meals on Fridays. The route runs individual hot meals to 24 residents of the Town of Franklinton and down Pocomoke Road. It takes about an hour to deliver meals beginning at the Center around 10:30 am. Ride with another volunteer on another day to learn the route. There is no compensation for travel and a short volunteer application needs to be completed. Come experience one of the most rewarding things you'll ever do!

We are looking for volunteers to fill several positions due to budget cut backs. We need a morning receptionist, help with reassurance calls on Thursdays and someone to help conduct activities at the center from mid-morning through lunch. We have already had two volunteers start with us recently and hope that others would be willing to join us as we seek to help others with services and activities to enrich the lives of folks 60 and older.

There are three new activities at the Center, 10:30 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Yahtzee Free-for-all on Mondays, roll dice to gain points. Boggle on Wednesdays, connect letters on dice to make words. Art on Fridays, use colored pencils, markers and water colors to fill outlined designer coloring pages.

Donations to support the services of the Franklinton Senior Center are greatly welcomed, are tax deductible and will be receipted at the Center, 602 W. Mason St., Monday-Friday 8am - 4 pm. Donations are used to purchase meals, provide transportation, operated the Senior Citizens Center.



MOVIES ON MAIN

2ND & 4TH SATURDAY EVENINGS

MAY – SEPTEMBER

MOVIES BEGIN AT DUSK



PRIZES FOR "STARS ON MAIN"

4/25

LIVE MUSIC

5/9

WHO'S GOT MOVES?

6/13

LIVE MUSIC

6/27

STARS ON MAIN
(Talent Competition)

7/11

STARS ON MAIN

7/25

STARS ON MAIN

8/8

STARS ON MAIN

8/22

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

9/12

LIVE MUSIC

9/26

LIVE MUSIC

**1ST PRIZE
\$100**

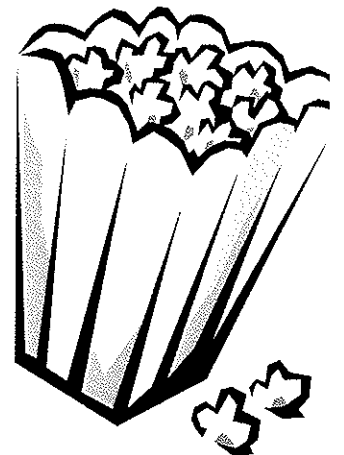
**2ND PRIZE
\$50**

**3RD PRIZE
\$25**

**GOOD FREE FAMILY FUN!
JUST UPTOWN!**

ALL CONTEST, MUSIC & PRIZES SPONSORED BY THE
FRANKLINTON ARTS ALIVE COMMITTEE.






MOVIES SPONSORED BY THE FRANKLINTON URC.








APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 	8	9 Utility Bills Due URC Meeting	10 Town Hall Closed	11
12	13	14 	15 	16 Arts Alive Meeting	17	18
19	20 Planning Board 7:00 pm	21 Town Board 7:00pm 	22	23	24 Appliance Pick Up	25
26	27	28 Tree Committee 	29	30		

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JUNE

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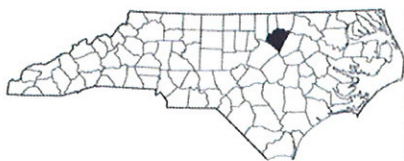


NOTE: \$10 LATE FEE ADDED TO UTILITY BILLS AFTER 5:00 PM ON THE DUE DATE.

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TOWN COMMISSIONER MEETINGS SHOWN ON CHANNEL 10 IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETINGS AND EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY AT 9AM & 5PM

FRANKLINTON

SMALL TOWN, HOME TOWN, YOUR TOWN.

LET US EMAIL YOU!

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 Elic 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).

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 52 LUNCH

HOT SOUP, SANDWICH, DRINK AND DESERT

WHEN: MAY 6, 2008, 11am - 2pm

WHERE: AMERICAN LEGION HUT

COST: \$7.00 PER PERSON

REMINDER

Please **DO NOT** place cardboard in your trash cans. Franklin County is a mandatory recycle county and Waste Industries will no longer pick it up.