

# Community Notes

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## Mayor's Message...

It's been a long and wonderful road over these last 21 months. (At least it'll be 21 months by the time you read this.) I cannot tell you how happy I am to be serving you in this role. If I had the ability to do it full time, I'd jump at the chance.

While many things that are great news for Franklinton are things that not everyone gets to see, I get to see and know most all of them. For instance, the Town has received a grant of just over \$800,000 – not everyone may understand why that's incredible. Well, I'll share one part of that with you – that grant would allow us to move towards building what's called a 'package plant' at our wastewater regional pumping station just off South Chavis Street. In constructing this plant, we can take the entirety of the sewage produced in Franklinton on a daily basis (an average of 150,000 gallons a day), and instead of putting what's called the 'gray water' (the cleaned, treated sewer water, which is actually cleaner than the water we drink in some cases) back into Cedar Creek, we can use that water to irrigate local golf courses and provide such water to local businesses that may be able to use it. This gray water would be used *instead* of drinking water...which means that the next time there's a major drought, we've taken steps to protect our drinking water supplies from being depleted as quickly.



Another nifty example is an event I attended recently in Winston-Salem. Mayor Allen Joines convened a summit of mayors that have a presence of biotechnology industries in their communities. You're likely already aware of Franklinton's – since Novozymes has been a corporate citizen and community supporter since 1979. Novozymes may have changed names since then, but they haven't changed their commitment to being one of the best corporate citizens in the state of North Carolina. At what became the Biotech Mayors Summit on July 29, several mayors and representatives of

towns and cities across the state came together to discuss what we can do as elected representatives to support these industries and work to foster their success and growth. It was noted that for every biotech job, an additional 2.5 jobs are created in the communities that surround them. While representatives from larger cities such as Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill, and even Holly Springs spoke about the companies that are within their cities, I spoke about the benefit of being 'biotech adjacent.' Franklinton was by far the smallest community represented – but that mattered little when it came to the conversation. Those at the roundtable were very interested to hear how supportive Novozymes has been to Franklinton and Franklin County, even though they aren't in our corporate limits. Everyone participating agreed that there are many things we can do together to bring a voice to support these companies, large and small, as well as what we can learn from each other. We will continue to meet periodically, to discuss issues regarding being a biotech community. (And some don't even know that Franklinton is one!)

That's just one place in which I get to represent my hometown. I am so proud to be able to do so. I cannot believe how fast time has flown. I also can't believe how much has happened in that time. Also, as you may have read in my blog, I like to attend local events – please let me know if there's an event in your organization, church or school. If I can be there, I'll be glad to! I try to visit and participate as much as possible, but sometimes the schedule of what effectively equates to two full time jobs can be a bit

difficult. I promise – if I can be there, I will! I hope your summer was a fun one, and that you've gotten a great start to your autumn. I wish you the best this holiday season, and always. Please don't hesitate to contact me with issues or concerns...I'm always glad to hear from you!



Elic







# Round Up for Franklinton!

What is the Round Up program?

Round Up Franklinton is a program of the Town of Franklinton to provide an opportunity for citizens to make contributions on a monthly basis to the Uptown Revitalization Committee, the Arts Alive Committee, or the Tree Committee. Contributions can be made in two ways. Citizens can contribute by ‘rounding up’ their monthly utility bill – in other words, if your bill is \$54.50, you can round up the additional \$0.50 to ‘round up’ your bill to \$55, and the additional \$0.50 would be donated to one of the three committees, of your choosing. You can also contribute by making a flat dollar figure contribution, such as a monthly contribution of \$5, which would be donated to one of the three committees, of your choosing.



## ATTENTION RESIDENTS

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2009 STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE DISPOSAL OF PLASTIC BOTTLES IN NC LANDFILLS.

PLASTIC BOTTLES MAYBE PLACED IN THE BINS LOCATED IN THE MAIN STREET MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT OR AT ANY FRANKLIN COUNTY CONVENIENCE CENTER.

THANK YOU!



### LOGO MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

Items available to celebrate your community pride include t-shirts (\$10), travel mugs (\$5), lawn chairs (\$15) and umbrellas (\$10). Items are available at Town Hall, and events such as Frankenfest on Main. When you purchase a travel mug, refills on drinks at Movies on Main are available for \$0.50, instead of the regular drink cost of \$1. So get yours today – flash that red and white around and let everyone know you’re proud to be a Franklintonian!



## What a Great Series Thanks for Supporting Movies on Main!

Over the course of past few months hundreds of citizens came out for free movies, fellowship and fun! Together with Franklinton Arts Alive, the Franklinton URC hosted ten different movies as a part of the Movies on Main series in downtown Franklinton. While the movies were a draw, citizens *really* came out for the vocal arts contest called Stars on Main. Over 20 people participated over the course of the three nights of the event, and we had ten finalists compete on August 8! Congratulations to **Ashley Breslin**, daughter of Chris and Paula Godfrey Breslin, who took the top prize.



Because of the success of these events, this winter the URC will be discussing the possibility of sponsoring the series again next year; given the popularity of it, those plans look good! The URC and Arts Alive would also like to thank Brian Slattery of *The Wake Weekly* for covering each night of Stars on Main, and ensuring that our region knew of these great events in Franklinton! Look for information in *Community Notes*, as well as flyers around town and local newspapers in the spring for plans for the 2010 Movies on Main series!

**Want to follow what’s going on in Town? We’ll do our best to keep you updated... just follow us on Twitter! If you’re already on our user name is Mayor27525. If you’re not, visit [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com), and create your own account, then follow us!**

### URC – What, When, Why

The Franklinton Uptown Revitalization Committee was formed three years ago in an effort to support re-development in our downtown business district. Since its formation, the URC has created several successful events, including Frankenfest on Main and Movies on Main, both designed to bring the community together and bring citizens to the downtown business district. Franklinton URC is continuing to move forward, working to create a façade grant program, placing new banners throughout downtown, and working in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce to foster a spirit of community among businesses in Franklinton. The URC, as with all other committees and civic groups, welcomes any citizen to join us in this work. Franklinton URC meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6pm at the Franklinton Town Hall Annex.

## FRANKLINTON SENIOR CENTER

### Center of Excellence

The Franklinton Senior Center provides a unique opportunity to pursue life. Rowe & Kahn in their 1998 book "Successful Aging" identified three key components of successful aging. First, a low risk of disease and disease-related disability; Second, maintaining a high level of mental and physical functioning; and lastly, active engagement with life. The Center provides opportunities to participate in disease prevention and health promotion activities. Those opportunities include the annual flu clinic in October, exercise equipment, walking program, yoga class, weekly health screenings, Wii sports, annual Prevent Blindness NC vision screenings, and Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings.



The center provides opportunity to participate in activities that promote socialization, brain fitness and creativity. Dominoes, Boggle, computer classes, brain games, art on Fridays, shopping trips, meals and holiday celebrations are some of the offerings that are mentally stimulating.



An active engagement with life, developing social and emotional supports and participating in productive activities provide the challenges that are "key" in the pursuit of life as we age. We are here to provide you with

that opportunity so please take advantage of it. Monday through Friday, 8 am – 4 pm. 602 E. Mason Street or give us a call at 494-5611.

Also, the Franklinton Meals-on-Wheels route needs a volunteer to deliver meals on Wednesday. The route runs individual hot meals to 12-14 residents of Franklinton. It takes about a half an hour to deliver meals beginning at the center around 10:30 am. While there is no compensation for travel and there is a short volunteer application and training manual to complete, the feeling of giving is irreplaceable!

Come experience one of the most rewarding things you'll ever do.

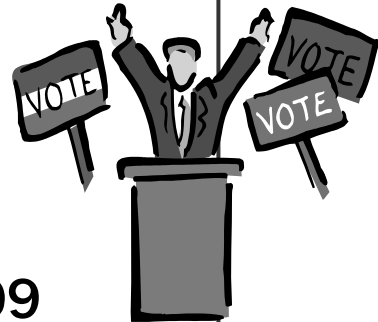
*Article submitted by Patrick Woods, Director  
Franklinton Senior Center*

## News from the Franklinton Chamber of Commerce

The Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce has had quite an active summer! Since the beginning of May, we have celebrated five ribbon cuttings, including Cabin Branch Farm Market (104 S. Main St.), Frugals Speedway (7 S. Main St.), Encore! Encore! Thrift Store (8 N. Main St.), Care 4 a Day Preschool (307 N. Main St.), and Mit-keya, an apparel shop (10 S. Main St.). We are very excited about these new businesses that have chosen to locate within downtown Franklinton!

The Chamber will publish a Business Directory & Planner for 2010 in December. Anyone interested in listing their business or advertising should contact Tammy Ray, Chamber President at 919-494-2520.

The Chamber has also been quite busy making plans for major fall activities. After its absence for a couple of years, the Chamber will again host this fall a Candidates Forum for those individuals running for office in Franklinton, which this year includes those seeking to become Commissioners on our Town Board. The Candidates Forum will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00pm at the Franklinton High School Auditorium. The Chamber has also begun plans for the annual Christmas Parade, to be held this year on Thursday, December 3, at 7:00 in downtown Franklinton. (Line up early – the good spots go fast!) Anyone interested in sponsoring a commercial float, entering a non-commercial entry or participating otherwise should contact the Chamber of Commerce at 494-3662 or Town Hall at 494-2520.



## Candidate Forum

October 6, 2009

FHS Auditorium

7:00 p.m.

**ALL CITIZENS ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

**All Candidates have been Invited!**

Sponsored by the  
Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce



## National Night Out

The Franklinton Police Department held its 18th annual observance of National Night Out on August 4, 2009. Franklinton is one of the 10,000+ communities that were involved in observing National Night Out this year. National Night Out is a national effort to heighten awareness; generate support in local anticrime neighborhood spirit partnerships; and let criminals know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



sponsored by the National Association of Town Watches and is a crime prevention awareness program; strengthen and police community partnerships; and send a message to criminals

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. This year, proceeds from raffle tickets sold will support community outreach by the Franklinton Police Department. Without the hard work and dedication of the Franklinton Police Department, this event would not take place, so please take an opportunity to thank an officer!

## TOWN HALL OPEN HOUSE

The first Open House for the Town of Franklinton was held on August 8. Citizens were able to find out more information about the Tree Committee and its plans for a pocket park in downtown Franklinton. Other dates for the remainder of the year include:

- October 10, 2009 – Spotlight on Arts Alive & Events
- February 13, 2010 – Spotlight on Uptown Revitalization Committee
- May 15, 2010 – Spotlight on Franklinton!

## LABELS FOR EDUCATION

Want to support Franklinton Elementary School but aren't sure how? Here's a way that's simple and easy! If you use Campbell's products, such as chicken noodle soup, just peel off the red label and bring it in. FES will then send those labels to Campbell's and will receive a payment for each label sent. You can also bring in labels from Nestle's Pure Water, most Coca-Cola products (the bottle caps or the tabs from 12-packs of Coca-Cola products), and Box Tops for Education. There are receptacles for each of these products available at Town Hall and at Franklinton Elementary School in the lobby. Save your labels, box tops and bottle caps, and bring them to Town Hall anytime you come by - and support Franklinton Elementary when you do!



## Stand up for America



What a wonderful event this was again for the citizens of Franklinton! Please join the Town in thanking the Franklinton American Legion Post 52, whose members did an **OUTSTANDING** job coordinating this event. The third time was the charm, and what a way to celebrate the birth of our nation on our Independence Day! From great music and bands, to great food and snow cones, to an injurious dunking tank, it was a great day and a wonderful community event. As always, the highlight of the event was the twenty minute fireworks display, which was made even better by a video created by the American Legion.

It's only through the perseverance of the members of Post 52 that this event will continue. We as a community must support the American Legion in their fundraising efforts throughout the year so that events like this can be held by this wonderful civic organization. The Town is proud to support this event annually through a monetary contribution and the support of our emergency services personnel. Let's look forward to July 4, 2010 and another wonderful celebration from the American Legion!

## Help Keep Franklinton Clean and Beautiful!

Since April, the Franklinton Adopt a Street program has been underway, and streets are ready to be adopted! So far, two 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 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) 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!

# Frankenfest On Main



Uptown Franklinton  
October 31, 2009  
9am – 5pm

**Crafters, Vendors, Food  
Vendors, and Fun!**

*Live Entertainment All Day Long!*

**\*\*PUMPKIN PAGEANT AND COSTUME  
CONTEST THAT NIGHT!\*\***

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

**Please Join Us on  
October 20, 2009  
at 6:00 p.m. at the  
Franklinton  
Town Hall Annex  
5 West Mason  
Street  
To Celebrate  
the  
Retirement of  
POLICE CHIEF RAY GILLIAM**



### 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."



### HOLIDAY EVENTS SCHEDULE



Mark your calendars now for events held by the Town of Franklinton (via the Arts Alive Committee) throughout the holiday season!

**Community Holiday Concert** – 7pm, December 5, 2009 at Franklinton High School Auditorium. Local vocal artists and church choirs will perform for the community. The event is free to the public, and doors will open at 6pm. Contributions to the Arts Alive Committee are welcome, and guaranteed seating will be provided as a thank you to those who make contributions of \$25 or more. Donations will also be accepted at the door. Light refreshments will be available at intermission.

**Progress Energy Holiday Lights Tour** – Tours from 6pm-9pm, Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13. Tours leave from downtown Franklinton. Maps will be available at Town Hall beginning on December 3 (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, please visit [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us), call or stop by Town Hall (494-2520) to obtain the entry form. Submissions must be made no later than November 20, 2009. Special awards will be given to stops on the tour, including Most Classical, Most Outrageous, Most Unique, and Best in Show. (Awards will be given at the December 2009 meeting of the Franklinton Board of Commissioners.) Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, Progress Energy. Let's make this year bigger than last!

**Luminary Lighting** – Luminaries will be lit on Saturday, December 12 on the front of Franklinton High School. Citizens are welcome to purchase luminaries in honor or in memory of loved ones. Luminaries can be purchased for \$5 each; forms are available online at [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us), or by visiting or calling Town Hall. The Honor Roll of Luminaries will be posted on the Town's website, and will be distributed at Town Hall throughout December. A list will also be published in the Winter 2010 edition of Community Notes.

Should you have any questions about the Town's holiday events, please don't hesitate to contact the Arts Alive Committee by phone (494-2520) or e-mail ([esenter@franklintonnc.us](mailto:esenter@franklintonnc.us) or [afuller@franklintonnc.us](mailto:afuller@franklintonnc.us)). Want to become more involved? Check [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us) or Channel 10 for meeting locations.



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## TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS SHOWN ON CHANNEL 10 IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETINGS AND EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY AT 9AM & 5PM



### *Holiday Closings*

November 11, 2009 –

Veteran's Day

November 26-27, 2009 –

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 23-25, 2009 –

Christmas Holiday

January 1, 2010 –

New Year's Day



### Dates to Remember

October 2 – FHS Homecoming

October 6 – Candidates Forum

October 10 – Town Hall Open House

October 31 – Frankenfest on Main

Trick or Treat

Pumpkin Carving &

Costume Contests

December 5 – Community Holiday

Concert

December 12-13 – Holiday Lights

Tour

December 15 – Citizen of the Year

Announced

December 19 – Luminary Lighting