#### TOWN OF FRANKLINTON

# **Community** Notes

### Mayor's Message

I've had the opportunity in the past several weeks to speak to many citizens, visit with clients at the Senior Center, and speak to many Franklintonians via telephone and email. Many challenges have beset our citizenry, including harsh economic times. Please know that those of us who serve you Municipal Clerk; Commissioner Joe are working our hardest to be as fiscally responsible as possible with your dollars, to build a fund balance reserve for the Town, and to provide you with a high quality of service for the tax and utility dollars you missioner. spend with the Town.

A couple of things you may not be aware of (because I realize not everyone has the opportunity to view our Board meetings on Channel 10) are the coming of a new restaurant, and the opening of a new health clinic in Franklinton. The Town is in the process of working with Boddie-Noell Enterprises to bring a Hardee's restaurant to Franklinton. In doing so, the Town has applied for a \$205,000 grant with the Rural Economic Development Center, with the assistance of Representative Lucy Allen, this new restaurant will bring anywhere from 10-15 full time

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#### **KERR-TAR REGION K** AWARD WINNERS

On September 25, 2008, the Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, to which Franklinton belongs, held its annual awards banquet. Town Clerk Kim Worley was named Outstanding Cutchins was named Outstanding Town/City Commissioner; and County Commissioner Penny McGhee-Young was named Outstanding County Com These individuals wer nominated by the Town of Franklinto for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of our Town. We than them for their hard work and service We also congratulate resident and for mer Town Commissioner Ronni-Goswick on being named Region k Outstanding Economic Developer o the Year! We will celebrate with these individuals at our October 21st Board Meeting. Come Join Us!

Congratulations to the award recipients from Franklinton!

Elic A. Senter, Mayor Anita Fuller, Mayor Pro Tempore Al Barbour, Commissioner Joe Cutchins, Commissioner James Worley, Commissioner

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What's Your Board Doing ?

Your Town staff and Board of Commissioners have been hard at work lately. In August, we held a very successful open house, featuring the Uptown Revitalization Committee. The next Open House will be on October 11. and will feature the Arts Alive Committee. Members of the Board (including myself) have attended meetings of the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (our transportation planning group), the Kerr Tar Council of Governments, the Franklin County Economic Development Commission, the Franklinton Economic Development Commission, the Franklinton Tree Committee, the Franklinton Uptown Revitalization

Committee, the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce, and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners.

As well, your Board has been hard at work reviewing and updating our Town's ordinances. These ordinances are the rules by which we govern the town; items like leash laws, where parking on streets is allowed, abandoned and nuisance vehicles, noxious weeds, etc. We plan to have these items completely reviewed, updated and in place by December 31, and will have them posted on our website for full review and use sometime in midspring.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO** REMEMBER

October 11 - Town Hall Open House -Town Hall

October 21 - Flu Clinic - Senior Center

October 25 – Frankenfest on Main – Downtown Franklinton

October 31- Trick or Treat-6 pm-8pm

October 20- November 1 - Early Voting at Franklinton Public Library Weekdays 12pm - 7pm; Nov. 1st 8am - 1pm

November 4 - Election Day - FHS & FES Gymnasiums



#### Police Department National Night Out 2008

National Night Out 2008 proved to be one of our most successful events to date. We would like to thank all of those who generously donated their time and to those who donated food and prizes. A very special Thank You from our citizens to Mr. Shane Mitchell for donating the money from his grand prize winning ticket back to the National Night Out fund, which will fund our Senior Citizens Picnic on October 31!

#### **RECENT SCAMS**

The Police Department has received complaints about two workmen trying to sell flooring to some of our residents. They come in and unroll a large piece of flooring and then while one gives a sells pitch the other goes through the area concealed from the home owner's view, stealing anything of value they can find. In most instances the men are gone before the owner realizes what has happened. If you are approached by individuals wanting to sell you anything, ask to see their identification and privilege license, which is required for individuals conducting business in the town limits.

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jobs, and many other part time jobs, to Franklinton. Seeing this project to fruition will also mean an addition of infrastructure to the west side of US I between Pocomoke Road and West Green Street (NC 56), which is also good news for businesses and land owners on that side of the highway. Our hope is that through this project we will be able to drive economic growth in that area of Town.

In August, Franklin Community Health Services held their ribbon cutting for their new offices here in Franklinton. FCHS serves clients from all of Franklin County, and their offices located here in Franklinton open further medical access to Medicare and Medicaid clients not only from the remainder of Franklin County, but also for those living west of US 1 and north of NC 56 who live in the area. We are glad to see our Town's medical community expand, and are excited about the services FCHS will provide. Look for more from FCHS in the future.

I'd like to thank Mr. Corey Pender, Ms. Krystal Francis, Mr. John D. Deal, and Mr. A. Chance Wilkinson of Oxford's City Commission (and please pardon my not saying that at the meeting!) for delivering the Pledge of Allegiance at our Board meetings. Your participation is greatly appreciated and it is our honor to have you!

Franklinton is growing...and we're moving as fast as we can to expand our town's economic opportunities while working to rehabilitate and repair our existing infrastructure. Please bear with us while we experience some growing pains...and don't ever hesitate to let your voice be heard!

#### News from the Franklinton Senior Center

The Franklinton Senior Center held a Wii Bowling Tournament in late July, with 20 participants and over \$200 in donated prizes, which were awarded at the annual summer cookout. The Senior Center has also distributed nearly \$1,000 in vouchers for the 2008 NC Senior Farmers Nutrition Program for local farmers markets. Also, the Senior Center distributed over 50 'Be Prepared' flyers in advance of Tropical Storm Hanna, and made nearly 80 phone calls to check in on citizens during the storm.

Nearly 600 meals have been served by the Senior Center at the facility, and nearly 2,000 have been served by Meals on Wheels to citizens in the Franklinton and Youngsville areas. Also of note, the Franklin County Department of Aging services are currently frozen by Franklin County, which means no new clients are being accepted for specific services at the Senior Center. However, there are services that continue on a regular basis, such as the flu clinic, which will be held at the Franklinton Senior Center on October 21, from 8am – 12pm for anyone 60 and older in the area. (Shots are administered by the Franklin County Health Department.) Counseling for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans is also available beginning November 17 at the Senior Center. Call 494-5611 for an appointment.

Patrick Woods, Supervisor of the Franklinton Senior Center will continue to give monthly updates to the Franklinton Board of Commissioners, so be sure to tune in to the broadcast meetings to find out what's going on with your Senior Center of Excellence!

### TRASH TALK

In the Town of Franklinton, we outsource our trash pickup to Waste Industries, as part of a method by which to save the Town (and thus, our citizens) money. We choose to have backyard pickup in deference to our many senior citizens who can't laboriously pull their trash cans to the road due to their heft. This year, when creating the contract with Waste Industries, we had many conversations about this issue, and the company let us know that it would be much less expensive do curbside pickup. While this may be the case, we feel strongly that we have to honor our senior citizens this way. Because of this, we were dealt a 13% increase in the cost of this service. See Trash page 5

#### TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

November 11 - Veteran's Day November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving December 24 - 26 - Christmas Holiday

January 1 - New Year's Day

#### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

# Frankenfest on Man **Uptown Franklinton October 25, 2008** 9 am - 5 pm Crafters, Vendors, Food

# Vendors, and Fun!

Live Entertainment All Day Long!

## Movies on Main! (At the Municipal Lot)

www.frankenfestonmain.org

#### COMMUNITY NOTES

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26	27	28 Tree Committee 7pm	29	30	31 Appliance Pick Up Trick or Treat 6-8 pr	

#### NOVEMBER

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#### DECEMBER

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#### NOTE: \$10 LATE FEE ADDED TO UTILITY BILLS AFTER 5:00 PM on the due date.

#### Worley Named to Clerks Association Board of Directors

Franklinton Town Clerk Kim Worley, who celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Town of Franklinton in July, was recently named to the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Municipal Clerks Association. This is a prestigious honor for both Mrs. Worley and the Town. Congratulations Kim!

#### Don't Forget to Recycle!

Remember, the Town of Franklinton has recycling receptacles in the southern municipal parking lot off Water Street, where you can recycle your plastic containers and bottles, glass containers and bottles, newspapers and

magazines (including this newsletter once you're done reading it) and aluminum and steel cans! Help keep Franklinton clean and beautiful and promote the health of our planet by recycling!



#### LABELS FOR EDUCATION

The next time you stop in to Town Hall to pay your utility bill or to ask a question, you'll notice a large plastic bag attached to the front counter. Town Hall has become a collection point for four different programs that benefit Franklinton Elementary School. If you purchase anything that is a participant in Box Tops for Education or Campbell's Labels for Education, you can bring in those box tops and labels. If you drink Nestle Pure Life Water, you can bring in bottle labels, or if you drink Coca-Cola products, please bring those caps. These items translate into much needed supplies and equipment for Franklinton Elementary, and those soaring Falcons appreciate your support!

#### SUPPORT THE URC

If you've been to Town Hall lately, you may have noticed that there's a big basket of candy on the front desk. That candy is just made for you! The candy is for sale for the benefit of the URC; all profits are used for the benefit of uptown revitalization. So come on in, and have a Hershey bar! (There's also a new drink machine at Town Hall... profits also benefit the URC!)

#### HALLOWEEN COSTUME & PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

The Arts Alive committee is sponsoring a costume and pumpkin carving contest on Oct. 31, 2008. Jack-o-lanterns entries must be submitted in front of the Franklinton High School by 4 pm. Costume entries will begin at 6 pm. Request for pumpkins must be received before noon on Oct. 24. Call Town Hall at 919-494-2520 for more information.

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There have also been reports of people receiving letters with checks telling them they have won a lottery or sweepstakes. These letters ask that you deposit a check into your account to pay the taxes on your winnings. It then tells you to call a phone number for instructions on collecting the remainder of your money. THESE CHECKS ARE NOT LEGITIMATE! DO NOT CASH THESE CHECKS OR CALL THE PHONE NUMBER. THIS IS A WAY TO GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMA-TION. PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY!

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Because we as a Town provide (and thus, you as citizens pay for) backyard pickup, such service is expected. This means that unless you prefer otherwise, your green trash bin is to be picked up from your backyard from a location of your choosing, and it is to be returned there. There have been several issues in the past few months of green trash bins not being returned to the backyard from which they were removed. If this becomes an issue for you, please call Town Hall immediately and speak with Assistant Town Clerk Wendy Gilliam, who handles sanitation issues for the Town. Informing us when there are problems will help us rectify those problems, and can drive how those services are provided in the future. (Please keep in mind, however, that it is a problem that we must notify and rectify through Waste Industries, not through Town staff.) Knowing where these issues arise allows us to keep track and provide good data to the company that handles trash pickup so that excellent service can be provided on behalf of the Town of Franklinton

Don't forget! Recycle your ink cartridges and cellular phones at Town Hall! Proceeds from these recyclables will be used to fund the Tree and Beautification Committees! Your donations are greatly appreciated!

#### TRICK OR TREATING SAFETY TIPS

#### Trick or Treating Oct. 31st 6pm - 8pm

- Small children should be accompanied by an adult.
- 🎯 Carry a flashlight.
- ☆ Stay on sidewalks and WALK, don't run.
- Approach only houses with the lights on.
- Be cautious of animals and strangers. Never enter a stranger's car or home for a treat.
- Say thanks after receiving your treats!
- Parents should inspect all treats before they are eaten.
- Motify Police of any suspicious activity.

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## WATCH TOWN BOARD MEETINGS IMMEDIATELY AFTER



#### CHAMBER NEWS SEPTEMBER 2008

The Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce is looking to increase our membership this coming year. Our mission shall be to sustain existing business and promote further commercial and industrial economic growth while being a contributing member of the Franklinton area by advancing a positive social and community image for the progress of all citizens. Your membership will be instrumental in the economic growth and development of the Franklinton area and Franklin County. We strongly encourage individuals and businesses to help in our efforts to improve the Franklinton area by joining the Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce. By increasing our membership base, the Chamber hopes to be able to expand our present programs and even add to the growing list of members.

DEPARTMENT Franklinton Fire Department has made repairs to outdoor fire siren and will be activating it on all major calls as well as for occasional tests. There will also be a noon test every Saturday. Please do not call 911 if you hear the siren going off. This siren will not be used for severe weather alerts, but for fire department incidents only. The use of the outdoor fire siren will begin

Flease Come Join us to Celebrate our Region K Award Winners on Oct. 21 at 6:30 pm in Town Hall. Refreshments will be served!

on October 4, 2008.