

# Community Notes

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## STARS ON MAIN

Have you ever dreamed of being the next American Idol? Been told you've got a great voice? Come share it with the world! (Okay, come share it with downtown Franklinton.) On June 27, July 11 and July 25, the Franklinton Arts Alive Committee is sponsoring Stars on Main, a vocal arts contest, in conjunction with the Uptown Revitalization Committee's Movies on Main events. Stars on Main will begin at 6:00 pm on each of the dates listed, and will sunset to be approx 8:30 pm (day).

Interested participants may sign up to enter the contest by picking up the sign up form at Town Hall, or by e-mailing [esenter@franklintonnc.us](mailto:esenter@franklintonnc.us), or on the night of the event. First come, first served! Three winners will be chosen each of the three nights. The nightly winners will be invited back on August 8th to compete for a \$250 grand prize.



run until (anticipated proximately each Saturday)



## Stand Up For America

On July 4, the American Legion Post 52 (Franklinton Post) will again host its annual Stand Up 4 America event at the FHS Athletic Complex, just off US Highway 1. PLEASE come out and support the event, and our veterans that have served us so proudly! The American Legion works diligently to create a fun filled, family friendly event for the citizens of Franklinton and surrounding communities. There will be lots of activities, including inflatable bounce houses, live entertainment all day, great food, and fireworks at the end of the day! (You might even get a chance to dunk the Mayor... ☺)

Our American Legion works throughout the year to promote citizenship, appreciation for those who serve and those who have served, and to bring awareness to veterans issues. Supporting these brave individuals is one way that we as citizens whose freedoms were (and are) protected by these veterans can say thank you. Join us at Stand Up 4 America on the Fourth of July! Hope to see you there!



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## Mayor's Message...

### Franklinton's a twitter

That's right...Franklinton has its own Twitter account. What is Twitter? It's a social networking site that allows short text based updates of no more than 140 characters. Things like, "Writing the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter newsletter for the Town of Franklinton," or "Meeting with the Board of Commissioners." Twitter allows people to keep up with each other without having to send multiple massive e-mails or text messages. Best of all? It's free! Franklinton's Twitter account (in case you want to follow

us) is Mayor27525. (Yes, unfortunately Franklinton was already taken, and Franklinton27525 was too long, so I just created one that was easy to figure out. Guess who's doing the updates?)

We're using Facebook as a networking tool, as well. There are well over 150,000,000 users on Facebook at the time I'm writing this...which means there are 149,998,691 more people than there are in the town of Franklinton. But they can still keep up with what's going on in town! I have my own Facebook account, which I use for both personal and work related posts. It is my personal Facebook page, and you're welcome to 'Friend' me on Facebook.

Just keep in mind, that it is my personal account. It isn't all about Franklinton. ☺ (And if you don't know what Facebook is, call me or e-mail me and I'll tell you all about it. It's easy to use...you just have to start using it.) From my account on Facebook, however, I've created a group called 'Franklinton is MY Hometown!', and several events that people can register to attend, such as Movies on Main and Frankenfest on Main. These events on Facebook are just another way to make folks aware of what's going on in town. Hopefully, it'll work!

Many of you also know that I have a blog, as well, called Elic's Thoughts

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## ***Give Us Your E-mail... We'll Give You a Gift!***

Well...a gift card, anyway. The Town of Franklinton is doing its best to go 'green' and make our communications with you become more efficient and effective. We're working to gather e-mail addresses so that we can begin sending this newsletter, along with notices about public meetings, events, and other important information to you electronically. Doing so will help the Town save paper (thus making us greener) and postage (thus saving the Town money).

From July 1 – September 30, every Town resident who submits an e-mail address for Town use will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to Food Lion. A drawing will be held monthly for a \$25 gift card. At the October Board of Commissioners meeting, the Mayor will draw a name from all those submitted during April through September for a \$100 grand prize gift card. Won't you help us save trees, postage and time? Send us your e-mail! You can give it to us when you come in to Town Hall to pay your utility bill, e-mail Mayor Elic Senter (esenter@franklintonnc.us), or call Town Hall (494-2520) and provide your e-mail to Kate Pattridge, Utility Clerk. We'll send confirmation e-mails as soon as possible after we receive your address.

Don't have an e-mail address? Even if you don't have internet access, you can have an e-mail address. Computers are available for use at the Franklinton Public Library to those who have a library card, and for those who are senior citizens, at the Franklinton Senior Citizens Center. Whether you go to the library, senior center, or have internet access at home, you can get an e-mail address. Visit [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com), [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com), or [www.hotmail.com](http://www.hotmail.com) for a free e-mail address. Once you have it, let us know. Together, we'll make a change in the future of Franklinton!

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The winner will receive a \$200 gift card! (Individual night winners can only place once, but are welcome to sing every night of the three events.)

Anyone is welcome! Come one, come all – let's see those Stars on Main shine! Questions? Ask an Arts Alive Committee member or e-mail [esenter@franklintonnc.us](mailto:esenter@franklintonnc.us) (or call 919-494-2520).



## **Who's Got the Moves Rescheduled**

**Due to the rainout of  
Who's Got the Moves on**

**May 9, the event/contest has been rescheduled for August 22 – same time, same place!  
We'll see you there!**

## **Don't Forget – Movies on Main Still Running!**

The Franklinton URC's first two Movies on Main events have been a wonderful success! There are live music events prior to each movie, and the movies begin at sunset. Look for flyers around town to find out what the movies are during the week, and if you forget the date, keep an eye on the signs around town – look for "This Saturday!" The more, the merrier, and of course – the better for our community! Please, join us for this **FREE** night of entertainment! (Did we say **FREE**? **YES!**) Refreshments and other fun foods are available for purchase the night of the event. Funds raised from the sale of refreshment concessions at Movies on Main help support this event so that it can continue to be held. Thanks for your support!

## **National Night Out is August 4!**

The Franklinton Police Department will participate in its 18th annual observance of National Night Out on August 4, 2009. This year's event will be held downtown on Main Street. Main Street from Vine Street to Green Street will be closed for the event, and the Franklinton Police Department will be cooking just for you, our citizens!

Franklinton is one of the 10,000+ communities that were involved in observing National Night Out in 2008. NNO 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.

NNO 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, so in 2007 we organized one big event which was held at the Franklinton Park. This brought all of our citizens 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. A second successful Franklinton Park event was held in 2008.

For the past several years, proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets go to host the annual senior citizen picnic held on Halloween each year. If you are interested in volunteering or making a donation for this event please contact Town Hall at 919-494-2520.

## Shop Franklinton First!

As you've read previously on these pages, everyone benefits when you shop locally. Not only are the products you purchase close to your home, but you are also supporting a local business. By supporting a local business, your money then stays right here in Franklinton...keeping Franklintonians employed, keeping Franklinton businesses moving. Some of the sales taxes you pay are then returned to Franklinton, in turn preventing other fees and taxes from being increased. When that happens, you have more money to spend...locally! Now more than ever it's crucial that we keep as much money as we can **here in Franklinton. Shop Franklinton First!**

### Business Directory to be Published

The Franklinton Township Chamber of Commerce will be publishing what it hopes to become an annual business directory and planning calendar for the greater Franklinton area. The directory will be free to anyone who is interested. Any business or individual interested in supporting the directory or advertising in it should contact Elic Senter (esenter@franklintonnc.us or 919-702-4814) or any Chamber member. Look for the Directory to be published in the fall!



### PLEASE HELP US PROTECT OUR WATER BY PICKING UP AFTER YOUR PET!

Cleaning up after your pet is good for your health and good for the environment! Pet waste left on the ground, especially near streets and sidewalks, can get washed into storm drains and drainage ditches which flow directly into our local waterways. Bacteria, viruses and parasites in pet waste can be harmful to our water quality and human health. So, please do your part and be a good neighbor... help take care of our water by cleaning up after your pet!

For more information, please contact the Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District  
919-496-3137 ext. 3  
Soil & Water... It's Yours for Life!

## STREETS ARE READY TO BE ADOPTED

As announced at the April 21 meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Franklinton Adopt a Street program is underway, and streets 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. Our streets are ready for you! We need your support to keep litter off the sides of our streets. Help keep Franklinton clean and beautiful by adopting a street today!

## Summer Safety Tips

Summer is the time for outdoor fun and relaxation. Common summertime activities like swimming, biking, skating, gardening, picnicking, or just sitting in the sun can create safety hazards if not approached with care. The following tips are some simple ways you can stay safe and avoid the risk created by your fun in the sun time.



### Preventing Heat-Related Illness

- \* Dress for the heat
- \* Drink plenty of water
- \* Take regular breaks
- \* Eat small meals and eat more often (avoid foods high in protein which increases metabolic heat)

### Bug Safety

- \* Avoid scented hair & skin care product when planning to be outdoors
- \* Use insect repellent (products containing DEET are most effective against ticks & mosquitoes)
- \* Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate (stagnant water, blooming flowers, uncovered foods)
- \* If you experience flu like symptoms (head ache, fever, body aches) after finding a tick on your body contact your physician for professional care

### General Outdoor Safety

- \* Wear broad spectrum sunscreen with a SPF 15 or greater (apply 20 minutes before extended outdoor exposure & every 2 hours while outside)
- \* Be aware that the sun is most concentrated between 10 am and 4 pm so plan activities accordingly
- \* Follow the manufacture safety & maintenance guidelines for grills and outdoor equipment

*Remember stay safe & have fun this summer!*

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of the Day. (Right now, however, it's more along the lines of Elic's Thoughts of the Month, because I haven't been very diligent about updating it in the past few weeks...time just skips right on away from you if you aren't careful!) I try to post to my blog on a regular basis...but don't hold it against me if I don't.

So why am I (and we) so interested in all of this electronic communication? Several reasons. First, I believe it's a great way for me to communicate a lot of information to a lot of people with very little front end effort. Secondly, it saves hundreds of pages of paper and even more phone calls. Third, I believe these methods of communication are the way things will continue to move, and I want to be sure that Franklinton is ahead of the game as much as possible. Later in this newsletter, you'll read an article requesting your personal e-mail address. PLEASE consider providing it to us...let us communicate better with you!

## URC to Host Communitywide Yard Sale

On Saturday, September 26, the URC will be hosting its first Franklinton Communitywide Yard Sale – the Ultimate Recycling! If you have a few things – or a garage full of stuff – that you've been wanting to clean out or get rid of, but haven't had the time or the place to put it out to see if anybody wanted any of it – now's your chance! You'll be able to rent a table for \$10, and you can rent as many tables as you'd like. Pre-registration is preferred, as we cannot guarantee a table on the day of the event. (If we run out of tables, you can bring your own and rent a space for \$5.) The event will be advertised across the community and the county, so join us in promoting reuse of products already made!

The URC will also host a concession stand that day, selling hot dogs, nachos, chips, drinks, and candy. The sale will open at 8:00am (you can come set up at 7:00am), and will be open until 5:00pm.

Any items leftover at the end of the day may be donated to Franklin County Volunteers in Medicine, a nonprofit organization providing healthcare to the uninsured, which has recently opened a thrift store in downtown Franklinton. FCVIM volunteers will be on hand with boxes ready to take leftover items!

And don't forget...immediately following the conclusion of the Communitywide Yard Sale, live entertainment begins at 6:00pm, followed by Movies on Main!



# New Alerting System

nixle



The Franklinton Police Department now has the ability to provide our citizens with up to date emergency information via email or text message. Nixle is a company offering the Franklinton Police Department free access to an emailing and texting system to alert the citizens of Franklinton and the surrounding area of important information. This system has given our agency the ability to send trusted, time-sensitive and geographically-targeted information using their existing secure network terminals.

Citizens can sign up to receive free email or text message alerts from the police department regarding crime alerts, missing persons or runaways. This service will also allow our agency to attach pictures of persons "wanted" by the police department. It is our goal to increase the police department's effectiveness by allowing us to get out important emergency information as soon as possible to the citizens of Franklinton.

To register for this service go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and follow the sign up instructions. If you need help with this process or have additional questions regarding this service please feel free to contact Sgt. Kevin Hornaday or Lt. John Green at 919-494-2151 and they will be more than happy to assist you.



## Round UP for Franklinton!

When you write a check, do you prefer to write it for a rounded dollar figure? Have you been wanting to support volunteer efforts in the Town of Franklinton but wasn't sure how, or haven't had the time? Well, we've got an opportunity for you! The Town of Franklinton is proud to introduce **Round Up Franklinton**, a *voluntary* donation program that allows you to make a small donation every time you pay your utility bill. You can choose to have your donation go to the Arts Alive Committee, the Tree Committee, the Uptown Revitalization Committee, or the Beautification Committee. You can also choose to have your utility bill rounded up to the nearest dollar, or you can elect to make a flat donation each month. If you're interested, please visit Town Hall and request a Round Up sign up form, or visit [www.franklintonnc.us](http://www.franklintonnc.us) and click on the Round Up icon. Interested participants can sign up beginning July 1, and the donation will show on your August utility bill. (You will also receive a letter at the end of the year for tax purposes, as these are charitable donations under IRS code.) Thanks for supporting our volunteer efforts!

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

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETINGS AND  
SHOWN ON CHANNEL 10  
TOWN COMMISSIONER MEETINGS



## Frankenfest on Main Applications Available

Calling all crafters, all non-profit organizations, and all those interested in participating in Frankenfest on Main 2009! The website for the event has (finally) been updated, and the application is ready to go! Booths are \$30 until August 1, and \$40 thereafter (\$20/\$30 for non-profit organizations), so get your application in today! Mark your calendars – October 31, 2009 will be our third annual Frankenfest on Main! Visit [www.frankenfestonmain.org](http://www.frankenfestonmain.org) for more information, or e-mail [info@frankenfestonmain.org](mailto:info@frankenfestonmain.org).

## Dates to Remember

Town Hall Closed	July 3
Stand Up for America	July 4
Movies on Main	July 11 & 25 Aug. 8 & 12 Sept. 12 & 26
Stars on Main	June 27 July 11 & 25
National Night Out	Aug. 4
Who's Got the Moves	Aug. 22
Labor Day Town Hall Closed	Sept. 7
Tar River Festival	Sept. 12
Communitywide Yard Sale	Sept. 26

### REMINDER

Grass Season is Here!  
Please be kind to your neighbors and  
maintain your yards so that grass does not  
exceed 10" in height.  
**THANK YOU!**

