

Community Notes

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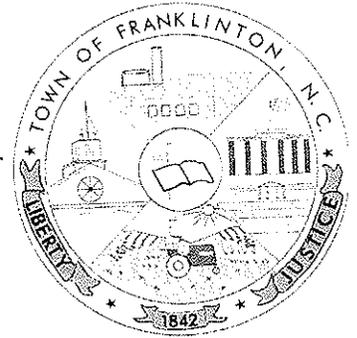
RECYCLE

Ink Cartridges & Cell Phones at Town Hall – and Support the Tree Committee!

You might look at your ink cartridges as a way to get a couple of bucks off your purchase at Staples. You might just throw them away. You may not even know that your cell phone *can* be recycled. But it can! The Town has created a receptacle at Town Hall for you to do just that. If you've got a cell phone that you don't use anymore, *please* don't throw it out – throw it to Town Hall! The Town will be recycling printer cartridges and cell phones, and the proceeds from those recyclables will be used to support the efforts of the Tree and Beautification Committees. We'll be working in the coming months to support community recycling contests, litter sweeps, flower plantings, and other efforts to beautify the Town. We're working on offering you prepaid mailers to be able to just drop those cartridges or phones in the mail to Town Hall, but that's going to take us a little while. So bring that printer cartridge by Town Hall when you get a chance. Your town will be more beautiful for it!

Arbor Day Observed

On Saturday, March 8, the Town of Franklinton celebrated Arbor Day. At a celebration at Town Hall, Mike Markovic of the US Forestry Service presented Stan Whitlow, Franklinton Tree Committee Chair with the Town's 23rd consecutive Tree City USA proclamation and flag. Franklinton was named a Tree City for its work in protecting the town's urban forest, maintaining a tree ordinance, holding events such as the Arbor Day celebration, and maintaining a tree committee. The ceremonial tree presented by the Town was planted at Franklinton High School in honor of Mr. Robert L. Johnson, retired principal of Franklinton High. Mr. Johnson was an educator with the Franklinton City Schools for many years, serving in several roles, from science and driver's education teacher to assistant principal, and later, principal of the school. A flowering dogwood was planted on the north side of the school's campus.



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A Letter from the Mayor.....

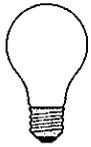
I hope this finds you doing well, and having a wonderful start to Spring! This is one of my favorite times of year. Pretty soon, our trees will begin flowering with green leaves, flowers will begin to bloom, and Franklinton will start to blossom under sunnier, warmer days. There's lots going on under those trees and blossoms, too. Your Board of Commissioners is working diligently with Town staff to ensure that we are moving forward as efficiently with the sewer replacement project, as well as sewer extensions down US 1 to open the corridor for commercial development. There are many other projects in the works to improve the Town's infrastructure, support our public works department and revitalize

the uptown area. As you read through this newsletter, you'll find out that there are a great number of things going on in and around Town, and we're pretty excited about them all. The Board is still in the process of seeking a permanent Town Manager. I'm also happy to share with you the Town's newest addition to our staff, Kate Patridge, who is the new Front Office Receptionist at Town Hall. We're all excited to be almost fully staffed at Town Hall.

All hasn't been roses and sunshine in these past few weeks, as you know. On February 10, Franklinton saw a fire ravage nearly 1,000 acres of forest just west of town limits off US 1. The fire crossed US 1 several times, and followed a very similar

path to that of a fire that threatened the Town nearly 45 years ago, in April 1963. Without the valiant efforts of our volunteer fire department, emergency services personnel, the Police Department, and the many other departments who responded to support the Franklinton Fire Department, the damage of the February fire would have been much, much worse. As always, the Town of Franklinton appreciates nothing higher than the service provided by our volunteer services personnel and town police staff to keep the citizens of Franklinton safe. Please take the opportunity to thank them whenever you have the chance.

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What a Great Idea..... Energy Saving Tips

It's that time of year... we've just sprung forward, and so the days are longer, the nights are shorter – and that's supposed to save us energy, right? Well, not always, but there are several small things you can do in your home on a regular basis to reduce your energy costs.

1. Purchase compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). These light bulbs can have a significant impact on your electricity bill! In a short amount of time! For instance, a regular bulb that runs to output 100 watts would only be 26 watts from a CFL. (If you're wondering if a bulb is a CFL, just look for the funky, spiral shaped bulbs.) There's a little cost up front, but given that your average CFL bulb lasts five years or more, and saves you between 50-60% energy usage per bulb, you'll make that up front cost back in less than six months. Now that's something easy on your wallet *and* the environment! They're available in most local hardware stores.
2. Think about that fresh air scent in your clothes. It doesn't have to come from a detergent – it can come from your clothesline. Have a clothesline? Using it could decrease your energy consumption by 15%.
3. Do you have the ability to pay your bills online? What about obtaining your statements online from your banking institutions? Both are ways to save paper and postage. As well, you can opt out of junk mail, saving hundreds of trees, human resources at the US Postal Service, and your time sorting through it.
4. Reuse your plastic grocery bags. If you reuse those plastic grocery bags, it's one or two (or more) bags that don't have to be pulled off the rack to use again. As well, many grocery stores provide some 'kickback' in their customer loyalty programs for doing so.

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Brush and Yard Waste Regulations

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, pine straw, or other natural items. should bag leaves and pine straw for collection.

All limbs must be cut into lengths no longer than six feet long and no larger than four inches in diameter. Yard waste piles must be neatly stacked next to the curbside to insure collection.

Each year beginning the 1st week in November leaves and pine straw may be placed in piles at the street for collection. All leaf and pine straw piles must be kept free from sticks, limbs, rocks, etc. so as not to cause injury to town employees or damage town equipment. Collection of loose leaves and straw will continue until the last week in February. After that time you

On town streets that have curb and gutter, absolutely no type of yard waste that is to be collected by the town should be placed in the gutters.

Each resident is allowed one truck-load of "un-chipped" yard waste materials per collection by the town. An "un-chipped" load of yard waste is considered to be 12 feet long by 4 feet tall by six feet wide. All yard waste deposited at the curbside for collection by the town will be collected each collection cycle. Residents will be charged a \$25 per load for all yard waste collected in excess of their first "un-chipped" load.

UPTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

As you know, in February 2007, the Franklinton Uptown Revitalization Committee (URC) began working to bring new life to the uptown Franklinton area. The Economic Restructuring, Design, and Promotions Committees work hard every month of the year to create plans and programs to reinvigorate the uptown area, and to share how special our town is with others. We're always open to new members! Do you have an interest in uptown revitalization? Do you want to see 'hustle and bustle' and wonderful greenescapes in the uptown area? Then come join us! We meet on the second Thursday of every month at Town Hall. Contact Tammy Ray, Town Planner (tray@franklintonnc.us or 919-494-2520) for more information and to get on the contact/reminder list.

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After the planting, nearly 100 live oak trees were distributed to citizens who attended the celebration. Many thanks to those who attended, including representatives of Franklin County Schools, including those who were a part of the Franklinton City School system, as well as the many citizens who were in attendance, and especially, the Johnson family.

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As always, you can feel free to contact me anytime with issues, concerns, ideas and thoughts. Feel free to e-mail (esenter@franklintonnc.us), call (919-494-2520 or 919-702-4814) or stop by Town Hall.

Have a great Spring!

Elic A. Senter, Mayor

Newsletter Contributions Welcome

Any Civic Organization wishing to contribute material for our next newsletter please email Mayor 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!

We Look Forward to Hearing Your Ideas!

PUTT'N FOR PAWS

NOVOZYMES North America is sponsoring a golf tournament on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at the Bull Creek Country Club in Louisburg. The entry fee is \$85 per golfer which includes greens and cart fees, lunch and beverages on the course, dinner and a concert given by the Embers.

For more information contact Deana Ayers at 919-412-4431 or email stormryder22001@yahoo.com.

Proceeds will fund the Franklin County Humane Society.

Check out our website at www.fchsnc.org.

APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Utility Bills Due	10 Uptown Rev. Meeting	11	12
13	14 Planning Board 7:00 pm	15 Town Board 7:00pm	16	17 Arts Alive Meeting	18	19
20	21	22 Tree Committee	23	24	25 Appliance Pick Up	26
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**WE'RE ALWAYS HAPPY TO
HEAR FROM OUR CITIZENS!**



New E-mail Addresses

As the town moves to a new website, we also move to new e-mail addresses for our staff and the Board of Commissioners. Please refer to the list on the left when you need to communicate via e-mail with Town staff or the members of the Board of Commissioners.

CEDAR CREEK MS REPORT CARD PICK-UP



Parent Report Card Pickup Night will be held on April 10, 2008 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Dinner will be served and teachers will be available to conference with parents. Parents must come to the school to pick up their child's report card.

**REPORT CARDS WILL NOT BE SENT
HOME.**

**FRANKLINTON ELEMENTARY
KINDERGARDEN REGISTRATION
APRIL 18, 2008**

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5. Support a local grocer or farmer. The fewer miles that produce has to travel, the less gas that's spent to send it to you...and the lower the cost of the produce, generally. The same is true for your shopping needs. Shopping locally saves you time, money on gas, and puts more back into your local economy.
6. Turn off your computer monitors, laptops, and other equipment when you're not using it. The extra energy needed to keep those appliances running costs you money!
7. If you have a ceiling fan, use it – even if your air conditioner is working. They circulate the air to keep the cool air down and the hot air rising – thus, the air that's surrounding you while you're sitting on the couch or at the kitchen table is cooler.

These are just a few things that can be done to keep your energy consumption – and costs – lower during the heat of summer.