



"The Three Rivers City"

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## October 4th City Election Results — Ward I

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### CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD I CITY ELECTION RESULTS OCTOBER 4, 2016

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1734  
Ballots Cast- 283  
Voter Turnout- 16%

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#### COUNCIL THREE Years

|                                       |     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|
| Heather Moquin                        | 150 |
| Arthur "Ted" Starkweather (Incumbent) | 127 |
| Scatter                               |     |

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#### SCHOOL BOARD Three Years

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| William J. Doherty | 33  |
| Bettina Ford       | 16  |
| Jeffrey Savary     | 85  |
| Anyia Twarog       | 131 |
| Scatter            | 4   |

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#### MODERATOR Two Years

|                             |     |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Steven D. Foley (Incumbent) | 262 |
| Scatter                     | 2   |

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#### WARD CLERK Two Years

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Joan C. Hinds (Incumbent) | 258 |
| Scatter                   | 1   |

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## October 4th City Election Results — Ward II

**CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD II**  
CITY ELECTION RESULTS  
OCTOBER 4, 2016

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1391  
Ballots Cast- 237  
Voter Turnout- 17%

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**COUNCIL**  
*Three Years*

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Glen J. Feener          | 103        |
| <b>Vincent S. Ribas</b> | <b>129</b> |
| Scatter                 | 2          |

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**SCHOOL BOARD**  
*Two Years*

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Susan Hallett Cook (Incumbent)</b> | <b>121</b> |
| Tina Thurber                          | 80         |
| Scatter                               | 3          |

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**SCHOOL BOARD**  
*Three Years*

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Paul Doucette</b>    | <b>114</b> |
| Tina Thurber (write in) | 96         |
| Scatter                 | 8          |

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**MODERATOR**  
*Two Years*

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Tam Feener (Incumbent)</b> | <b>178</b> |
| Scatter                       | 10         |

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**WARD CLERK**  
*Two Years*

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Janet Desrochers (Incumbent)</b> | <b>204</b> |
| Scatter                             | 1          |

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**SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST**  
*Two Years*

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| (Write-In) Scatter | 31 |
|--------------------|----|

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## October 4th City Election Results — Ward III

**CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARD III**  
CITY ELECTION RESULTS  
OCTOBER 4, 2016

Total Voters on the Checklist- 1843  
Ballots Cast- 190  
Voter Turnout- 10%

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**COUNCIL**  
*Three Years*

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Steve Barton (Incumbent)</b> | <b>153</b> |
| Scatter                         | 10         |

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**SCHOOL BOARD**  
*Three Years*

|                                   |            |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Timothy M. Dow (Incumbent)</b> | <b>153</b> |
| Carla Lavoy                       | 32         |
| Scatter                           |            |

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**MODERATOR**  
*Two Years*

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Cameron M. Temple (Incumbent)</b> | <b>184</b> |
| Scatter                              | 0          |


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**WARD CLERK**  
*Two Years*

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Meri-Lynn Banton (Incumbent)</b> | <b>184</b> |
| Scatter                             | 0          |

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*Jo Brown* originally from Franklin and a graduate of the *University of New Hampshire* (UNH), enlisted in the *United States Air Force* (USAF) where she met her husband of 35 years, *Scott Brown*, who was also serving in the USAF. *Brown's* job had her on the move, living in South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Wyoming, Texas and six years in Germany during her enlistment. Over the years the family kept their ties with Franklin spending summers at their *Webster Lake House*. *Brown* retired as a career Air Force officer after 23 years of service, and in 2012 retired from *The United Services Automobile Association* (USAA,) a financial group of companies providing

## Spotlight On Volunteer Jo Brown

financial services for military personnel. Always being an active volunteer, *Brown* returned to Franklin following her retirement and didn't waste any time getting involved in the community. She served as secretary of the *Franklin Hospital Auxiliary*, a member of the *Franklin Animal Shelter* Board and presently is co-chair of *Choose Franklin*. Remembering the days of a thriving downtown area, *Brown* wanted to be a part of *Franklin for a Lifetime's* city revitalization. The idea of having a coffee shop where local residents could meet was intriguing to her because the downtown businesses close early and there were no meeting places for the community to get together. Her vision also included a retail shop adjacent to the café. *Brown* said, "The downtown area had no retail shops with new merchandise. As a buyer and purchaser at the *Franklin Hospital Gift Shop*, she was familiar with *NH Made*" and embraced the idea for the *Franklin Studio* retail shop. Now offering a café for people to meet and a retail shop that is filling community needs, the studio is also filling a social need by offering events to bring the community together. *Brown* states their mis-

sion is to educate people on the value of handmade crafts and to bring artisans in to teach at the studio. "If we can show there is a way to retain business, we can grow as a City and maintain our schools." "The *Franklin Studio* is doing well and the expansion has helped, it continues to grow. There will be several new artisans and items offered in the fall", said *Brown*. Following in their mother's footsteps, daughters *Katie* and *Diana* also volunteer at the *Franklin Studio* and *Elizabeth* serves in the USAF. *Brown* propelled forward with her vision for the *Franklin Studio* that recently celebrated its first year since opening the doors. Asked what she would say to others that would be interested in volunteering, *Brown* explained that volunteerism is part of the fabric of the community and is a way to give back. The *Brown* family truly is part of the fabric of this community, and *Jo Brown* truly is one of the pioneer's in the revitalization process of Franklin! We applaud all her hard work and diligence on making a significant difference in the City of Franklin. *Jo and Scott Brown* recently returned from a wonderful vacation and anniversary celebration spending several weeks in Europe.

## Franklin Welcomes Communications Specialist Eric Robertson

Eric S. Robertson has joined the Franklin Police Department as a full-time communications specialist. Prior to coming to Franklin, Eric served with the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of State Police as a supervisor for the Marine Patrol Division. Eric is a graduate of Nashua High School and Hesser College with a degree in Business Science. He is also a graduate of the 128<sup>th</sup> class of the New Hampshire Police Academy. Among his many accomplishments, Eric is a certified Intoxilyzer Operator, firearms instructor, and defensive tactics instructor. Eric served with the United States Coast Guard and received an honorable discharge

after four years of active service. Eric's duties are far-reaching and complex and during his shift, he is responsible for the safety and well-being of officers from Franklin, Hill, Andover, Danbury, Alexandria, and Bristol. His responsibilities will also include working with a variety of departments on the county, state and federal levels to include the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, New Hampshire State Police, New Hampshire Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the federal department of Homeland Security to name but a few. Welcome Eric!



# Mayor receives Humanitarian Award



**Ken Merrifield '85** was granted the Humanitarian Award. When Merrifield graduated from Saint Anselm with a degree in English, he was presented with the John Julian Ryan Award by his professors. Now, in his 15<sup>th</sup> term as mayor of Franklin, New Hampshire, Merrifield is the longest-serving mayor in city history. Since his election to Franklin's School Board in 1992, he has dedicated many successful years to serving his community. Merrifield was appointed to the New Hampshire Workforce Opportunity Council by Governor John Lynch in 2011, selected as "Citizen of the Year" by the Franklin Lodge of Elks in 2013, and awarded the "Governor Meldrim Thomson Principle Above Politics Award" in 2015.

## Krystal Alpers, Franklin Parks and Recreation Director, named winner of the 2016 Sandi Van Scoyoc Legacy Award

The HNH Foundation has announced that **Krystal Alpers**, Parks and Recreation Director in Franklin, NH, is the winner of the 2016 Sandi Van Scoyoc Legacy Award. The Legacy Award's annual prize of \$2500 is presented to a New Hampshire organization or an individual who exemplifies the Foundation's founding President's commitment to improving the health and wellness of New Hampshire's children and families. **Krystal Alpers was nominated for the award by Melissa Lee**, Greater Franklin HEAL Co-Coordinator, who cited Krystal's "tireless work to enhance the health and well-being of the families of Franklin, whether it's organizing community projects to improve the beauty and safety of our playgrounds and parks, or advocating for healthy meal options for our kids."

According to Lee's nomination, Krystal has been instrumental in launching and implementing many projects in the Franklin area: leading the Odell Park Centennial Project to beautify and increase safety and

appeal of the park; implementing the Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Childcare; initiating a Harvest Box at the Bessie Rowell Community Center to provide families a place to leave and take free produce donated from area community and home gardens; co-leading the Franklin Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Coalition; and establishing gardens that are used by the childcare center and Head Start.

In presenting the award, HNH Foundation President Gail Garceau stated, "We are honored to recognize Krystal Alpers, who exemplifies the spirit and intent of the Legacy Award. We are recognizing someone who is doing the hard work on the ground, and supporting neighbors and her community in new and innovative ways."

According to Krystal, "Franklin has many initiatives underway to increase access to healthy foods and to get families physically active. I want to thank the HNH Foundation as well as Franklin's elected officials and city administration. Together, we can be true champions for our children."



## News from the Municipal Services Department

This fall the Municipal Service Department is attempting to get as much accomplished before the weather pattern changes and the ground freezes. We will be performing many of our annual Fall Maintenance Tasks during the month of October. Here is our October outlook.

The 2+1/2" winter base course of asphalt has been applied to Prospect Street from #320 Prospect Street to the Northfield Town Line. On this section of road our focus is performing shoulder stabilization, adding gravel to driveway approaches and some ditching. We anticipate placing the top course of asphalt in the spring of 2017 and complete shoulder work upon completion of the top course.

Terrace Road from Davis to Pleasant Streets has 965 feet of new water main in place... We are in the process of making all new service connections from the new water main to the property line replacing all curb stops. Once this is done the Temporary water services will be removed and the new water main activated. We are also adding drainage. We anticipate the finish grading and 2+1/2" of winter binder asphalt to be in place by the third week in October including shoulder stabilization and repairing driveway approaches. In the spring new curbing will be installed with a new 5 foot sidewalk and the top course of asphalt extending to just beyond Birch Drive will be accomplished along with final shoulder stabilization and driveway approaches.

There are three additional streets that will be resurfaced but this is dependent on weather conditions and our October workload on other necessary maintenance projects. These streets are Prospect St. (from #320 to Central Street); Davis Street; Sanborn Street (from Kendall to Babbitt Rd.) and Woodrow Avenue. As mentioned this is workload and weather dependent. We will not resurface any roads after November first.

Hydrant Flushing of the water system and winterization of hydrants is projected for the week of October 17. We begin in West Franklin and then proceed to the east side. This typically takes five nights beginning Sunday night October 16.

Flushing typically goes on from 6 P.M. to 5 A.M.

Leaf pickup begins the first full week in November that being November 7<sup>th</sup>. We will begin by doing Fridays trash route then proceed to Wednesdays trash route and finish up on Mondays trash route. It takes us about 10 days per trash route. The City does not go onto private property. Leaves should be piled and covered off the road but just off the pavement. One or more piles are ok but we do not want residents to leave the leaves along the property line uncovered because they tend to blow around and slow down our pickup process. We encourage residents to bring their leaves to the transfer station leaf pile if they have the ability to do so. By doing this it ensures we get through the entire City before snow arrives and expedites the process. Also if you have the land, consider leaf composting!

A constant friendly reminder to everyone that our City "Solid Waste Ordinance" requires Trash and Recycling Containers is removed from the side of the road and back onto **private property** by midnight the day they are picked up. They can be placed out **after 4 PM on the day prior to pickup**. Please keep the area and clean and disinfect the containers with bleach on a regular basis. We are all trying to clean up the City and doing your share by ridding your property of unsightly trash, old cars, used furniture will all make a huge difference. Remember the City only picks up containerized trash and Recycling at the curb. The Transfer Station is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Basketball Hoops and other obstructions placed within a public way (streets and sidewalks) have been an ongoing issue. City Ordinance prohibits obstruction of public ways. This includes blocking or inhibiting the safe passage of pedestrians, cyclists, automobiles and especially Emergency Vehicles such as Fire Trucks; Refuse Trucks and other large vehicles. The City is not responsible

for damage to items placed in a public way and if someone gets hurt or a vehicle damaged as a result of a persons negligence of placing such an obstruction they can be held responsible for damages.

The City has installed motion detectors at the Traffic Lights in West Franklin and the Lights at Hannafords. These lights were controlled by wire loops placed in the pavement and were activated when a vehicle drove over them. The old loop detectors were not functioning properly so the decision was made to go with motion detectors. In the long run this will save money on service calls and other maintenance issues associated with in pavement loops.

The first phase of U.S. Route 3 NHDOT Highway Reconstruction and Industrial Park Drive will be ongoing this Fall with work mostly focusing on the first 300 feet of Industrial Park Drive. Work involves subsurface drainage, water main relocation and placement of the base course of asphalt. All work on Industrial Park Drive is being paid for by NHDOT.

Work on replacement and repair to the expansion joints on the Ward One Bridge; Sanborn Bridge and Cross Mill Road Bridge is expected to take place this fall.

Finally, a significant amount of crack sealing has been accomplished throughout the City. The roads that have been selected were determined to be at a stage where the money could be best spent to preserve what is still considered good pavement condition.

In closing I would like to congratulate George Turcotte, Operations Superintendent for the Municipal Services Department for 26 years. George has maintained a nearly perfect attendance record during his employment with the City. Over these past 26 years there have been a lot of changes and many upgrades performed within the seven divisions of the Municipal Services Department,

## News from the Municipal Services Department Cont'd

many of which George initiated. He can retire knowing that his involvement and innovative ideas have saved the City significant amounts of money and he certainly these improvements have been successful. He has been a valuable, knowledgeable and devoted employee whom we all will miss. During my 33 years as a Public Works Director for three municipalities, I have never had such a qualified and devoted assistant. Thank you George and I am sure you will return to check on our continuing progress. Our Staff wishes you all the best.

Thank you for your efforts to help clean-up the City! Any questions feel free to contact the Municipal Services Department weekdays at 934-4103. Brian J. Sullivan, Director



## Franklin Annual Employee BBQ

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the employees of the City gathered in Odell Park for their annual end of summer barbeque. The pot luck tradition started as a friendly hamburger cook off between two employees; each hoping to win over the most employees with their hamburger recipe. It was so popular, that the tradition continued for 6 years now. It was as if Mother Nature was smiling on the tradition as well – Thursday was the only day that week that the sun made an appearance! Salads, beans, meatballs, dips, cookies and other yummy desserts were prepared and shared by all (we certainly have some great cooks employed with the City!). 3 prizes were awarded by “raffle” where each employee present put a ticket into a bucket. Councilor Wells picked the winning tickets from the bucket. These raffle prizes are not purchased with City taxpayer dollars. The prizes obtained by redeeming points on the city credit card. Credit card points are used to obtain raffle prizes for many causes including employee barbeque, fundraising for our K-9 officer and the Mayor’s Drug & Alcohol Task Force to name a few.

The winners were:

Barbeque Grill — Justin Hanscom, Water Department

IPOD — Penny Stephens, Police Department

\$25 Lowes Card — Cliff Caldwell, Transfer Station  
Congratulations! A good time was had by all. We are looking forward to the next! Thank you to the City Council & City Manager for their continued support. Special thank you to the Municipal Services Buildings and Grounds Department for their above & beyond efforts in setting up the park. Thanks to Deb Kulacz in the Finance Office for coordinating the event and a HUGE thank you to the employees who participated – we couldn’t do it without you! See you next year!



## City Employment Opportunity

### Drug and Alcohol Task Force Prevention Coalition for Coordinator Position (Project Manager)

Franklin Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force Prevention Coalition Job Description for Coordinator Position (Project Manager) Part time/32 hours per week (includes 100% paid single plan health insurance and prorated vacation & sick time)

The primary purpose of this position is to support the goals and objectives of the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force, as an established Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Grantee. This will be achieved by working with the Task Force membership, leadership, subcommittees, partner agencies, parents, youth, community representatives, and the business community to develop, promote and implement prevention activities and cross-sector collaborative efforts throughout Franklin and Hill. When appropriate, the Coordinator will seek to engage the broadest possible community involvement in these activities. Special emphasis of this position is on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, primarily underage drinking, marijuana and prescription drug abuse.

#### Job Functions:

1. Schedule, organize and facilitate regular meetings of Task Force members and stakeholders.
2. Schedule, organize and facilitate trainings and events according to the Logic Model and Action Plan.
3. Maintain written, telephone, and in-person contact with Task Force members and stakeholder groups about activities and events related to current projects.
4. Attend and participate in Task Force subcommittees and other local, regional, state, and national committees/meetings/trainings as appropriate.
5. Represent the Task Force in the community.
6. Complete DFC grant reporting requirements and future grant applications, as needed.
7. Work with the Task Force's Leadership Committee, and Development and Sustainability Subcommittee to research and write grants proposals to support current and new projects.
8. Work with contracted Project Evaluator to assess progress and evaluate success of project at intervals described in the evaluation plan.
9. Work with contracted Project Evaluator to research and compile statistical information, study findings in professional and organizational literature, and information on model programs as needed.
10. Work with contracted Media/PR Consultant (CADDY) to coordinate and participate in public relations activity (i.e. writing press releases and targeted advertising, organizing public events).
11. Help coordinate between member agencies, committees, subcommittees, collateral partners, and community resources.
12. Coordinate the implementation of Task Force activities in the community
13. Recruit civic and resident participation in Task Force.
14. Keep records and reports of program activities according to the evaluation plan.
15. Additional duties, as required.

#### Job Qualifications:

1. Bachelors Degree in Social Work, Public Health, Education or related field with practical experience in community development, program implementation, program sustainability, and substance abuse prevention.
2. Strong communication skills, both written and verbal.
3. Project management skills.
4. Flexibility and strong multi-tasking skills.
5. Reliable transportation and a valid driver's license.

Accountability: Reports directly to the Program Director and Task Force Chair.

Job Locations: Office is located at Bessie Rowell Community Center however much work will occur in the communities of Franklin and Hill.

Applications are available at the City Manager's Office, Franklin City Hall, 316 Central Street or on the Franklin City website [http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH\\_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ](http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ)

Your completed application, a cover letter and resume can be sent to *City Manager Elizabeth Dragon*, Franklin City Hall, 316 Central Street, Franklin, NH, 03235 or sent via email to *Elizabeth Dragon* at [citymgr@franklinnh.org](mailto:citymgr@franklinnh.org). This position will remain open until filled.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### City Council Members

#### Mayor Ken Merrifield

603-934-6837

#### Ward 1 Councilors

Ted Starkweather

603-934-4693

Anthony Giunta

603-934-0025

George Dzujna

603-934-7163

#### Ward 2 Councilors

Doug Boyd

603-934-5520

Olivia Zink

603-934-4297

Bob Desrochers Sr.

603-934-4604

#### Ward 3 Councilors

James Wells

603-934-2651

Scott Clarenbach

603-934-2158

Steve Barton

603-934-4604

### City Manager

Elizabeth Dragon

603-934-3900 ext. 5

### Executive Secretary

Lauraine Paquin

City Officials/Tax Collectors

603-934-3109

### City Clerk

Katie Gargano

### Deputy Clerk

Marie Morang

### Account Clerk

Amy Davis

## City Volunteer Opportunities

*As part of the Franklin for a Lifetime Project many volunteer action groups were formed to assist with community development and are now active. See the listing below for the action groups and group leader and contact information.*

### Housing

Dick Lewis – [dlewis@franklinnh.org](mailto:dlewis@franklinnh.org)

### Volunteerism and Civic Life

Christine Dzujna – [dzujna@metrocast.net](mailto:dzujna@metrocast.net)

### Marketing

Elizabeth Dragon - [citymgr@franklinnh.org](mailto:citymgr@franklinnh.org)

\*Elaine Romano - Franklin Newsletter Volunteer

### Arts and Culture

Annette Andreozzi – [aaucanh@gmail.com](mailto:aaucanh@gmail.com)

### Community Events and Recreational Activities

Krystal Alpers – [kalpers@franklinnh.org](mailto:kalpers@franklinnh.org)

## City Holiday

Monday, October 10, *Columbus Day* will be observed by the City.

## Trick-or-Treating

Franklin's official city wide Halloween trick-or-treat hours will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on October 31, 2016.

## E-Alerts Sign-up Today

Sign-up for *E-Alerts* to receive the Franklin Newsletter in your email every month. Other news and announcement's are available with *E-Alert*. Subscribe at <http://www.franklinnh.org/Subscriber>

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