



"The Three Rivers City"

# Franklin Newsletter

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## Mayor's Call to Action to Address State Funding for Education

Mayor Ken Merrifield has reached out to forty-five towns that are losing in excess of \$1 million dollars in state aid due to the gradual elimination of educational funding from stabilization grants. Mayor Merrifield sent a letter, co-chaired by Northfield Select Board Chairman Wayne Crowley inviting the town's representatives to join together to resolve mutual school funding problems that are threatening communities with higher property taxes. Addressing the loss of the stabilization

grants the Mayor said, "If your community is like ours, this represents a debilitating increase in the burden being placed upon our schools and communities."

This issue stems from a lack of a strong state role and the over reliance on local property tax. Communities with lower property values have fewer resources to fund education. This decrease puts a strain on senior citizens and those retired as the property taxes increase. A number of districts have threatened lawsuits. Mayor Merrifield pre-

fers to settle this with the legislature, but has not ruled out litigation for the City of Franklin.

In the invitation Merrifield and Crowley wrote to the respective community representatives, "We feel that by working together the communities most impacted can correct this situation. At the forum we will explore possible legislative and/or legal solutions needed to protect the fiscal integrity of our schools and communities."

The forum will be held on *November 14, at 6:00 – 7:30 PM at the Franklin Opera House, 316 Central Street.*



## Veterans Honored

Veterans will be honored on Friday, November 11, from 11:00 a.m. - Noon at the annual Veteran's Day ceremony at the State cemetery in Boscawen.

## Daylight Savings Time 2016

Daylight savings time (DST) ends on Sunday, November 6, 2016. At 2:00 AM the clocks go backward an hour to 1:00 AM local standard time. Sunrise and sunset will be 1 hour earlier on November 6, than the day before.

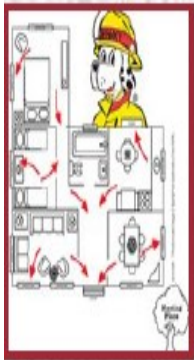


## Franklin Fire Department Safety Tips

# WHEN THE ALARM SOUNDS: Three Steps to Safety

Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound and understands what to do when they hear a smoke alarm. Being prepared for home emergencies can help lessen fears and anxieties before, during and after an emergency. K9 PAL strongly encourages families to include children in home emergency planning conversations in advance of potential disasters. Include these topics as part of your planning. Need help or have a question? Please contact your local fire department.

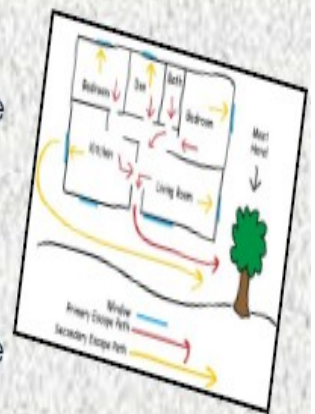
### FIRST STEP: HAVE TWO WAYS OUT OF EVERY ROOM



Every room should have two ways out. One way out would be the **door** and the second way out may be a **window**. If your first way out is blocked by fire or smoke you should use your second way out. Emergency escape from a second story window may involve using a home fire safety ladder. If your escape plan includes an escape ladder, practice using it from a first floor window with a grown-up. Now that your family has created two ways out of every room and made sure that all doors and windows leading outside can easily open, it is time to create your **ESCAPE PLAN** and **MEETING PLACE**.

### SECOND STEP: ESCAPE PLAN

Click to get your —> [Escape Plan Directions and Map](#) to print and create. Once complete place on your fridge!



### THIRD STEP: MEETING PLACE

- **Pick a safe meeting place outside.** It should be in FRONT of the home. It should be a safe distance from the home like a light pole, mailbox or neighbor's house.
- Agree that everyone will **meet at the meeting place**.
- Make sure your **house number can be seen** from the street.
- **Create and practice your plan** with everyone in your home as well as those visiting overnight.
- Learn the emergency phone number **9-1-1** as well as the one for your local fire department.

**Learn More**



## Keeping Your Community Safe



### What is REVERSE 911?

*REVERSE 911* is a recorded message that is sent out using a database of telephone numbers and addresses using the geographical information system (GIS) technology to deliver emergency notifications via telephone.

The system is used to provide urgent warnings such as potential tornadoes, severe weather that causes major road closures, evacuation notices, missing chil-



dren alerts, and boil water notifications. Landline users are already registered to receive *REVERSE 911* notifications.

If you would like to receive *REVERSE 911* emergency notifications on your cell visit <http://www.nhe911.org/selfregistration/>

### Free Smart Phone App! Code RED

*CodeRED* is a free public safety app called *CodeRED Mobile Alert* that will notify you of location-based alerts on your smart phone. The *CodeRed* alert can be downloaded on iTunes or Google Play.



### Text to 9-1-1 Information

Text to 9-1-1 allows residents in dangerous situations who are unable to risk the noise of a call to send a text for help. Texting should only be used when a voice is not possible, as voice calls provide an advantage by allowing 911 operator to more quickly access the type of emergency and the location of the emergency.

How to text 9-1-1:

- Enter the numbers '911' in the "To" field
- In the message field, type your exact location and a BRIEF message of the help you need - use simple words, not abbreviations or shorthand.
- Push the "Send" button and
- Be prepared to answer the

9-1-1 call taker's question.

- A text or data plan is required to place a Text-to-9-1-1. Currently, Text-to-9-1-1 is offered via Sprint, AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile.

Text to 9-1-1 messages may not go through if a cell signal is not available. If a text message does not go through, the

sender will receive the following message; "There is not text service 9-1-1 available at this time."

Text to-9-1-1 messages cannot be received if there are multiple message recipients or if pictures, videos or emoticons are used.

Text-to-9-1-1 is **FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY!**



## Municipal Services Department

*Municipal Services Director Brian Sullivan*

With the month of November comes time to prepare for unpredictable weather. The Municipal Services Department is busy buttoning up construction jobs; preparing trucks for snow and ice control; bringing in sand and salt; flushing and winterizing fire hydrants; and hoping the leaves come down, as we will begin our fall leaf pickup Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

- Preparing phase one on the reconstruction of Prospect Street and Terrace Road took a significant amount of time and effort as we had underground utilities to replace prior to paving. Work on the completion of Prospect Street and Terrace Road will begin in April of 2017. Simultaneously we will have resurfacing scheduled for Davis Street, Woodrow Avenue and Sanborn Street (between Kendall Street and Babbitt Road.)
- A recently completed project was clearing vegetation overgrowing the railroad trestle opposite Trestle View Park. This was necessary to preserve this important and historic entry feature into the City. We anticipate exposing the granite retaining walls at either end of the structure as time allows.
- Work on replacement and repair to the expansion joints on the Ward One Bridge in West Franklin is expected to take place by early November.
- The overnight winter parking ban on all City Streets goes into effect November 1, 2016 and continues until April 1, 2017.
- Basketball hoops, boats and other obstructions adjacent to the street in the shoulder area should also be removed from the City right of way.
- I would like to call your attention to the City website; [Franklinnh.org](http://Franklinnh.org) and refer to the Municipal Services Department, section of the site and read the "City of Franklin Snow and Ice Control Policy." This document best explains our operating procedures for dealing with City streets, parking lots and sidewalks during winter weather events.
- When it comes to winter weather events one unique and challenging issue is the topographical nature of the City and its many roads with steep grades and long inclines. Snow tires or chains are essential! Most of our calls are a result of vehicles lacking adequate tire tread to deal with these steep grades to make it up a hill.
- Every snow and ice event is different: availability of sufficient personnel; snowfall rates and depth per hour; equipment breakdowns; the timing of each storm; air and road temperature; the type of snow being wet or dry or a changeover to freezing rain all have an effect on the final outcome of post storm road conditions.

As soon as frost sets in and the road surface temperature goes below 32 degrees is when our real challenges' begin. The worst scenario for our road crews is when we get into back to back and long lasting storms. These tend to be very expensive and depending on frequency, drivers become tired with lack of rest between storms. There will be times that you will find several inches of snow on the road. Don't expect black pavement immediately after and during every storm because there are many factors that come into play when considering how to ride out each event and cost is a significant factor.

- Due to the retirement of several key employees there are new drivers adjusting to their plow routes and it takes several storms for them to get accustomed to their routes. We will be issuing a special newsletter introducing our new employees, their talents and a photo.
- Leaf pickup begins the first full week in November that being November 7<sup>th</sup>. The city does not go onto private property. Leaves should be piled and covered off the road, just off the pavement. One or more piles are acceptable. The preferred method for pickup is to windrow the leaves along the property line and cover because they tend to blow around and slow down our pickup process. We

encourage residents to bring their leaves to the transfer station. By doing this it ensures we get through the entire city before snow arrives. Also, we encourage composting your leaves at home should you have enough space on your land or in the woods.

- A constant friendly reminder to everyone that our City "Solid Waste Ordinance" requires trash and recycling containers to be 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 where you place your cans clean and disinfect your 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. Trash and recycling cans need to be 3 feet apart and 3 feet away from any other object. The best placement is 2 to 3 three feet off the road with cans placed squarely on a flat surface (not sideways) on either side of your driveway apron.

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## Franklin City New Hires



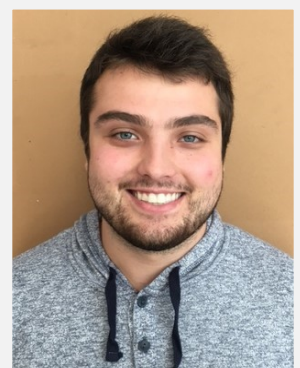
**Tony Flanders** has joined the *Park and Recreation Department* (seasonal) as the dishwasher for the after school program. He is a Franklin High School graduate and has been volunteering at the *Parks and Recreation Department* for the summer to assist in various tasks. We are happy to have Tony join our team!



**Jeff Schuster** has been hired by the *Municipal Services Department* (MSD) Buildings and Ground Division. He is working as a full-time custodian at the *Bessie Rowell Community Center*. Jeff graduated a year early under the "Extended Learning Opportunities Program." Under this program Jeff spent a significant amount of time over an 8 month period learning about MSD. His interest is in advancing in the field of Public Works.



**Keith Malcom** has recently been hired in the *Municipal Services Department* Water Division as a Light Equipment Operator. He brings with him years of experience and expertise maintaining over 65 small public water systems throughout the State of New Hampshire. Keith also worked for *Franklin Pump Systems Incorporated* and *R.D. Edmunds*. We are fortunate to have Keith join our team..



**Phil Pichel** joined the *Parks and Recreation Department* in October as the After School Program Coordinator. He is a recent graduate of Plymouth State University with a Bachelors of Science in Sports Management and is currently continuing on for his Master Degree. Phil is outgoing, has a great personality and to work with the children and members of our community.

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- The Transfer Station is open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. – 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. Should someone get hurt or a vehicle damaged as a result of a person's negligence by placing such an obstruction they can be held liable and personally sued for damage.

- A significant amount of crack sealing (pavement) has been accomplished throughout the City.
- Franklin Municipal Services Department refuse and recycling pick-up for

November holidays as follows:

- Veterans Day - Friday, November 11 (pick-up curbside is on Friday, November 11 as scheduled)
- Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 24 (pick-up curbside is on Friday, November 25)

Building Grounds Manager Brian Barry was promoted to the position of Deputy Director of the Municipal Services Department on October 17, replacing former Deputy Director

George Turcotte who recently retired. Brian has been employed with the City since 1995 along with 31 years as a call fireman. We appreciate Brian stepping up to the plate and undertaking the tremendous amount of responsibility and level of commitment this job entails.

Thank you to our residents who take the extra effort to help clean-up the City!

MSD can be contacted weekdays at 603-934-4103





## Franklin

*Voting hours are 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

Ward 1 - Thompson Hall, 47 South Main Street

Ward 2 - Franklin City Hall, 316 Central Street

Ward 3 - Franklin Middle School, 200 Sanborn Street

## City Election Candidates



City candidates and family members from Ward 1 greeting voters on election day in October.

## Choose Franklin Meetings

*The following meetings will be at the Franklin Public Library, 310 Central Street, Franklin, NH at 8:00 a.m.*

November 3 - 8:00 a.m. LRGHealthcare CEO Kevin Donovan will speak on the changes at the Franklin Regional Hospital and LRGH.

December 1 - Fire Chief Kevin LaChapelle and the Emergency Response team will speak about their important life-saving service.



## **Employment Opportunity City of Franklin**

### **Welfare Director**

**30hrs per week/eligible for 100% paid single health insurance coverage  
As well as prorated vacation & sick time**

The City of Franklin (pop. 8,500) seeks a dynamic, creative, and experienced Welfare Director to manage the City's Welfare Department. This position is a 30hr per week position and holds office hours Monday-Thurs 8am till 1pm and noon till 5pm Friday plus five hours a week with flexible times to allow for processing of paperwork etc. Under the broad supervision of the City Manager, the Welfare Director uses his/her own technical judgment and outlined City, State, and Federal welfare laws to determine applicant's eligibility for assistance. For a complete job description contact the City Manager's Office.

Successful candidates will possess knowledge of City, state and federal laws dealing with welfare programs. Knowledge of resources available for people in need as well as some knowledge of court procedures is helpful. Detailed record keeping and follow through is crucial. Most importantly, the successful candidate will be able to handle stress, work independently, and work well with a diverse group of personalities. Completion of a 4 year college program in social work, counseling, psychology, or administration is desired but not required; any equivalent combination of education or experience which demonstrates possession of the required knowledge skills and abilities will be considered.

Salary range \$19.72 – 25.80 DOQ/E. Please direct a cover letter, City application & resume to Elizabeth A. Dragon, City Manager, 316 Central Street, Franklin, New Hampshire 03235. Position will remain open until filled.

## **City of Franklin Employment Opportunities**

### **Franklin Fire Department**

⇒ Call Fire Department Openings (*Firefighter and Support Personnel*)

### **Franklin Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force Prevention Coalition**

⇒ Coordinator Position (Project Manager) 32 hours per week

### **Parks & Recreation Department Openings**

⇒ Parks & Recreation Program Coordinator

### **Municipal Service Department**

⇒ Buildings and Grounds Working Foreman

For a detailed description of the job opening and application information visit the Franklin City website [http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH\\_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ](http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ). Departments post jobs when they become available. Check this site frequently for updates.

## 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 Government Observed Holidays

In observance of the following holidays, the City offices will be closed.

Friday, November 11 - Veterans Day

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25 - Day after Thanksgiving

## 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

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