



"The Three Rivers City"



Franklin Newsletter

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Colby-Sawyer College Ribbon Cutting



From left to right: PermaCity Life Executive Director Todd Workman; City Manager Elizabeth Dragon; Mayor Ken Merrifield; Colby Sawyer Director Jennifer White; Colby Sawyer President Susan D. Stuebner, and PermaCity Life Community Development Assistant Jenisha Shrestha.



From left to right: PermaCity Life Executive Director Todd Workman; Franklin Savings Bank VP, Commercial Loan Officer David Savastano; Mayor Ken Merrifield and City Manager Elizabeth Dragon.

Colby-Sawyer College launched their new three-year Bachelor of Science degree program on sustainability that was approved at their February meeting. Partnering with the City of Franklin and PermaCity Life, students will acquire hands-on experience, learning and contributing to problem solving, developing and implementing sustainability projects. The students will be working with regional stakeholders and potential employers to build a resilient and sustainable community. The students have already contributed to the City's revitalization plan by developing company logos, created signage for the local bike-trail system, constructed an Access database for the upcycled art gallery, conducted a parking inventory for redevelopment planning, re-

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Where is the December Tax Bill?



Tax Collector, Katie Gargano

Attention Taxpayers:

Many have been inquiring but I'm sure most have wondered, *Where is the December tax bill?* The short answer is *the tax rate has just been set by the State on November 30.*

The longer answer is this. Tax rates are set annually by the *State Department of Revenue Administration (DRA)*. Tax rate setting rules require the submission of several documents by County, Assessing, Municipal and School District officials to DRA and other agencies **PRIOR** to the tax rate being set. The municipality counts on the other officials to submit their reports timely but ultimately has no control over when the reports are submitted by these officials. As of yesterday, all reports had been submitted and approved with the exception of one school district report. Just today the DRA approved an acceptable MS-25 report from the school district and set the City's tax rate.

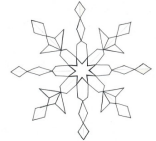
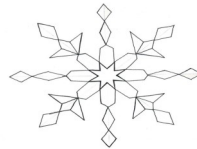
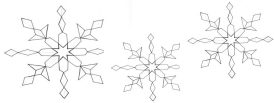
The Assessing and Tax Collector's office now needs about a week to create a tax warrant and print bills. We are planning to mail out bills next Friday, December 9th with a due date of January 10th.

For the taxpayer, the January due date may cause an issue with your ability to deduct your tax payment (if you itemize your deductions) on your 2016 Federal Tax Return. Generally, **if you pay your tax bill by December 31, 2016, you will be able to deduct the payment on your 2016 Federal tax return but if you or your escrow service pay after December 31, 2016, you will have to wait until your 2017 Federal Tax filing to deduct that payment.** Please consult your tax advisor to discuss your specific tax status.

Feel free to contact the Tax Collector's office if you have any further questions. 603-934-3109

I would also encourage you to consider logging on to the City's website to sign up for automatic alerts through our news and announcements and city's newsletter. It is cost prohibitive to mail information on a regular basis-therefore we use the city's website to share important and timely information.

Go to www.franklinnh.org, subscribe to e-alerts (on the left hand side of the front page). Then consider checking News & Announcements and Franklin Newsletter. Once you are subscribed these alerts will be automatically generated to your email account and you can unsubscribe at any time. The police department also issues public safety alerts (and announcements such as road closures). To sign up for these alerts- click on the police department page and scroll to the bottom. Here you can enter either your phone number or email address for public safety alerts. Lastly, the City Clerk/Tax Collector page has several options for online renewals, tax payments, water and sewer payments.



Education Funding Forum

Mayor Ken 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. The forum took place on Novem-

ber 14, at the Franklin Opera House. The Mayor presented to the municipalities the loss of education funding with some cities facing a reduction of 50 percent or more. Town officials from more than a dozen municipalities plan to lobby this legislature session for restoration of stabilization grants for education. School

Board Chairman an attorney in Derry, Dan McKenna, volunteered to help draft the legislation at Monday night's forum. Town officials spoke on the increases and the affect it has on their communities and discussed legislature or litigation options. The first choice would be to work with the Legislature. City Manager Elizabeth Dragon

spoke about the difficulty in meeting the City and school's budget. Franklin's school budget increases include Hill School District withdrawing from the City's school system, and the cuts made. Dragon intends to work with other community officials on developing a potential Legislative solution.



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searched information technology solutions, created Geographic Information System maps, developed strategies, and explored the best possibilities for commercial compost. The college faculty has proposed other topics for study.

The revitalization projects are a broad collaboration made possible with community partners. The ribbon cutting ceremony took place on November 3.

Business Spotlight

Ralph & Jo's Café, LLC and The Pantry

Ralph & Jo's Café, LLC, opened its doors at 416 Central Street on Franklin's Community Day, May, 2011. The café offers incredible homemade fare for breakfast and lunch between the hours of 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday's 7 a.m. until noon.

Café owners *Rebecca* and *Brandy Underwood* were employed in health care management, but the daily commute was long. Rebecca comes from a family of restaurant owners so she was already familiar with the operation. With Rebecca's experience and the fact that Franklin needed a restaurant lead to the opening of the café. Brandy said, "The best thing has been the people we have built relationships with in Franklin – it's been awesome!"

Aside from the typical breakfast menu items the café is always offering unique and creative breakfast specials such as plum and cream coffee cake; chunky beef, chili and cheddar omelet; Madhatter muffins made from scratch and baked in house.

Ralph & Jo's Café was an award winner multiple times in *Viewers' Choice - WMUR* for hamburgers, hand pulled corned beef hash, pancakes and salads. Just in time for the holidays, the café is expected to have a liquor license in the near future.

The Pantry is an extension of *Ralph and Jo's Café* that was added on in June, 2016, offering a salad bar, fresh

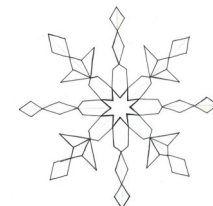
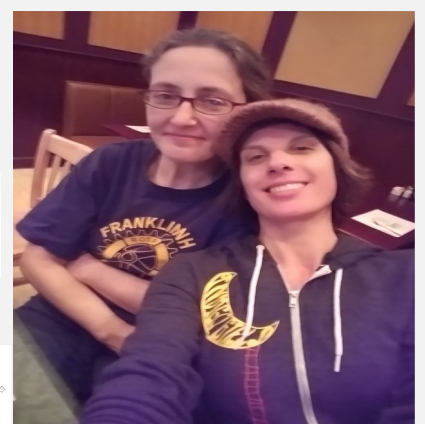
breads and prepared meals, ready to put in your oven for dinner! Some of the meals offered have been Grandma Joyce's sausage rice casserole, chicken pepperoni lasagna, enchiladas, and comfort foods such as mac n' cheese, pork pie, shepherd's pie, meatballs and stuffed peppers. For the winter

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you can also find some great homemade soups to keep you warm.

To request being on an email listing to receive a menu of their planned meals, send a Facebook message to *The Pantry* with your email address. If you want to take a night off of cooking the hours of operation are *Wednesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sundays, 9 a.m. – noon.*

Catering is available, visit <http://ralphandjoscafe.com> or you can find *Ralph & Jo's Café, LLC, and The Pantry* on Facebook. Stop by and pick-up a meal to take home and put in the oven! You can contact the businesses at 603-934-6211



City Volunteer Highlight: George Dzujna



City Volunteer George Dzujna

It's no surprise that *George Dzujna* is a Franklin City Councilor given his community involvement. A native of Connecticut he moved to Franklin with his wife Christine 10 years ago. *Dzujna* has worn a number of hats in the community since calling Franklin his home. When first moving to the City, *Dzujna* attended *Choose Franklin Meetings* held at City facilities, such as the library, police station and fire department. Asking questions and taking tours of the City buildings familiarized *Dzujna* with his new community. Eventually he was invited to be on the *Franklin Industrial Corporation Board*. Some of the projects he participated in early on were the downtown area flags and lamp post flowers. *Dzujna* serves as a member of the Knights of Columbus; assists with the Franklin animal shelter; Board of Odell Park Committee that revitalized local parks; Choose Franklin Tree Lighting; Franklin for a Lifetime Steering Committee; SAU Withdrawal Committee; and served on a committee to hire a new Superintendent. As part of the *Franklin for a Lifetime Steering Committee*, *Dzujna*, said "there are so many great things that came out of that committee,

including the revitalization of downtown." In addition to all this, George has given tennis lessons for the past four years at the recreation center and taught CCD at St. Gabriel's for the past eight years, and he will be up for vote in January for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Becoming increasingly busier with added roles in the community he thought of lightening his load. "I'm glad I didn't," *Dzujna* said. "The more involvement I have in the community, the more insight I have into what it does for the City and allows me to do my job as City Councilor better".

When asked why he volunteers, *Dzujna* said, "I get a euphoric high when I feel that I helped someone. I enjoy seeing people's faces. I've been blessed with good health and have been able to retire. I think it's our job to give back." He encourages others to volunteer saying, "You can change people's lives in little ways."

Dzujna is an exemplary citizen that builds community pride. His involvement and commitment to the betterment of Franklin has been part of significant and ongoing changes to make Franklin a better place to live.

Franklin's Rockin' Mayor Featured on WMUR Chronicle



Nightrider



Photo credit Anthony Viatas

Mayor Ken Merrifield

Nightrider rock band was started in 1979 with four high school friends with a love for music. One of the band members is our very own Mayor Ken Merrifield who performs in the band playing guitar and vocals. Other band members are Steve Labreque, guitar and vocals; Bert Plante, bass guitar and vocals; and Brent Enman, drums and vocals. Lifetime friends they continue to write and record. The Nightriders were inducted into the *Nashua Rock & Roll Hall of Fame*.

Holiday Happenings in the City

December 2

Santa's Workshop 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Mix 94.1 FM's 30th Annual Cash and Cans

Bessie Rowell Community Center gym

12 Rowell Drive

Franklin, NH

Free event for children 12 and under

Visit with Santa, enjoy refreshments, make and take holiday crafts for children, holiday music, face painting, cookie decorating and more.

Note: children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities.

Open to Franklin and surrounding area's.

Call (603)934-4151 for information or to volunteer time.

Donations to Cash and Cans can be made at the Santa's Workshop

6 - 6:30 p.m. - Join the Franklin Fire Department as the bucket truck brings Santa Claus from the TRIP Center to the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christmas Caroling in Marceau Park. Sing along with Franklin Footlight Theatre and Franklin for a Lifetime Arts Alliance volunteers. Visit downtown Franklin businesses for caroling and holiday treats (until 7 p.m.).



December 2

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony - 6 p.m.

Marceau Park

Following the ceremony, walk to the Opera House for Festival of Trees and Wreaths.

December 2, 5 - 8 p.m.

December 3, 10 - 5 p.m.

December 4, 10 - 2 p.m.

Festival of Trees and Wreaths

Franklin Opera House

316 Central Street, Franklin, NH

The annual "festival" with trees and wreaths decorated by local families, individuals, businesses and organizations. Enjoy great entertainment throughout the weekend from talented local performers. The raffle will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Call (603)934-1901 for more information.

Admission: Free

Raffle: \$5.00 for a sheet of 25 tickets.

December 4

The 32nd Annual Lights of Memory Celebration

Franklin Regional Hospital (Westside Health)

15 Aiken Ave, Franklin, NH 4:00 p.m.

The flame of the candle symbolizes remembrance of our loved one. The event will include a short reading of the names. Light refreshments will be served.

Parking and entrance on Edwards Street or through the main hospital entrance.

Candle bulbs can be purchased for \$3 for each name read (tax deductible). Forms are available in the FRH Gift Shop or by contacting the Auxiliary at 603-934-2060 ext. 8780, email frhauxiliary@gmail.com

Rotary Club Annual Sales of Christmas Trees

Franklin Shopping Center (parking lot)

880 Central Street, Franklin, NH

Once again the Franklin Rotary Club is selling Christmas Trees in the Franklin Shopping Center parking lot. The purchase of your tree supports local programs.



IT'S THE LAW

New Hampshire's Party Host Liability Law

Most underage drinkers get their alcohol from adults. In 2004 the NH Legislature passed a law (RSA 644:18) to hold "hosts" of parties responsible for the actions of underage participants. This law can be applied to any adult.

Under this law

Host means a person who:

- is at least 17 years old;
- owns, rents, or has control of the site;
- knows about the party; and
- knows that persons under the age of 21 have a plan to drink alcohol or use drugs;

Party means:

- Five or more people under the age of 21 (not related to the host) are present; and
- At least one person under the age of 21 has an alcoholic drink or an illegal drug.



To comply with this law

People whose properties may be the site of underage drinking or drug parties should:

- Tell local law enforcement officials as soon as possible;
- Take action to prevent the party;
- Try to stop the party, if it has already started.

What can happen to "hosts"?

Under this law, a person who hosts a party where minors drink alcohol or use drugs may be charged with a misdemeanor, fined up to \$2,000 and spend a year in jail.

Law enforcement in NH takes underage drinking seriously. YOU can be part of the solution.

Franklin Mayor's DRUG TASK FORCE



*Turning on the Power of Prevention
in the Franklin-Hill Community*

If you have information about area gatherings where youth have access to alcohol, make the call—**DIAL 2-1-1** and make an **anonymous** report.

A call to *Project Monitor Under 21* will prevent a harmful situation from happening **before** it occurs, and just may save a call to 9-1-1.

For more information about preventing underage drinking, click on the link for the Task Force at:

www.franklinnh.org



Top 10 Holiday Safety Tips



1. Inspect electrical decorations for damage before use.

Cracked or damaged sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections may cause a serious shock or start a fire.



2. Do not overload electrical outlets.

Overloaded electrical outlets and faulty wires are a common cause of holiday fires. Avoid overloading outlets and plug only one high-wattage appliance into each outlet at a time.



3. Never connect more than three strings of incandescent lights.

More than three strands may not only blow a fuse, but can also cause a fire.



4. Keep tree fresh by watering daily.

Dry trees are a serious fire hazard.



5. Use battery-operated candles.

Candles start almost half of home decoration fires (NFPA).



6. Keep combustibles at least three feet from heat sources.

A heat source that was too close to the decoration was a factor in half of home fires that began with decorations. (NFPA).



7. Protect cords from damage.

To avoid shock or fire hazards, cords should never be pinched by furniture, forced into small spaces such as doors or windows, placed under rugs, located near heat sources, or attached by nails or staples.



8. Check decorations for certification label.

Decorations not bearing a label from an Independent testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Canadian Standards Association (CSA) or Intertek (ETL) have not been tested for safety and could be hazardous.



9. Stay in the kitchen when something is cooking.

Unattended cooking equipment is the leading cause of home cooking fires (NFPA).



10. Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations when going to sleep or leaving the house.

Unattended candles are the cause of one in five home candle fires. Half of home fire deaths occur between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. (NFPA)



A couple of important Holiday messages from your friends at the



Franklin Fire Department



Cook the TURKEY, NOT THE GARAGE!

The Franklin Fire Department and the New Hampshire State Fire Marshal's Office strongly discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns as well as property damage.



5 DANGERS OF FRYING A TURKEY:

1. Turkey fryers can easily tip over, spilling hot oil over a large area.
2. An overfilled cooking pot will cause oil to spill when the turkey is put in. A partially frozen turkey will also cause cooking oil to splatter when put into the pot.
3. Even a small amount of cooking oil spilling on a hot burner can cause a large fire.
4. Without thermostat controls, deep fryers can overheat oil to the point of starting a fire.
5. The sides of the cooking pot, lid, and pot handles can get dangerously hot.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Festive, Fun and FLAMMABLE

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly. Follow these recommended safety tips.

Picking the Tree

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the Tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is **at least three feet away** from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand daily.

Lighting the Tree

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



WATER DAILY

Choose Franklin - Our Pride Runs Deep

You are invited to learn more about your community at the Choose Franklin Meetings.

The meetings are held the first Thursday of the month at 8 a.m., upstairs at the Franklin Public Library.

There is no meeting in January, but please join us at Trestle View Park for First Day

Franklin - New Year's Day Kayaking 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Municipal Services Department

Director Brian J. Sullivan

- Phase one on the reconstruction of Prospect Street and Terrace Road is complete. We will provide a definitive schedule in the month of March on the sequence and type of work planned to complete Prospect Street; Terrace Road; Davis Street; Woodrow Avenue and a section of Sanborn Street.
- The overnight winter parking ban on all City streets goes into effect November 1, 2016 and continues until April 1, 2017.
- Leaf pickup started the first full week in November and continues into December. 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.
- G.I.S. Mapping update: For over three years the City has been mapping new property parcels and to coincide with the property parcel maps, the Municipal Services Department performed data collection on water, sanitary sewer and stormwater infrastructure. The sanitary sewer system mapping is complete. Water system mapping is due to be completed by midwinter and stormwater mapping is due to be an on-going project. G.I.S. mapping is one component of our goal to document all above and underground assets.

Holiday Schedule for Refuse/Recycling Collection

- There is no curbside pick-up for Christmas tree's. Tree's should be brought to the brush pile at the transfer station.
- Due to the City observed holiday on Monday, 12/26; curbside pick-up will be on Tuesday 12/27. Wednesday and Friday collections remain the same. The transfer station is open 12/27, 12/29 and 12/31.
- Due to the City observed holiday on Monday, 1/2/17; curbside pick-up will be on Tuesday, 1/3. Wednesday and Friday collections remain the same. The transfer station will be open on 1/3, 1/5 and 1/7.

For those that are not familiar with the Municipal Services Department the following is an overview of the seven division departments.

Administrative Division (3 employees) Responsible to coordinate work, projects and planning for the other six Municipal Service Divisions.

Highway Division (5 employees) Responsible for the maintenance of 124 lane miles of City roads; including tree maintenance; pavement maintenance; snow and ice control and City drainage systems.

Vehicle Maintenance Division (2 employees) responsible for the maintenance of over 81 City motor vehicles and numerous small engine apparatus.

Solid Waste Division (4 employees) responsible for operation of the City Transfer Station and our curbside collection of trash and recycling. They handle over 20,000 tons a year of municipal solid waste.

Buildings and Grounds Division (4 employees) maintain ten City buildings and over 75 acres of City grounds including ballfields, parks and public grounds.

Water Division (4 employees) maintains an extensive public water system consisting of five water storage tanks; 57 miles of pipe; four well fields; six pumping stations; a water treatment plant; four pressure zones; 2,314 service connections; and accompanying water meters and over 350 fire hydrants.

Sewer Division (2 employees) is responsible for over thirty-seven miles of sanitary sewer lines and associated infrastructure with 1,845 connections.

MSD has a total of twenty-four full-time employees, many of whom are cross-trained within the seven divisions that make up the department.

General Election Results

CITY OF FRANKLIN, NH

General Election	November 8, 2016	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 3	Total Votes
PRESIDENT					
	Hillary Clinton	479	391	617	1487
	Donald Trump	780	512	757	2049
	Gary Johnson	61	60	49	170
	Jill Stein	8	17	15	40
	Rocky De La Fuente	0	1	2	3
	Bernie Sanders (Write In)	10	13	15	38
	Evan McMullin (Write-In)	7	0	6	13
	John Kasich (Write-In)	2	0	6	8
	Total Write-In Votes	5	13	14	32
GOVERNOR					
	Chris Sununu	664	484	713	1861
	Colin Van Olstern	600	431	644	1675
	Max Abramson	69	60	75	204
	Mike Gill (Write-In)	5	5	4	14
	Total Write-In Votes	2	5	6	13
U.S. SENATOR					
	Kelly Ayotte	683	492	707	1882
	Maggie Hassan	589	436	681	1706
	Brian Chabot	31	23	21	75
	Aaron Day	42	43	51	136
	Total Write-In Votes	5	4	3	12
REPRESENTATIVE					
IN CONGRESS					
	Ann Kuster	555	431	668	1654
	Jim Lawrence	682	463	666	1811
	John Babiarz	78	77	84	239
	Total Write-In Votes	1	0	1	2
EXECUTIVE					
COUNCILOR					
	Sam Cataldo	754	518	744	2016
	Andru Vollinsky	498	392	585	1475
	Total Write-In Votes	1	1	0	2

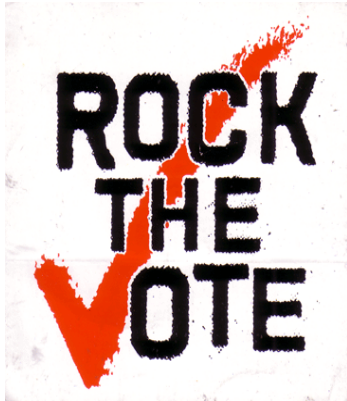
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CITY OF FRANKLIN, NH

STATE SENATOR	Andrew Hosmer	596	489	686	1771
	Harold French	701	452	697	1850
	Total Write-In Votes	2	1	1	4
STATE REP. DISTRICT 2	Ruth Bowley	398	310	X	708
	Scott Burns	556	433	X	989
	Werner Horn	610	446	X	1056
	Dave Testerman	663	448	X	1111
	Total Write-In Votes	2	2	X	4
STATE REP. DISTRICT 3	Carolee Longley	X	X	559	559
	Deborah Wheeler	X	X	610	610
	Gregory Hill	X	X	654	654
	Ryan Smith	X	X	555	555
	Total Write-In Votes	X	X	2	2
STATE REP. DISTRICT 26	Lorrie Carey	X	X	628	628
	Howard Pearl	X	X	711	711
	Total Write-In Votes	X	X	1	1
Sheriff	Scott E. Hilliard (Republican)	728	549	797	2074
	Scott E. Hilliard (Democratic)	541	388	573	1502
	Total Write-In Votes	4	4	6	14
County Attorney	Scott Murray (Republican)	722	539	758	2019
	Scott Murray (Democratic)	525	375	572	1472
	Total Write-In Votes	1	1	3	5
County Treasurer	Leslie Hammond	855	566	835	2256
	Ricardo Rodriguez	387	337	492	1216
	Total Write-In Votes	2	0	0	2

General Election Results



November 8 General Election, Ward 1 - Thompson Hall, South Main Street in Franklin

CITY OF FRANKLIN, NH

Register of Deeds

Kathi L. Guay (republican)	822	543	792	2157
Erica Davis (Democratic)	437	364	547	1348
Total Write-In Votes	1	0	0	1

Register of Probate

Jane Bradstreet (Republican)	824	556	815	2195
Carl Soderstrom (Democratic)	417	350	507	1274
Total Write-In Votes	1	0		1

County

Bronwyn Asplund- Walsh	1046	752	1016	2814
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Commissioner

Total Write-In Votes	6	8	14	28
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<u>WARDS</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u># on Checklist</u>	<u>% Voted</u>
1	1384	1974	70%
2	1022	1483	69%
3	1496	2069	72%

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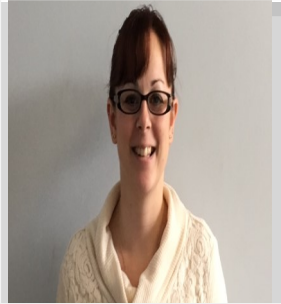
Katie Gargano, City Clerk

Welcome to the New City Employees



Police Communications
Specialist Trainee, Shane Morton

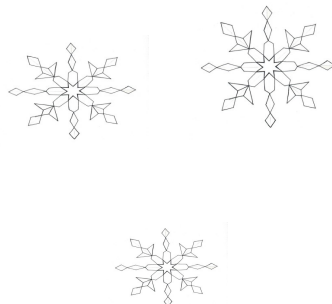
Earlier this month, the Franklin Police Department was happy to add Shane Morton to our ranks. Morton is a Franklin resident and is currently in training for a full-time position as a Communications Specialist. A 2016 graduate of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy with a degree in Marine Safety and Environmental Protection. Attendance and graduation from "Mass Maritime" is somewhat of a tradition in the Morton family, beginning with Shane's father and continuing with Shane and his siblings. Mr. Morton was an Intern with the Franklin Police Department for part of his junior and senior years and his eventual plan is to become a Franklin Police Officer. Not only will his training and experience as a Communications Specialist assist him with his future goals, but Shane will be attending the NH part-time Police Academy shortly after the first of the new year. Upon his graduation, he will be added to the sworn ranks of the Franklin Police Department.



Patrol Secretary, Ashley Shortt

Last month, the Franklin Police Department welcomed a new part-time Patrol Secretary, Ashley Shortt. She lives in Franklin with her husband and children.

Shortt brings a great deal of varied experience to the department. She has worked in retail, health care, child care, municipal and state positions. Her customer service background is also extensive. Shortt is also an accomplished equestrian.



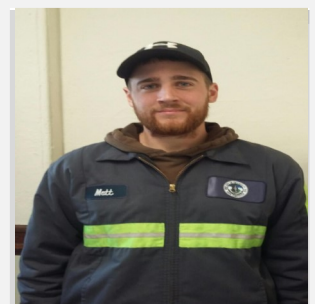
Welfare Director, Sherry Ryea

City Hall warmly welcomes Sherry Ryea to our team!

Ryea has assumed the role of Welfare Director for the City of Franklin. This role is not new to her. She has worked for 20 plus years as a welfare director in a community of similar size. This experience has allowed her to hit the ground running handling several clients within her first hour of employment.

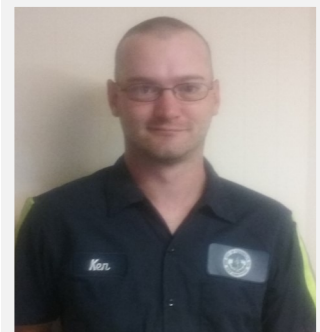
Ryea received her Law and Art undergraduate degree from Plymouth State College and her Paralegal certification from Woodbury College.

She has a kind and professional demeanor, treating applicants with dignity while still adhering to the City's guidelines and policies.



Mathew Parent, Highway Division

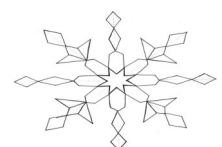
Mathew Parent started with the Highway Division full-time over the past summer. Parent has worked in construction and landscaping prior to his employment with the City. He is a graduate of Franklin High School, has a strong work ethic and is highly energetic.



Ken Labraney, Buildings and
Ground Division

Ken Labraney started with the Buildings and Ground Division full-time. Labraney is also a graduate and has a strong work ethic with a variety of skills.

Both Matt Parent and Ken Labraney are life long residents of Franklin and have proven to be valuable employees.



City Employment

Franklin Fire Department
Firefighter and Support Personnel

Franklin Supervisor of the Checklist Vacancy for Ward 2
Volunteer Position

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. 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

603-934-2652

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

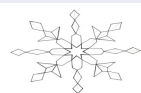
Katie Gargano

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, group leaders and contact information.

Housing

Dick Lewis – dlewis@franklinnh.org

Volunteerism and Civic Life

Christine Dzujna – dzujna@metrocast.net

Marketing

Elizabeth Dragon – citymgr@franklinnh.org

Elaine Romano - Franklin Newsletter Volunteer

Arts and Culture

Annette Andreozzi – aaucianh@gmail.com

Community Events and Recreational Activities

Krystal Alpers – kalpers@franklinnh.org

City Observed Holiday

City offices will be closed on the following days in observance of the holidays.

Closed at noon on Friday, December 23

Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas,

Monday, January 2, in observance of New Years Day.

The *Franklin Public Library* will be open on Friday, December 23, until 5 p.m. and Saturday, December 24, until 4 p.m.

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Happy Holidays

The Mayor, City Council, City Manager and City Staff, wish you and your loved ones a merry, safe and joyous holiday season!

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