



"The Three Rivers City"

Franklin Newsletter

Happy
New Year!

Welcome and Thanks for City Council Service

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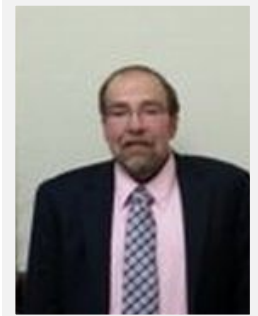
The inauguration of the newly elected City Councilors were held on January 3, at the Franklin Opera House. The City welcomes and congratulates newly elected City Councilors Heather Moquin, Vincent Ribas, and Steve Barton who was re-elected in the November election.



Heather Moquin



Vincent S. Ribas



Steve Barton

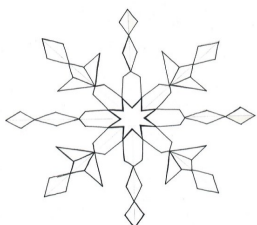
We would like to recognize Ted Starkweather, Ward 1, for serving on the City Council since February 2004, and to Doug Boyd, Ward 2, who held office since January 2002, and didn't run for re-election.



Ted Starkweather



Doug Boyd



Arthur D. Kehas Outstanding Achiever Award Presented to Police Officer Forrest Walker

On Friday, December 16th the New Hampshire Police Academy graduated the 171st class of new police officers. Among the graduates was Officer Forrest Walker of the Franklin Police Department.

The New Hampshire Police Academy is an intensive 16-week live-in or “boot camp” course of study. For four months, recruits report early every Monday morning and are dismissed every Friday afternoon.

Unbeknownst to Officer Walker, he was to be recognized for his outstanding performance as a recruit for the entire 16 weeks of the academy.

The following is the citation presented to Officer Walker by the Academy Commandant, Governor Hassan, and Chief Goldstein:

“For a number of years, the most prestigious award given out at Police Academy graduations has been the ‘Outstanding Officer Award’. It is given to the recruit who has reached his or her highest level of achievement, by accumulating points in academics, physical training and firearms, as well as exhibiting leadership, motivation and attitude. We present this award in the name of a person who perhaps more than any other could be considered New Hampshire’s outstanding police officer of all time.

This award is known as the ‘Arthur D. Kehas Outstanding Achiever Award’, in honor of the late Manchester Police Department Deputy Chief, Director of the Command Training Institute at Babson College, and the first Director of the NH Police Standards and Training Council. It gives us great pleasure to present the Arthur D. Kehas Outstanding Achiever Award to Officer Forrest Walker of the Franklin Police Department.”

The vast majority of Franklin HS students who reported using Alcohol, Tobacco or Marijuana, or Prescription Drug misuse, also reported having a low perception of parental disapproval of this risky behavior.

**2015 YRBS*

Franklin Mayor's
DRUG TASK FORCE



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

Prevention Starts with Parents

In your New Year Resolutions, include
“beefing up” your prevention efforts.
**You could make a huge
difference.**

For more information and resources, just click on our link at
the bottom of the www.franklinnh.org homepage.

We invite you to join us at our next Task Force Coalition Meeting!

WHEN: Thursday, January 12th from 5:15pm-7pm
If you are new to the coalition, or haven't been involved in a while, please try to arrive at 5PM. This will give us the opportunity to explain what we and our meetings are about and/or to update you.

Please RSVP!

This ensures we have enough seating and materials for everyone.

WHERE: Bessie Rowell Community Center, in the
Conference Room

**QUESTIONS? READY TO RSVP?
Contact us!**

Call: (603) 934-7446 **or email:** taskforceinfo@franklinnh.org

We are a volunteer-based community coalition. There are so many ways we could really use your help!

**Please don't
hesitate to contact
us to learn more!**

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ABOUT US

We are a Community Coalition that works under a federal grant. We are a volunteer-based group of people who care about the health of the communities of Franklin and Hill, and are working to prevent further negative impacts that alcohol and other drug misuse has on our community.

Our volunteers work together to strategize (focusing on prevention efforts), plan and complete various projects and tasks. Our ultimate mission is to engage the communities of Franklin and Hill in working together to promote positive, alcohol and drug-free lifestyles for youth and families.

Visit our website to learn more about us: www.franklinmh.org

Business Spotlight



Three Rivers Wreath and Plant Company



A shout out to *Kirk Weyant* owner and operator of the *Three Rivers Wreath and Plant Company* in Franklin for his generous annual gift of the stunning large wreaths on the mill wheel in Trestle View Park.

The company is one of the largest wholesalers for seasonal beautiful wreaths and kissing balls in NH and has been distributing premium quality balsam products since 1991. The short and busy season begins its operations on November 1, and

ends in early December.

Signature wreaths will be available for purchase on their website for the first time next year. For more information, visit their website at www.3rwc.com

Three Rivers Wreath and Plant Company also offers fundraisers for wreaths, fragrant balsam fir sachet gift sets, plaid centerpieces or a window box kit and even fall planted bulbs. For more information visit www.threeriversfundraising.com.

Weyant stays busy the rest of the year with his additional business, *New England Pro Greens & Turf, LLC*, supplying and installing natural turf grasses and native sods for golf, residential, and sports field applications. He has done work through out New England and installed sod on many professional fields from The Meadowlands Sports Complex in NJ to the Sea Dogs field in Portland ME. The company also installed the pavers and engraved bricks at Trestle View Park. For more information visit www.turfinstaller.com.

HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery Holds Ribbon Cutting



The December 7, grand opening for *HOPE for New Hampshire Recovery* held a grand opening on December 7. The recovery center's mission is to get drug and alcohol addiction sufferers well. *HOPE* is part of a national network of affiliate organizations working to transform how to deal with addiction. The Franklin based center is located on 175 Central Street. For more information visit <http://www.hopefornhrecovery.org/>.

Welcome New City Employees

Lauren Malloy the Coalition Coordinator on the Franklin Mayors Drug Task Force



Coalition Coordinator

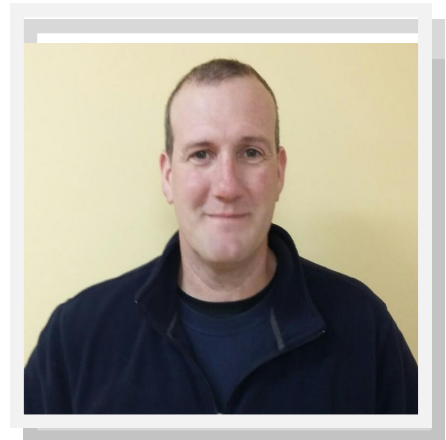
Lauren Malloy

There is a new face in the Coalition Coordinator's office at the Bessie Rowell Community Center! The Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force welcomes *Lauren Malloy* in her new role. Malloy is a Laconia resident and a 2015 graduate of Plymouth State University where she earned her Bachelors of science degree in Health Education and Health Promotion. Malloy comes to the Task Force from a local health insurance company where her work as a wellness representative served as an opportunity for her to practice community based prevention through wellness initiatives throughout New Hampshire. Malloy is excited to branch out and work within the community and put her enthusiasm to work as she begins her new role.

Malloy will be reaching out to Task Force partners and community members as she gets to know the Franklin and Hill communities over the next few months. Malloy looks forward to talking with people in the community and encouraging individuals to get involved with the work of the coalition. She can be reached at the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force at 603-998-5337 or taskforceinfo@franklinnh.org. You can also click on the link for the Task Force at www.franklinnh.org for more information about the Task Force mission and how you can be involved.

Rocky Marsh Buildings and Ground Foreman

Rocky Marsh has been hired as the Municipal Services Department Buildings and Grounds Foreman replacing Brian Barry who has been promoted to the Municipal Services Department Deputy Director. Marsh has lengthy experience in the building trades, a Franklin native and is well respected throughout the area. We are very fortunate to have someone with his expertise join our team.



Building and Grounds Foreman

Rocky Marsh

City Employment Opportunities

Franklin Fire Department

Call Fire Department Openings (firefighters and support personnel)

The Franklin Fire Department is seeking motivated and energetic individuals to join our team of community service responders. Successful candidates will fill positions on our Call Company. On Call members are needed for response to larger incidents to assist with mitigation and support. These positions demand commitment and dedication.

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.

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Volunteer Highlight Judith Ackerson



Judith Ackerson

How does a rural area find out what's going on in their community? In Franklin, it's Judith Ackerson who volunteers her time producing the Franklin Town Crier on a weekly basis to inform residents about local events and meetings via the Sunday Concord Monitor, social media, postings on the City website and some residents receiving the notices directly in their email by signing up for the

City's E-alerts.

Ackerson moved to Franklin in 1976 with her first husband and three children. She started volunteering when she was a stay at home mom as the coordinator of the Franklin School Volunteers and secretary of the Franklin Regional Hospital Auxiliary.

When returning to the work force, *Ackerson* had a desire to engage in a career that offered an emotional connection by seeking employment with not-for-profit organizations. With a commitment to make a difference in the lives of others, the career path she chose was clearly a reflection of her values to assist others. *Ackerson* worked at the *Office of Public Guardian* as an office manager and court liaison for 18 years and was employed at the *Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests* in Concord. In

2000, then married to her current husband, Ken Ackerson, Judith Ackerson chose to seek employment in Franklin and began a new career in the Franklin Public Schools. She retired as Registrar at Franklin High School in 2011.

Once retired from her career, *Ackerson* continues her volunteer work, dedicating much of her time to the community, having been a volunteer on the *Franklin Public Library* Board of Trustees and was the chair for six years; co-chair of *Franklin's Opera House* Festival of Trees since its conception four years ago; serves on the board of the *Franklin Opera House* and is currently the President. Ackerson also volunteers to work at The *Franklin Studio* and teaches line dancing and exercise classes at the *TRIP Center*.

At the end of her day, *Ack-*

erson wants her life to make a difference in the lives of others. She said, "I'm happy to be part of Franklin's revitalization and see it flourish. I feel like I am contributing to something significant. The Franklin residents have always been excited about Franklin and it's now all coming together."

To those considering volunteerism, *Ackerson* suggests seeking out those things that spark one's interest. "If you're excited about the revitalization, talk to the merchants, walk around town and see what speaks to you." *Ackerson* exuberates what volunteerism is all about. She's demonstrated significant and ongoing commitments to the community and providing service to others.



Photo Credit Judith Ackerson

Festival of Trees - a Banner Year!

Oh Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree! Thy Candles Shine so Brightly!

Celebrating the sights and sounds of Christmas with the decked out trees and gifts abound, Christmas music, and concerts, Franklin Opera House held it's fourth year of *Festival of Trees*. This is a fun event that could easily become part of your

family's holiday tradition. With the word getting around about this gala event, it's no wonder this has been the most successful yet! Donations by residents and local businesses of beautifully decorated Christmas trees and wreaths; gifts and gift certifi-

cates by local residents and businesses deck the hall of the Franklin Opera house while the doors open up to the public to view and buy raffle tickets to win one of the prizes. Proceeds are used to support the Franklin Opera House.

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Franklin Supervisor of the Checklist Vacancy for Ward 2

The City of Franklin is seeking a volunteer citizen to fill a vacancy as a Supervisor of the Checklist for Ward 2. This position is an elected position and has many important responsibilities and deadlines; knowledge of election laws and procedures is a plus. Attendance at all elections is required and attendance at supervisor sessions that are held on Tuesdays and Saturdays throughout the election season. Applicants must be able to dedicate extra time after the elections to finalize the checklist. Applicants must be a registered voter of Ward 2. For detailed information visit http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ.

Choose Franklin - Our Pride Runs Deep

You are invited to learn more about your community at the next Choose Franklin Meeting. The first Thursday of each month at 8 a.m.

Meetings are held upstairs at the Franklin Public Library.

Thursday, February 2 at 8 a.m.

Franklin for a Lifetime Arts Alliance

Thursday, March 2 at 8 a.m.

Small Business Support - Free Programs

Thursday, April 6 at 8 a.m.

Veterans Programs

New Daniel Substation

EVERSOURCE

Eversource is building a new distribution Substation in close proximity to the existing Substations off of Webster Lake Road in Franklin, NH. Webster Substation is a critical substation that serves Eversource and NH Electric Cooperative (NHEC) distribution load, in addition to Eversource generation through the 34.5kV System.

Project Need

Due to load growth in the Franklin area, and in order to enhance customer reliability, there is a need for additional transformation and equipment adjacent to the Webster Substation site.



*Blue area indicates approximate site of proposed new Substation and related tree clearing. This is subject to change.

Project Schedule

The Project received necessary local permits for construction in October 2016. Tree clearing activities began in December 2016 and are expected to be complete by the end of the year. Construction activities are expected to occur mid-2017. The new Substation is projected to be in service by second quarter of 2018. This schedule is subject to change due to weather and other unexpected circumstances.

What You Can Expect

Construction vehicles will be entering and exiting the Project work site in order to perform construction project activities, including tree clearing and trimming. These activities will occur within typical work hours: Monday through Friday between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm. This work is not expected to interrupt electric service to homes or businesses.

This Project is not related to the Northern Pass Project, which currently is in the permitting and review phase with the State of New Hampshire's Site Evaluation Committee.

Our Commitment to You

Keeping our customers and community leaders informed about Eversource activities in the area is an important part of our work in the communities we serve. Communication with neighbors, public officials, and other stakeholders will occur before construction begins and throughout the Project process.

Call 888-926-5334, or email us at NHProjectsInfo@Eversource.com to learn more.

Municipal Services Department

Director Brian J. Sullivan

Since November 21 to December 27, 2016 the Municipal Services Department has conducted eighteen snow and ice control operations and one snow removal operation in the business areas. During the entire winter of 2015/2016, we conducted nineteen snow and ice control operations and two snow removal operations. What is my prediction? This is a prelude towards what's ahead for January, February and March. Be prepared - Mother Nature is making up for the summer drought!

- Unfortunately the month of November into December set us far behind schedule on leaf pickup. A combination of a late leaf drop; numerous rain events and then the early snowfalls prevented us from proceeding as quickly as we typically do. As mentioned before the Highway Department usually has a crew of four assigned to this detail and it becomes more difficult to remain on schedule when weather interferes and other unforeseen emergencies pull the leaf crew off to do other jobs. This past fall we completed Fridays trash route and about two-thirds of Wednesdays route is done. We plan to continue in the spring finishing Wednesdays and Mondays trash routes.
- The overnight winter parking ban on all City Streets went into November 1, 2016 and continues until April 1, 2017. During snowstorms there is no parking allowed on City streets. The only area that allows on street parking in the daytime during a snowstorm is within the City business districts. This is a City ordinance that has been in place for a long time and is all about public safety!
- Instead of rewriting all the important information about *winter weather events* and related subjects, please go back and review the important points mentioned in the November 2016 Newsletter (Municipal Services Department Section). All past newsletters are still on the website.
- One thing to look forward to in the spring besides warmer weather, are potholes and mud. Typically if you see standing water on a road, a pothole will develop as a result of the freeze-thaw cycle. Unpaved dirt roads can also create challenges during mud season. The ground freezes and frost begins. It freezes from the surface down to whatever the final depth of frozen ground may become in any given winter season. For example, there was four-feet of frost/frozen ground in 2015. When the ground surface begins to thaw in the spring, it likewise thaws from the surface down to the depth of the frost line. The result is that there is no where for water to percolate into the ground so it lies on top of the frost line thus creating standing water and mud. Sometimes lots of it!
- Please refrain from plowing or shoveling snow onto a sidewalk or street. Our residents are highly dependent on using sidewalks year round. If you have a private contractor plowing your driveway please advise them of the fact that City ordinance prohibits the placement of snow from private property onto a street and sidewalk.
- One thing that concerns me when our crews get out to sand and plow roads is sleep deprivation. As our City hires no private contractors there are a couple things to remember: a typical plow route takes about four hours to cycle through one time and the more it snows the greater the number of trips around each route. This can become mentally and physically exhausting for the crew. When this happens and we can do so, we will cease plowing for a period typically between 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Then we can resume operations after getting some rest and checking the equipment. Every storm is different so there are many times when there is a need to plow numerous hours around the clock without sleep. If you wake up and your road has not been plowed for a while the reason is either the drivers have been sent home or there an equipment breakdown on that route. This practice is no different from other municipalities.
- The 2017 winter holidays of New Years; Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day all occur on Mondays. Trash and recycling pickup will be on Tuesday the day after the holiday. The Transfer Station will also be open on Tuesdays.
- Curbside pickup during a winter storm is based on road conditions and the trash pickup routes are subject to time changes. The order in which the route is picked up and the ability for the trucks to travel safely is also taken into consideration. In a snow storm or ice event the stopping and starting involved with pickup poses a traffic hazard by making frequent stops. Have your cans out by 6:45 a.m. and if for some reason they are not picked up this means we have postponed service until the following day. If you have questions please call the Municipal Services Office solid waste hotline at 603-934-4103 ext. 12. The best location for your cans is three-feet from any object including cars. Placement of the cans should be just inside of the side of the road on either side of your driveway apron.
- Christmas trees are not to be placed out for curbside pickup. They can be disposed of in the brush pile at the Transfer Station where they are recycled.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and please drive slow and safe!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City Council Members

Mayor Ken Merrifield

603-934-6837

Ward 1 Councilors

Heather Moquin

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Anthony Giunta

603-934-0025

George Dzujna

603-934-7163

Ward 2 Councilors

Vincent Ribas

603-934-5330

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

603-934-7109

City Manager

Elizabeth Dragon

603-934-3900 ext. 5

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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 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 – aaucanh@gmail.com

Community Events and Recreational Activities

Krystal Alpers – kalpers@franklinnh.org

City Holiday

City offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 16.

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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