



"The Three Rivers City"

# Franklin Newsletter

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## Review of Economic Development Impact on Proposed "Mill City Park" and associated recreation activities.

*City Manager Elizabeth Dragon*



The City of Franklin is the smallest of thirteen cities in the State of New Hampshire. It is centrally located and considered part of the Lakes Region. Franklin also is centered at the confluence of the Winnepesaukee and Pemigewasset Rivers, which combine to form the Merrimack River downstream.

Over its' history, the City has taken advantage of the Winnepesaukee River, which runs through the heart of the downtown. The river powered many industrial mills, and supported a significant number of jobs which helped create a vibrant business district. Over time the mills closed, and the vibrancy turned to vacant shops and fewer and fewer jobs. The City became economically distressed.

The proposed Water Park and Play project represents a unique opportunity to create again a vibrant downtown and to utilize the river in such a way as to encourage recreational activities, and promote healthy public enjoyment of this important natural asset.

Tourism is an effective economic development strategy if implemented correctly. Through preservation and enhancements of the community's natural assets and efforts surrounding "place making" the City can become an even more attractive place to visit and recreate. Tourism brings "net new" dollars to the community through visitor spending.

With the addition of groups like "ONE"-Outdoor New England, LLC and Permacity life –the City and the community is poised to take action with public, private, and non-profit partnerships.

Outdoor recreation is the third largest market in the United States with annual spending of \$646 billion in 2012. According to an analysis prepared by ONE with the assistance of NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) the City of Franklin has the opportunity to see over \$6.83 million in new visitor spending associated with indirect & induced spending of \$4.68 million. This spending is spread over an estimated 184,654 annual visitors partaking in outdoor activities such as whitewater rafting, kayaking, biking and special events.

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#### Introduction/Existing conditions:

Franklin is the smallest city in the state of New Hampshire. According to the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) website- Franklin's population was 8,405 in 2000, 8,477 in 2010 and was estimated to decrease to 8,454 in 2015. The fifteen year span of population using the US Census and OEP estimate makes it clear-Franklin's population is relatively stagnant and could even decline.

A quick sort (highest to lowest) of the NH Department of Revenue 2015 tax rates shows that Franklin falls somewhere in the middle at 98 out of 232 towns and cities-with a 2015 total tax rate of \$25.03. In the early 80's the City's tax rate was increasing at what the community felt to be an unbearable rate and they adopted a tax cap. This has slowed the rate at which the total tax rate changes.

Unemployment numbers also fall somewhere in the middle when comparing Franklin's rates to other communities using the Department of Labor website. September of 2016 unemployment in the city was at 2.7%. Whereas the range for the entire state fell between about 1% to 5%. Also, it is worthy to note that anecdotally, one of the largest employers in the City, Watts, has been hiring all year.

In reviewing reports from the American Community Survey (ACS), there are some community benchmarks that are concerning. Median household income in Franklin is \$42,742 in comparison to \$65,986 in NH. The percentage of individuals below poverty in 2014 was 24% in comparison to 8.9% statewide. The percentage of families living below poverty in 2014 was 18.5% in comparison to 5.7% statewide. Owner occupied homes where greater than 30% of household income was spent on the mortgage was 50.6% in Franklin vs 36.7% of the statewide population. In 2014-renter occupied homes where greater than 30% of household income was spent on gross rent was 60.2% vs 46.8% statewide.

What does all of the above statistics tell us? Franklin is not growing. The population in the community is spending more than the normal on mortgages and rents. The city has a larger percentage of individuals and families living at or above poverty. Therefore, disposable income to spend within the community to support small businesses is limited.

⇒ Attracting "net new dollars" into the community is vital to the success of supporting existing businesses in the City and attracting new businesses to open within the city limits.

How does Franklin set itself apart from other towns & cities to attract and build a tourist base? One doesn't need to look beyond the view from the windows at City Hall to see - we in fact have a river that runs through...right through our downtown. With the partnerships built and continuing to be built with Permacity life and ONE we are poised to leverage our assets in a way they have not been leveraged since the closure of the industrial mills.

#### The Project: Mill City Park and associated recreation activities

A proven strategy for driving economic growth is to build on the City's existing outdoor infrastructure. Franklin -- the nearest reliable whitewater to Boston -- has a long history with regional whitewater enthusiasts and receives positive media attention with the annual First Day Franklin, hosted by Choose Franklin in collaboration with the Merrimack Valley Paddlers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2J3eIQweGk&feature=youtu.be>

This type of economic development strategy has been implemented several times in Colorado where Buena Vista, Golden, Steamboat Springs, and Vail have used whitewater kayaking and rafting to drive regional economic growth. Buena Vista, much like Franklin, engaged whitewater enthusiasts to power through an extensive city revitalization project.

However it isn't just about whitewater. Franklin offers many other recreational opportunities- the Winnepesaukee River Trail, which consists of interconnection of over 10 biking sites and over 134 miles of trails <http://www.winnirivertrail.org>, the Northern rail trail is a 23 mile long trail that connects Franklin to other communities across the state <http://www.winnirivertrail.org>, Franklin is also home to Webster Lake and its own municipally owned ski area. Franklin has significant access to multiple high quality trail systems that are free to the public.

The proposed park involves a 1.25 mile stretch of the Winnepesaukee River that begins at the put-in at Cross Mill Road and flows into the heart of the downtown at Trestle View Park. In this space we have the opportunity to create a downtown tourist attraction and recreational amenity that will be equally appealing to users and spectators. There is nothing like this anywhere in New England. What is being proposed by ONE is the construction of a world class water park and outdoor center. There is no competition in the region. There simply are no good substitutes, especially during peak summer when the demand is the highest but the water flow is the lowest. The group has been working to address water flow (water releases) with the NHDES and with the creation of play features in the river and recirculation of existing water flow at any level.

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#### Implementation:

Preliminary engineering work has been completed with McLaughlin White Water design. However, to get more concrete cost estimates and designs for the project more study and engineering is needed. ONE has raised funds through crowd sourcing as matching funds for possible grants.

The construction of this project is proposed to be done in phases. Phase one will be the installation of one or two play features in the river and a viewing area estimated to cost \$400,000- \$500,000. Phase two will be to complete the 1.25 mile stretch of river. The very early preliminary estimate of construction for phase two is \$4 - \$5 million. More concrete numbers will be developed as designs are completed.

Construction activities will include removal of rebar currently in the water, cribbing, foundation remnants etc. from the river. This is a river restoration project as well as a recreation based tourist attraction. There is also need for restricting of boulders in the river, construction of viewing areas and pedestrian walkways along the river. This is all still in the early planning stages.

#### Funding:

Possible funding sources include but are not limited to Tax Increment Financing funds, Community Development Block grants, tax credits, L-Chip funds, NH-DES aquatic ARM funds, private foundations and donor based grants as well as community fund raising.

#### Partnerships:

ONE, PermaCity life, Franklin Business Development Corporation, the City Manager, and Planning Director meet every other week to discuss this and other projects happening in the down town area.

The City had applied for and received a grant to hire a downtown coordinator who also participates in these meetings and assists with grant applications.

Area partnerships have also been formed with Tilton's private school who has agreed to take a piece of the project and make it a project for their students to study. Merrimack Valley paddlers have secured a put in location upstream in Northfield. Partnerships have been created with Highland Mountain Bike Park in Northfield. Greater Franklin Heal coalition (health eating active living) and Colby Sawyer college are also partnering with this project. All partnerships bring with them enthusiasm, ideas, human resources, and the potential access to more funding sources.

It is also critical that we have state and federal partners on board to work through any possible permitting and construction barriers.

#### Project economic impact:

NH has 37 million visitors per year, equivalent to \$5.0 billion dollars in spending.

A study prepared by ONE with input from NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) - estimates new direct spending to be \$6.83 million dollars of "net new" visitor spending for the proposed project and 4.6 million of indirect & induced spending. Each activity is broken down as follows:

| Activity           | Annual          | Net New visitor    | Indirect & Induced |
|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                    | <u>Visitors</u> | <u>Spending</u>    | <u>Spending</u>    |
| Whitewater Rafting | 20,000          | \$415,888          | \$145,696          |
| Kayaking           | 16,023          | \$1,861,232        | \$652,037          |
| Biking             | 125,448         | \$2,462,636        | \$987,847          |
| Non commercial     |                 |                    |                    |
| Recreation         | 23,183          | \$2,090,833        | \$2,895,833        |
| Totals:            | <b>184,654</b>  | <b>\$6,830,589</b> | <b>\$4,681,413</b> |



In the above mentioned report- Outdoor foundations reports are also cited for potential growth in the New England Market. According to their report out of the top ten outdoor trends, paddlers are well represented. Stand up paddling, kayak fishing, recreational kayaking, whitewater kayaking ranking among the top activities for both one and three year trends in the outdoor industry. New England only represented 5% of the national activity number in the analysis done for years 2011-2013. Therefore, there is a great deal of room in the New England market for a project of this magnitude.

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#### Conclusion:

Franklin is poised to redefine itself as a recreational destination through the use of the very natural asset (the rivers) that defined the community so many years ago as a mill town.

A quick study of the community demographics makes it fairly evident that the community cannot tax itself out of its revenue problems. With family and individual poverty at such high percent rates it seems clear that any successful economic development strategy must include some form of tourism.

The rivers have presented the community with challenges and opportunities over the years. The river running directly through downtown creates an opportunity for tourism based recreation to support existing and new downtown business development- to create a thriving community.

The proposed project brings with it huge economic impacts with an estimated \$6.8 million in net new visitor spending. This type of spending would not only create opportunities for the City in new tax value, opportunities to support local businesses, but it would also create new opportunities for the State of NH tourism numbers. This type of project obviously has potential impacts for the City of Franklin but the State as well-in regards to revenues such as meals & rooms, tolls, etc.

Beyond revenue, this project has the opportunity to change the dynamics of a community that has seen its share of tough times. This project has the potential to bring renewed energy and life-to the downtown and the rivers that run through it.

#### Acknowledgements:

This report has been prepared using a compilation of other reports (Division of Resources and Economic Development & Outdoor New England Impact study, Permacity life reports and materials), City grant applications, and available data sources related to city & state demographics and trends.

## City and Business Leaders Collaborate on City's Economic Development

Behind the scenes the City and business leaders have been working diligently on Franklin's revitalization. City Manager Elizabeth Dragon meets bi-weekly with local developer and Executive Director of PermaCity life (PCL) Todd Workman; owner of Outdoor New England Marty Parichand; Planning Director Dick Lewis; Finance and Development Consultant Neil Cannon; and Executive Director of the City's Business and Industrial Development Corporation Jim Aberg. The meetings are held to discuss various City projects in process on and to discuss the stumbling blocks moving forward.

At a recent *Council Special Workshop Meeting* all were in attendance to discuss the attraction, retention and expansion of businesses to promote jobs and economic growth in Franklin. City Manager Dragon said, "This City is involved with projects that seemingly are not related to the City but are related to City development. Tourism is an effective development strategy and Franklin is unique as the river runs through downtown. If the City is successful bringing Whitewater Park and tourism to Franklin then PermaCitylife and other businesses will all be successful and need less assistance from the City."

Dragon joined Franklin Business & Industry Development Corporation's (FBIDC) board so the City is now actively involved with what has been happening with the FBIDC, as the City's economic development corporation. They have been able to leverage the City's assets with FBIDC making the City more impactful. Dragon said, "With Downtown Coordinator Neil Cannon coming on board and the efforts of Planning Director Lewis who put together the grant to make that possible we are able to further leverage City and FBIDC's assets and leverage the relationships we have with PCL and ONE to work on some projects. Some of the things that are being done are complex and require TIF plans, CDFA tax credits and other things that are available to them. It has made a difference, as we were awarded a tax credit of \$400K for business improvements in the downtown."

Workman said PCL brought in 10 businesses resulting in 48 jobs to Franklin in the first year. "These things happened because of the team work with the City. Franklin has a great toolbox and without it things won't come to Franklin. So much is happening in Franklin that *NH Business Magazine* last year rated Franklin as where things are happening."

Parchand spoke about the Whitewater Park and the economic development available from "marketing the City as a destination and capitalizing on capital and tourism resulting in employment opportunities."

The City and business leaders will continue to meet regularly to work out obstacles and often complex issues for the future economic development of Franklin.

## Northern Pass Timeline

|                                     | Oct.         | Nov. | Dec.    | Jan. | 2016       | 2017            | 2018 | 2019           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------|---------|------|------------|-----------------|------|----------------|
| SEC Project Accepted                | (10/19)<br>* |      | (12/18) |      |            |                 |      |                |
| DOE Public Hearings                 |              |      |         |      | March<br>* |                 |      |                |
| DOE Comment Period Complete         |              |      |         |      | April<br>* |                 |      |                |
| SEC Proposal                        |              |      | (12/15) |      |            | (Sept)          |      |                |
| All permits in hand - federal/state |              |      |         |      |            | (4th Qtr.)<br>* |      |                |
| Construction in US and Canada       |              |      |         |      |            | (4th Qtr)       |      | Late 2019      |
| In Service Date                     |              |      |         |      |            |                 |      | Late 2019<br>* |

## Tax Deeded Property for Sale

The City of Franklin is selling .56 buildable acres located at 12 Morrill Court (map/lot #097-094-00). This land without buildings is currently assessed at \$30,800 the **minimum bid is set at \$20,000.** The property is being sold through a quitclaim deed with no title warranties. The foundation from the prior home remains on site and has been filled in. The Lot is serviced by City Water.

The City will accept sealed bids sent to City Hall, Office of the City Manager marked "Sealed bid", 316 Central Street, Franklin, NH. Make sure to include your name/address/phone number and any other contact information as well as your bid amount in both numbers and words. All bids must be received by the City Manager's office ***no later than March 1st at 4pm.*** For more information call city hall 934-3900.



## Business Spotlight

### R & E Taxi Service



Robyn Kingsley a mother of three and grandmother of four lives in Franklin with her husband Edgar. Working in the electronic industry for 25 years she yearned for a career change.

After weighing her options, Kingsley opted to start a taxi service saying her desire to help people was a big factor in her decision.

Kingsley's sister who owns taxi services in both Nashua and Londonderry has encouraged her for years to start a business of her own in Franklin and has been

supportive through the process.

Researching uber and taxi services in surrounding rural communities, Kingsley said that her rates are very competitive.

R&E Taxi started servicing Central, Southern NH and the Lakes Region area in December, 2016.

This service is filling a need in the community and is certainly a tremendous benefit for those in need of transportation. For R&E Taxi, call 603-934-4414, available 24/7.



### Interruption of Processing Motor Vehicle Registration

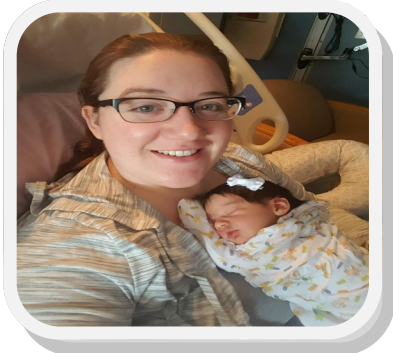
The NH Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles is pleased to announce that a new computer system (VISION) will be implemented in the month of February. As a result, there will be an interruption of motor vehicle registration processing statewide. Town/City Clerk's offices, along with the DMV offices, will be unable to process new or renewal registrations over the President's Day holiday weekend, beginning Friday, February 17, 2017, and will be resuming transactions on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. Throughout this process, the Town/City Clerk's office will be open for other transactions not related to vehicle registrations during our normal, scheduled hours of operation.

If you have a new registration, a temporary plate or your registration renewal is due during the month of February, please make sure you are aware of the processing interruption.

Please feel free to visit the DMV website at [www.nh.gov/dmv](http://www.nh.gov/dmv) for updates concerning this implementation.

### Congratulations to Lakes Region Golden Trowel Award Winners

The Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce presents the Golden Trowel Award to local companies that do major renovations to a building while keeping its unique character. The 2017 winners were Belmont Early Learning Center; Gunstock Mountain Resort Mountain Coaster; Watermark Marine; PermaCity Life; and Stephens Landscaping Professionals.



### IT'S A GIRL!!! Introducing *Eliana Pearl Gargano*

City Clerk Katie Gargano and her husband Justin welcomed the arrival of *Eliana Pearl Gargano* to the world on Monday, January 30, at 8:31 a.m.

Eliana weighed in at 7 pounds 2 ounces \* 19 inches long.

Katie and the baby are doing great!

# Winter Fire Safety Tips

## Winter fire safety tips

We've also pulled together some tips you can share in your emails, tweets, posts, and on your websites and blogs. Please use the information below to teach your public about heating their homes safely.

More fires happen in the winter months than any other time of the year. During the cold months, we spend more time indoors and use different methods to heat our homes.

It is important to keep fire safety in mind when you are heating your home.

If you are using a portable heater:

- Make sure the heater has an automatic shut-off so if it tips over, it shuts off.
  - Keep anything that can burn such bedding, clothing and curtains at least 3 feet from the heater.
  - Plug portable heaters directly into wall outlets. Never use an extension cord or power strip.
- Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

If you are using a fireplace:

- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out and starting a fire.
- Do not burn paper in your fireplace.
- Before you go to sleep or leave your home put the fire out completely. Put ashes in a metal container with a lid. Store the container outside at least 3 feet from your home.

If you are using a wood stove:

- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned each year by a professional.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from the stove.
- Do not burn paper in your wood stove.
- Before you go to sleep or leave your home, put the fire out completely.

When heating your home, you need to be aware of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide, also known as CO, is called the "invisible killer" because it's a colorless, odorless, and poisonous gas. More than 150 people in the U.S. die each year due to accidental CO poisoning from generators or fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, stoves, water heaters and fire places. Breathing CO at high levels can kill you.

Put CO alarms inside your home to provide an early warning of increasing CO levels. These alarms should be placed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home.

As always, make sure you have a smoke alarm on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test your alarms every month. Have a home fire escape plan and practice your plan at least twice a year. Make sure everyone knows how to escape your home if there is a fire.

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For more information on [heating fire safety](#), go to the [U.S. Fire Administration](#).





## Veterans Memorial Recreation Ski Area

Run by the *Franklin Outing Club*



### 2017 Franklin Winter Carnival Events

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Sunday, 2/5                      | 8:30-10:30 at the VMRSA Lodge<br><b>Pancake Breakfast</b><br>Adults \$5, Kids \$2  |
| Saturday, 2/11                   | 1pm at the VMRSA Hill<br><b>Cardboard sled races</b>   |
| Sunday, 2/12                     | 1pm at the VMRSA Hill<br><b>Skiing and Snowboard Races</b><br><i>(Time to be announced)</i> Griffin Beach on Webster Lake<br><b>Lakes Region Snowmobile Club's Annual Radar Runs</b> |
| Saturday, 2/18                   | 6am-3pm at Griffin Beach on Webster Lake<br><b>38<sup>th</sup> Annual Webster Lake Fishing Derby</b><br>9-Noon<br><b>NH Fish &amp; Game Let's Go Ice Fishing Program for Kids!</b>   |
| Sunday, 2/19                     | 6am-3pm at Griffin Beach on Webster Lake   |
| Monday, 2/20 –<br>Saturday, 2/25 | Week-long <b>FHS Winter Carnival</b><br><i>Visit <a href="http://www.sau18.org">www.sau18.org</a> for event information</i>  |
| Saturday, 3/4                    | All Day at the VMRSA Hill<br><b>First Annual Kayak Event!</b>  |

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***VMRSA is open for sledding, skiing and snowboarding from 10am – 4pm  
every Saturday & Sunday, weather permitting!***

[www.veteransskiarea.com](http://www.veteransskiarea.com) | [www.facebook.com/veteransskiarea](https://www.facebook.com/veteransskiarea)



# Municipal Services Department News

*Director Brian Sullivan*

- Since November 21, 2016 to January 25, 2017 the Municipal Services Department (MSD) conducted 25 snow and ice control operations. Also two snow removal operations have been undertaken in the business areas. During the entire winter of 2015/2016 we conducted a total of 19 snow and ice control operations and two snow removal operations. We are nearing the point of full expenditure for the amount allocated in the F.Y. 17 "snow and ice budget".
- AN IMPORTANT REMINDER- On street parking is not allowed during a snowstorm and is in violation of established City winter parking bans. Some residents especially multi-family units are not removing trash and recycling containers after pickup hampering our ability to efficiently plow roads. During plowable storms there is no parking allowed on a City street except in the downtown and West Franklin business districts. Nothing should be blocking the safe passage over a City sidewalk year round.
- The overnight winter parking ban on all City streets went into effect 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 during a snowstorm in day light hours 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!
- Curbside pickup during a winter storm is based on road conditions; trash pickup routes are subject to time changes. In a snow storm or ice event the stopping and starting involved with trash/recycle can pick-up poses a traffic hazard by making frequent stops. Have your trash/recycle cans out by 6:45 AM. In the event pickup isn't possible, service will resume the following day. If you have questions please call the *Municipal Services Office solid waste hotline at 603-934-4103 extension 12.*
- For important information about winter weather events and related subjects refer to the November 2016, Franklin Newsletter (Municipal Services Department section). All past newsletters can be found on the City website.
- I am in the process of submitting annual reports for three MSD divisions which operate under permits issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and managed by the State of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). There are two annual reports that have to be submitted by the Solid Waste Division; one annual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) report for our Sanitary Sewer Collection System; and two annual reports for the City Public Water System.
- This year the City will be posting 6 ton load limit signs on three of its roads; Prospect Street, Pleasant Street and Terrace Road. We will request an amendment to the City traffic ordinance for *no thru trucking* on Prospect Street.
- The City recently conducted water sampling on all of our drinking water wells for the contaminant perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and three of our four wells reported undetectable results. USEPA has set a threshold limit of 80 parts per trillion. One of our wells had sample results at 2 parts per trillion which is almost undetectable so the City drinking water is free of the chemical PFOA. We are also in the process of re-evaluating our lead and copper testing requirements. We currently check for lead and copper at 22 sampling sites every three years. There is a good possibility that we will begin to test annually and choose new testing locations. To date we are within federal compliance for lead and copper in the City drinking water.
- The City observes Presidents Day on Monday, February 20, 2017. Curbside trash and recycling pickup will be on Tuesday February 21, 2017, the day after the holiday.
- I will be working on our annual MSD budget beginning early February and will report on our spring construction projects in the upcoming March newsletter.
- Three engineering firms were selected and interviewed for the "City of Franklin, NH - Sanitary Sewer Assessment Study." The purpose of the study is to evaluate existing information, perform collection system flow metering and to make recommendations to locate and eliminate fresh water inflow and infiltration (I and I) into the City sanitary sewer pipelines. The driving force behind performing such a study is to identify, reduce and eliminate as much I and I as possible because participating communities will soon be assessed their proportionate share to operate the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program regional wastewater system and wastewater plant based on each community wastewater flow.
- The City has been awarded a second leak detection grant for its water system and it will take place this summer evaluating another 17 miles of City waterline for leaks.

If you have any MSD topics of interest you would like to have included in future newsletters call *Brian Sullivan at 603-934-4103.*

## Choose Franklin - Our Pride Runs Deep

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

Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Franklin Public Library, 310 Central Street.

### Small Business Support - Free Programs

**Thursday, March 2 at 8 a.m.**

How do you help your business stay viable? Who can assist with important steps like developing and executing a business plan? Come hear John Plumer of Lakes Region SCORE present key business information and deconst programs and sessions available to local businesses.

### Veterans Programs

**Thursday, April 6 at 8 a.m.**

Coming in May: Community Day and Annual Meeting

## City Employment Opportunities

### Franklin Fire Department Firefighter AEMT/I or Paramedic

The City of Franklin has an immediate opening for a full-time Advanced EMT or Paramedic. We are looking for a highly motivated individual that will demonstrate their commitment to our city, our residents and department.

For a detailed description of the job and application information visit [http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH\\_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ](http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ).

### 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](http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ)

### 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 description of the job opening and application information visit

[http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH\\_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ](http://www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH_WebDocs/EmploymentDocs/employ).

*Check the Franklin City website frequently. Departments will post jobs here when they become available.*

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### City Council Members

#### Mayor Ken Merrifield

603-934-6837

#### Ward 1 Councilors

Heather Moquin

603-455-2551

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

#### 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 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

City offices will be closed on observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 20.

## E-Alerts Sign-up Today

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