



"The Three Rivers City"

# Franklin Newsletter

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## Fire Department - New Engine 1

*Fire Chief Kevin Lachapelle*

The new, bright red, Engine 1 is equipped with the most modern firefighting capabilities and safety features. The new truck holds 1,000 gallons of water, 30 gallons of fire-fighting foam, and an on-board generator. It has many other hand-tools and devices used to protect our City. Engine 1 will have seating capacity for five firefighters. The current engine 1 only has seating for two firefighters.

Engine 1 was purchased through a local dealer, Dingee Machine Company in Cornish, NH. It is being manufactured by the Sutphen Corporation in Dublin, Ohio. Sutphen is the longest standing fire apparatus

manufacturer and has been building fire engines for 127 years. Believe it or not, folks with the Sutphen name still answer the telephone when you call the manufacturing plant. Engine 1 is projected to be in

service and responding to emergency incidents by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Our firefighters would like to thank our Tax-payers, City Council and City Administration for supporting the purchase of this much needed apparatus.



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## Fire Department - (continued from pg. 1)



### **THE HISTORY of the Engine 1's of Franklin**

#### FRANKLIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### HISTORY OF ENGINE No. 1

The original Engine no. 1 was purchased by the City of Franklin in 1853. It was a hand drawn Hunnaman Engine. It had a five-inch cylinder, 24 feet of suction hose, buckets, axes, spanners and lanterns.

The new Engine was designated Engine No. 1. The new company ran with 50 men and would serve until 1892 when the old Engine was retired and held in reserve.



*This old Engine is housed in the Firefighter Museum*

#### AMERICAN LAFRANCE 1922

On March 13, 1922, a new American LaFrance triple combination truck arrived in the City. It was a 75 HP, type 10, 4-cylinder truck with a type 39 pump.

The Daniel Webster Steamer became Engine Company No. 1 at that time, assigned to the new American LaFrance.

It was reported that the LaFrance did not serve the community well. The truck had its mechanical problems.

It was at this time, that the American LaFrance Company recommended a truck swap, the old 1922 LaFrance for a new 1925 LaFrance.

The City felt that they could not pass up this opportunity. It would cost the City \$3,500 to trade for the new pumper.

## Fire Department Captain Samuel Davis Recognition

*Fire Chief Kevin Lachapelle*

On January 11, 1967, Samuel Davis joined the ranks of the Franklin Fire Department on Hook and Ladder Company #1. Captain Davis was recently recognized for his 50 years of continued dedicated service at the February 6, 2017, Franklin City Council Meeting.



Sam was accompanied by his wife Gloria as Chief LaChapelle presented him with a certificate.



During the presentation, Chief LaChapelle described the many changes that Captain Davis has endured in his tenure with the Fire Department; six Fire Chiefs certainly bring a great deal of change.

### Sam's promotions:

Clerk: July 1, 1976

Lieutenant: September 11, 1996

Captain: September 1, 2009 (currently still serving)

Also in attendance were Davises children; his son Steven and daughter Tammy, nephews Richard Davis Jr., Jeff Davis and many retired and active members of the Fire Department.

The Davis Family was also recognized for their 185 years of combined service within the Franklin Fire Department.

Alvin Davis: 7 years

Captain Richard Davis Sr.: 50 years

Allen Davis: 14 years

Lieutenant Richard Davis Jr.: 36 years

Lieutenant Steven Davis: 28 years

The women in the Davis family also serviced as members of the ladies auxiliary.

## FY2018 Tentative Dates for Budget Process

March 15	Preliminary budgets due to City Manager
March 24	Outside agency request forms due
April 7	Capital improvements forms due to City Manager
April	Department head workshop with City Manager to prepare final CIP
April 24	Capital improvements presentation to CIP committee (to be confirmed with CIP chair)
May 1	Managers budget complete
May 22	Capital budget workshop with City Council
May/June	Council budget work sessions

⇒ Schedule at least 5-6 work sessions and 1 public hearing

- ◇ School to present their 2018 budget.
- ◇ Evaluate charges for services, revenues/fines/fee updates, Wages & benefits overview and Municipal Services.
- ◇ Public Safety (Police & Fire) & Drug Task Force.
- ◇ City Clerk/Tax Collector, Finance, Library, Recreation, Planning & Zoning, misc., general government.
- ◇ Outside Agencies & overall budget questions.
- ◇ Follow-up questions and finalize overall budget.



## Jeff Perkins Volunteer Highlight

Jeff Perkins grew up spending time at a camp his parents owned on Webster Lake since 1968. Prior to Perkins retirement he spent five years refurbishing the camp with his wife Valarie. The Perkins have two sons and grandchildren who visit the camp that has now been enjoyed by four generations. When Perkins retired five years ago he and his wife moved to Franklin. A couple years later while Perkins was taking a walk he couldn't help but notice debris on the ground. He got a garbage

bag and picked it up. This was the start of his personal crusade to clean up the city. As he increased his workload it was becoming costly to purchase the bags and more work was involved in the disposal, but he persevered. One day a City employee noticed Perkins picking up litter and inquired as to what he was doing. After Perkins explained, the employee offered to have the City provide the bags and provide the trash disposal. Perkins was delighted and it offered him

more time to clean! Perkins works diligently five to six days a week cleaning up the City streets. This is a job that might not get much notoriety, but displays Perkins love for his community! A local social media discussion recently took place with residents inquiring about the identity of this mystery man who cleans their city streets and expressed gratitude for his community service. Perkins efforts have not gone unnoticed. The City and local residents are grateful to Perkins for all his hard work!



City Volunteer Jeff Perkins

## Library Offers E-Books and Downloadable Audiobooks



The Franklin Public Library is proud to offer its customers access to the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium. The Consortium, organized by the State Library, provides more than 18,000 e-books and more than 8,000 audiobooks through OverDrive. The OverDrive app is free of charge and the e-books and audiobooks are free to use as well. Each customer may borrow three titles at a time and have access to them for two

weeks at a time. Anyone with a computer, smartphone, tablet, Kindle, or other mp3 player may enjoy the ease of use, convenience, and mobility at no cost to them. In order to provide access to the collection, the Library pays an annual fee based on usage to the Consortium. Access to the collection requires a valid library card. Anyone who lives in, works

in, goes to school in, or pays taxes to the City of Franklin is eligible for a free card. To obtain access or a card, please visit the library at 310 Central Street or call at (603) 934-2911. The library is open on Tuesdays from 11 AM until 8 PM and on Wednesdays through Saturdays from 8 AM until 5 PM.

## 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 AM

Meetings are held upstairs at the Franklin Public Library

Thursday, April 6 at 8AM  
Veterans Programs

Thursday, May 4 at 8 AM  
Community Day and Annual Meeting

## Business Spotlight

### Snap Fitness

Snap Fitness has an extensive range of the industry's best fitness equipment for your cardio, strength training and all of your fitness needs. There are free weights to help you define your body, one-on-one fitness training and classes. The facilities main room is well equipped with cardio machines, tread mills, elliptical, universal machines and more.

The fitness training room is spacious and used for boot camp workouts to burn calories and build muscle. *Fitness on demand* is available and offers 200 exercises that change monthly. Viewing is available on a large screen TV and includes TRX®, spin bikes, spin classes, yoga and strength conditioning. Private showers are also available. All this is part of your membership with no additional costs.

Certified Trainer Michelle Brent heads group classes and boot camps. Certified Trainer Brandon Duval also has a Bachelor in Science in Kinesiology (athletic training) and

focuses on one-on-one personal training and group training. The free weight center proudly showcases members' fitness and body building trophies. In addition to the earned trophies there are several members that are currently in the process of competing.

Snap Fitness General Manager Efthimios "Tim" Katsigiannis, a Franklin resident is known by many around the City as the former owner of the *Harvest Health Food Store* and family to local award winning Tilton House of Pizza. Katsigiannis said, "The membership has more than tripled since taking over just over a year ago as GM. Snap has been in business in this location since opening in 2012. In addition to the 2,000 sq. ft. main room there was an addition of 1,000 sq. ft., and we are currently adding a new addition with 1,600 sq. ft."

The new space houses 2 changing rooms, up to 110 lbs. dumb bells, a variety of different benches, squat and power racks, Olympic flat bench and plated leg press among other equipment. A membership gives you access to any of the 2,000 Snap Fitness clubs worldwide. No need to commit to contracts.

Snap Fitness knowledgeable staff and expert personal trainers will work with you to develop a program that fits your needs and lifestyle. You will receive help every step of the way as you work toward your goals. The facility is open to members 24 hours

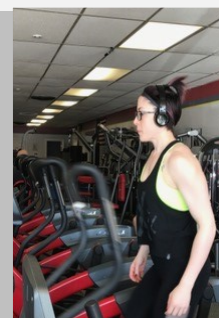
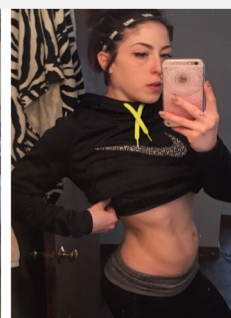
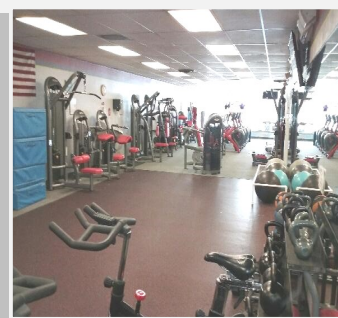
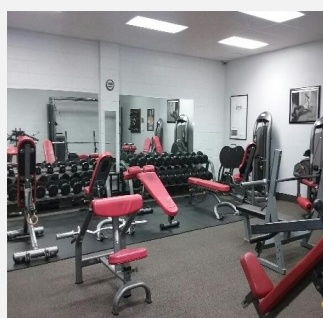
a day, 7 days a week. To learn more about Snap Fitness or inquire about a membership, stop by during staffed hours (see below) at 880 Central Street in Franklin, give them a call at (603) 671-7008, send an email [franklinNH@snapfitness.com](mailto:franklinNH@snapfitness.com), or follow them on Facebook. You can visit their website at [www.snapfitness.com](http://www.snapfitness.com).

#### Staffed hours:

Sunday by appointment only;  
Mon.: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
and 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Tues. 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
Wed. 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Thurs. 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
and 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Fri: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Sat 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



(left to right) Snap Fitness General Manager Tim Katsigiannis; Certified Trainer Michelle Brent; and Certified Trainer Brandon Duval



*Mandi Cunningham of Northfield decided it was time to take control of her weight and fitness. She watched her food intake and six-months later joined Snap Fitness. After two-years Cunningham is preparing for her first competition!*

# Municipal Services Department

Director Brian Sullivan

## **Snow and Ice Control Operations**

Since November 21, 2016 to February 27, 2017 the Municipal Services Department has conducted 31 snow and ice control operations. Also 3 snow removal operations 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 was my prediction in the January 2017 newsletter? "Be Prepared - Mother Nature will be making up for the summer drought " and it is most certainly doing so! March is the transition month. Mud and potholes are on the platter.

## **Leaf pick-up**

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 Monday's trash routes. We will not be going back over the areas completed last fall. It would be a great help for residents that are able to assist by delivering your leaves to the transfer station. My hopes are the snow melts early and we are able to begin pickup the first week of April. I will provide you with our scheduled start date in the April newsletter.

## **MSD – City Council Workshop**

There is a City Council Workshop scheduled for Monday, March 27th at the City Hall Council Chambers. The subject is the Municipal Services Department with a particular focus on the Water and Sanitary Sewer Divisions of the Department. It would be great to see a full house. The workshop involves a presentation ending with a question and answer session.

## **Freeze and Thaw Cycle**

One of our greatest challenges in the early spring is 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. For those unfamiliar with mud and potholes I will give you the scoop. When 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. This year there appears to be two to three feet of frost in the ground. When the ground surface begins to thaw 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!

## **Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program**

We recently interviewed three engineering firms to perform a "City Sanitary Sewer Assessment." This assessment is part of our ongoing process to identify and eliminate as much fresh, non-wastewater, which finds its way into the 27 miles of City Sewer Mains. This is otherwise known as Inflow and Infiltration (I and I). The importance of reducing I and I is that the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program, the State owned and operated wastewater collection system and the River Street wastewater treatment is in the process of changing a thirty seven year old, antiquated billing formula. There are ten member communities that are part of the program which generate an average of 4.5 million gallons of wastewater per day. When it rains and if the groundwater table is high, conditions due to I and I result. The new billing formula will be based on total waste water flow, thus the more non-wastewater we can eliminate from entering the sewer system the cheaper our quarterly invoice will be. The Municipal Services Department has been in the process of identifying and implementing our "Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Program". This study will be the culmination of five years of work to get us to the point we can perform flow metering to various segments of our sanitary sewer system. Subsequent to the study will be the design, bid and construction phases to eliminate excessive amounts of I and I from specific areas. Hopefully we will receive grant funding and work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

## **Road Sweeper**

We are getting ready to pull the road sweeper out of winter storage and hope to start getting the winter sand picked up. How quick we can get roads swept depends on how much we had to sand during the winter. The more sand the slower the going. We plan on getting this underway as soon as the ice is completely melted from the road surface. Mid-March appears to be a good target date.

## **Miscellaneous Projects**

Other spring projects all evolve around post winter cleanup. Cleaning and servicing equipment; filling potholes; sweeping sidewalks and getting mowing equipment ready are but a few of the seasonal chores. You would be amazed at how much time, money and effort evolves around the winter season. It is a year round process and then the snow all melts!

*How time goes by. Can you believe we started writing monthly newsletters in March of 2016? This is my 13th edition. I welcome requests to write about a topic that may be of interest to our readers, so any subject pertaining to the Municipal Services Department would be great. We greatly appreciate the support you have given us this winter.*

## Northern Pass Receives Key Approvals from NH Environmental

Northern Pass reached another significant milestone on March 1, when the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) issued four key approvals of the project. DES's decisions pertained to the Wetland, Shoreland and alteration of Terrain Permits, and the 401 Water Quality Certificate. The approvals are essential components of the State siting project being conducted by the NH Site Evaluation Committee (NH SEC), according to DES, mark the conclusion of the agency's review of the projects siting application. The NH SEC is scheduled to render a final decision on the Northern Pass application later this year.

## City Employment

### 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).

### Franklin Municipal Services Department

#### *Custodial-Groundskeeper*

The City of Franklin, Municipal Services Department seeks a qualified individual for the position of Custodial – Grounds Keeper. The Custodial Maintenance Worker performs a variety of janitorial duties at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. 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).

*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)

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