



"The Three Rivers City"

Franklin Newsletter

Summary quotes from the publication written by
Nancy Leamond-AARP Executive Vice President:

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City Manager Elizabeth Dragon Farewell

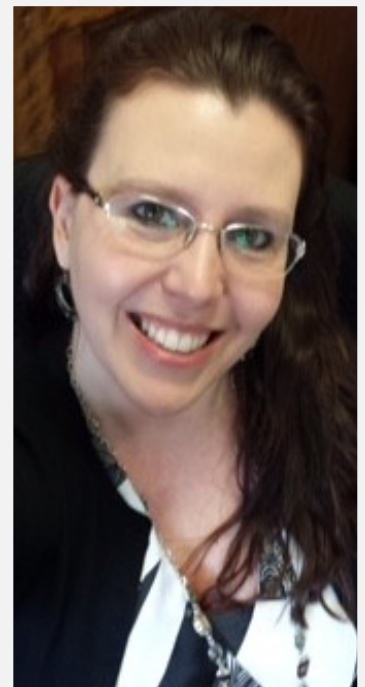
This is my final submission to the Franklin municipal newsletter as your City Manager. It is bittersweet to leave such a wonderful community in the midst of the exciting projects and momentum for positive change that we have created together. However, I am confident you have the team in place to continue the momentum. I look forward to visiting in the future and seeing some of the plans and projects complete.

The City of Franklin is lucky to have such a talented group of department heads leading the way. I can't say enough about this team and the work they do for all of you. I have been fortunate to serve a dedicated group of elected officials who have supported me and them over the years. I was lucky

enough to serve almost my entire tenure with one mayor, Ken Merrifield, who worked tirelessly to make a difference. His passion trickled down to all levels of government.

The level of volunteerism in this community is something any other manager in NH would be envious of. We may not have always had the money in the budget to get things accomplished, but we have something of more value-people motivated to help. I can't name all the projects we wouldn't have been able to accomplish without residents stepping up, rolling up their sleeves, and offering their skills.

I am grateful to all that I have crossed paths with over the past nine years as your city manager.



City Manager, Elizabeth Dragon

People are our truly greatest assets!



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“Life is a journey, not a destination.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

And here we go



Elizabeth A. Dragon



Franklin for a Lifetime event represents NH in AARP's 2017 edition of "Where we live"

September 5th 2017, the State director for AARP presented the Franklin City Council with copies of their annual book "Where we live, Communities for all ages". This 2017 edition features examples from all 50 states in regards to work being done in communities to engage residents and create successful change. The City of Franklin is highlighted on page 100 for the engagement work done as part of the "Franklin for a Life Time" event in 2015. It is quite an honor to represent New Hampshire, as positive example for others to follow.

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Summary quotes from the publication written by Nancy Leamond-AARP Executive Vice President: “Themes of successful change include: It really does take a village. There are benefits to starting small and acting fast. There’s no generation gap when it comes to great communities. The “experienced class” is a valued community asset. AARP is committed to supporting local communities and those leading the way for change. We understand that while change starts with the spark of an idea, people need practical tools and resources to get ideas moving and make them real.” Personally, I couldn’t agree more with Ms. Leamond! These are guidelines that I have tried to live by when working with the Franklin Mayor & City Council, department heads, volunteers, and residents to bring about community change most recently in our downtown. I would only add that change takes time, persistence, patience, and a healthy dose of optimism!

(Copy of page 100 & 101 Franklin excerpt from the book are below—to view the entire publication feel free to stop by the City Manager’s office)

Elizabeth A. Dragon
Franklin City Manager

ASK, LISTEN, TALK, DO

Franklin, New Hampshire

City of Franklin and the University of New Hampshire

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Like many communities in rural New England, the riverfront City of Franklin, once a thriving mill town, has been experiencing the challenges of a struggling downtown, and aging population and, for almost one-quarter of its residents, poverty.

In the spring of 2015, the city’s leaders, in partnership with the state university and others, hosted a three-day workshop called **Franklin for a Lifetime**. In welcoming the attendees—a mix of Franklin residents and invited experts—Mayor Ken Merrifield said, “In this workshop, we will think about ‘What could Franklin do to attract businesses, workers and their families?’ as well as ‘What could Franklin consider in order to support its citizens who wish to stay with us as they grow older?’”

As preparation for the workshop, a steering committee engaged 119 community members (among Franklin’s nearly 8,500 residents) through storytelling groups, a children’s artwork project, one-on-one interviews and focus groups. Residents praised Franklin for being a community where people help on another. The challenges focused on the downtown’s limited selection of stores and eateries, a lack of transportation options, inadequate housing and a need for more communication about local activities and issues.

The workshop resulted in five key action areas for Franklin: marketing, community events, housing, civic life, and arts and culture.

At the one-year anniversary of the workshop, a gathering was held to celebrate the achievements to date, including renovating the abandoned Riverbend Mill compound into affordable housing.

In its article about the community’s progress, the Citizens’ Institute on Rural Design, which helped lead the workshop, declared: “By creating vibrant public green spaces, diversifying amenities and businesses downtown, and expanding housing options, particularly for the older residents, Franklin is effectively planning for an aging population while increasing livability and sense of place for all residents.”

Leamond, N. “*Where we Live, Communities for all Ages.*”, 2017 AARP Annual Issue 101, 102. Print

Municipal Elections

Municipal elections will be held on Tuesday, October 3.

Polling Hours:

All polling locations within the City of Franklin open at 8:00 am and close at 7:00 pm.

Voting Locations:

Ward 1: Thompson Hall, 45 South Main Street

Ward 2: City Hall, 316 Central Street

Ward 3: Franklin Middle School, 200 Sanborn Street




POSITION	WARD	TERM	REGISTERED CANDIDATES
Mayor	All wards	2 year term	Leigh Webb and Tony Giunta
Councilor	1	3 year term	George Dzujna
School Board	1	3 year term	Jeffrey Savary
School Board	1	1 year term	
Councilor	2	3 year term	Robert Desrochers
School Board	2	3 year term	Scott Burns
Supervisor of the Checklist	2	1 year term	
Councilor	3	3 year term	James Wells and Paul Trudel
School Board	2	3 year term	
Supervisor of the Checklist	3	3 year term	
Supervisor of the Checklist	3	1 year term	

Join presenter Kevin Sabet and the Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force for a Town Hall Meeting

Myths and Facts About Marijuana

What Everyone Needs To Know



WHEN: Monday September 18th
5-6pm
WHERE: Franklin High School
Gymnasium

INTERESTED? PLEASE RSVP
(603)-934-7446
Or email taskforceinfo@franklinnh.org
RESERVE FREE CHILDCARE WHEN YOU RSVP

FREE spaghetti dinner and discussion to follow in the café

Learn and explore how and why marijuana is perceived as "harmless" by our teens
Learn talking tips to help dispel this perception

Topics include:

- Marijuana and the developing brain
- Preventing another "Big Tobacco"
- What are the costs of legalization?
- Latest science and why legalization isn't working in the U.S.

For more information or to RSVP please contact
Lauren Malloy
(603)-934-7446 or email taskforceinfo@franklinnh.org



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

WHEN: Thursday, October 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?

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!

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.

Franklin Mayor's
DRUG TASK FORCE



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

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



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New Partnership with Central Street Media

I have been winding down my final weeks, now days, as your City Manager working on a new project!

I teamed up with Christopher Kontoes of Central Street Media centralstreetmedia.com (603-671-3339) to inform/educate and market many of the initiatives in the city through video. There are so many great things happening in the City that people often aren't aware of. Christopher has donated a great deal of his time and resources to this project to make it a reality.

I am excited to have some finish product up on our website. Please check out the front page of our website www.franklinnh.org and click on the three videos about economic re-development in the city. Soon there will also be videos about the whitewater park concept planned for downtown.

Spread the word--The City of Franklin is open for business!

Elizabeth Dragon

Rural Development's -Ann Hazlett visits Franklin, NH



Pictured left to right: Elizabeth Dragon, Franklin City Manager and Ann Hazlett Asst Secretary Rural Development.

On September 1, 2017, the City of Franklin was honored to be visited by Ann Hazlett who leads the Rural Development agencies at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Hazlett's title is Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development and she oversees the Rural Utilities Service, the Rural Business Service, and the Rural Housing Service within USDA and reports directly to the secretary.

The City of Franklin's economic development team took this opportunity to highlight how successful we have been at leveraging the USDA Rural Business development grant funds received in the amount of \$50,000 in 2015. The city used the funds to hire Niel Cannon as our Downtown Development Coordinator. The City Manager teamed up with the Executive Director for FBIDC (Jim Aberg) and Planning Zoning/Special projects Director (Dick Lewis) to create a steering committee to oversee Neil's efforts. This steering committee then began biweekly meetings with two non profits- PermaCityLife (Todd Workman & Jenisha Shrestha) and Mill City Park (Marty Parichand) to coordinate and strategize our collective redevelopment efforts in the downtown. In Franklin, we know you can't bring about community level change alone!

Our team has been creative, collaborative, and diligent! Using the USDA funds to bring Niel Cannon on board enabled us to implement several programs and projects over the past twenty months.

Examples include:

1. \$400,000 in CDFA tax credit funding to make façade improvements to three out of the seven PermaCityLife downtown buildings. This project leveraged \$600,000 in private investments in these buildings.
2. \$500,000 in NHBFA funding to support ongoing opera-

tions of PermaCityLife. The terms of this debt include no payments for two years followed by a 30 year amortization at 2% and the possibility of \$100,000 in debt forgiveness if certain milestones are met.

3. Assistance restructuring PermaCityLife debt to enable additional funds for the restaurant in Toad Hall.
4. Established a Tax Increment Financing District in Downtown.
5. Work with other major developers for other projects in the city.
6. Attracted other funding sources (NHBFA) to match USDA funds to continue funding the downtown coordinator position for another year.
7. Made significant in roads implement our signature project-a whitewater park in downtown.
 - a. Received preliminary approval of an \$85,000 grant from EDA to design the park and obtain permits for its construction. This engineering work has a total cost of \$170,000 and the \$85,000 "matching share" will come exclusively from private donors

I think it is fair to say, the City of Franklin, has used the USDA grant funds wisely to leverage additional investments in the community. It is our hope that our redevelopment model, which is built on collaboration and partnerships, illustrates to USDA and other funding sources (private or public) that when you invest with us -- it is money well spent.

Business Spotlight

JJ's Wood-fired Pizza



When you enter JJ's Wood-fired Pizza and Tavern the first view you'll see is a roaring fire from an imported wood burning pizza oven from Italy that adds charm and character to the ambiance. You are likely to be greeted by the owner Jim Gale, his vibrant and upbeat manager Holly Fredrick or one of their energetic and personable staff members.

Gale is a Boston native and moved to Hawaii where he worked as a sous-chef at a five-star restaurant. Impressed when Gale saw the catch of a 200-pound tuna, he immediately went looking for work as a deck hand and found a job within a week. After getting three years sea time, Gale passed the exams and qualified for a Captain's exam. He spent 17 years as a Master Captain. Serving in the Merchant Marines since 1986 to this day, he ran charter boats out of Maui.

While in Hawaii a boat was chartered for a 1984 Christmas special featuring Perry Como and Marie Osmond. Evidentially there was a shortage of help because Gale was recruited to hold up the cue cards for Osmond. He also took President Trump and Marla Maples fishing in 1991.

While Gale and his sister were young they would constantly challenge each other to see who could make the most over the top dishes, and they still do it to this day. They enjoy competing with each other and he credits this with contributing to his culinary skills. Gale's love for food and the memories of Boston's delectable offerings and authentic Italian pizza inspired him to purchase JJ's Wood-fired Pizza and Tavern three years ago when he moved to Northfield, NH, after spending 20 years in Hawaii.

Holly Fredrick, Manager, said, "The business is growing regularly and it's conveniently located at the end of a skimobile trail so there is never a down season. The meals are all made from fresh food. The meats and vegetables are regularly purchased in Massachusetts, and breads are delivered from the Boston area every two days. The pizza dough and sauce is also from a Boston

pizza supplier that has been in business since 1956. The cheese is also purchased from the supplier that is the same one used by all the New York City pizza places and is expensive in comparison to most pizza establishments. JJ's also offers Boar's Head meats. We are always adding specials and plan on featuring more seafood."

In addition to the hand tossed wood fired pizza some of their signature dishes are the chicken parmesan, homemade meat balls and the seafood chowder is a big hit in the winter months.

Fredrick started working at JJ's Wood-Fired Pizza and Tavern in a temporary position filling in for a friend who needed to take a leave. She enjoys working with Gale, the staff, customers and many of the regulars that frequent JJ's that she's still there today. Fredrick warmly stated "it's like one big family." It's been almost a couple of years now that Fredrick has been there and enjoys it enough to make it her career. JJ's Wood-fired Pizza and Tavern is presently seeking a kitchen manager, line cooks and pizza makers if you want to join Captain Jim and the "family". Gale's commitment to the community is demonstrated through his generosity in supporting local charities and



events. JJ's Wood-fired Pizza and Tavern participated in the Paws in the Park fundraiser and won four out of five trophies for the last three years for chowders and chili's. Local support included the Lions Club scholarship event, Twins River, Franklin Lassie Club, the Franklin Baseball calendar and much more.

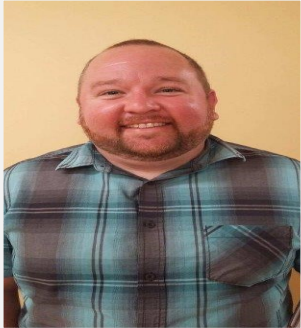
JJ's Wood-fired Pizza and Tavern is located on 1 Hill Road in Franklin.

Business hours:

The Tavern is closed on Monday and Tuesdays, but that's expected to change in the future.

Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM and the bar is open until 10:00 PM.

Friday and Saturdays 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM and the bar is opened until 11:00 PM.



New Community Learning Center Program Director

Zachary DeFosses is the new Program Director of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant before/after school program within the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department. He will strategize with school administrators, teachers, committees, and community partners to increase academic performance and overall connection

of youth to community. After spending nearly a decade working in education and mental health, DeFosses truly knows what promotes human growth and development and is excited to continue to grow our before/after school program.

DeFosses will soon hold a

BA in Psychology with a concentration in Mental Health from Southern New Hampshire University, with an anticipated graduation date of 2018. In addition to his extensive background working within education and mental health, Zach is working to become a trained music practitioner.

City Cleans up Old Foundry Site

City cleans up old foundry site; plans being prepared for trail access parking

The City is moving forward on the final clean up at the former Macosko Foundry on Chance Pond Road. The City took the property by a tax deeding in 2014, and soon after, brownfields environmental assessment work was carried out with the assistance of funding from the Lakes Region Planning Commission. Once the assessment reports were completed, the City reached out to the NH Department of Environ-

mental Service and the US EPA for assistance in cleaning up the site which was right at the edge of Chance Pond Brook, which eventually flows in the Merrimack River, a drinking water source for downstream communities.

The City's request for assistance with the clean-up of the site was approved, and the EPA funded clean-up work started in the fall of 2015. The City contracted for the demolition of the building, and that work was completed in late June. Some remaining contaminated soils are being re-

moved this summer the financial assistance from NHDES.

City staff is starting to review design options for the construction of a parking area and footbridge to connect the site and the Northern Rail Trail located on the east side of the brook. This trail is a popular bike and walking path, and in the winter is used for snowmobiling. There is not a good parking and access point for this trail in the City right now, so completing the parking lot and bridge will benefit everyone who wants to use this valuable recreational resource.

*Plans being prepared
for trail access
parking.*

Choose Franklin

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.

Monday, September 25

Candidate's Forum

Franklin City Hall/Franklin Opera House

Find out who the candidates will be that are running for City Mayor, City Council, School Board and other elected positions.

Franklin Celebrates National Night Out



On August 2nd, the City of Franklin celebrated its first National Night Out in many, many years.

The National Association of Town Watch was responsible for the introduction of National Night Out in August of 1984. This was accomplished through an established network of law enforcement agencies, neighborhood watch groups, civic groups, state and regional crime prevention associations and volunteers across the nation.

National Night Out also has some its roots in an older initiative in which community members decided that it was important to send a message to the criminal element that the municipalities belong to the citizenry, not criminals.

The first annual National Night Out involved 2.5 million neighbors across 400 communities in 23 states. Of note, the event did not take long to grow into a celebration beyond just front porch vigils.

As a result, communities throughout the United States hosted various community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and more. Presently, thirty-eight million citizens in 16,000 communities across the nation participate in National Night Out.

In this spirit, the Franklin Police Department decided to engage in a recognized Community Policing effort by engaging assistance and donations from businesses, groups, elected and appointed officials and individuals throughout the city. We would like to thank the following:

Benson Auto, Grevior Furniture, Bean Group Realty, Pizza Chef and owner Arty Katssanos, Ross Trucking, The Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force, the Franklin Fire Department, Hope for NH Recovery, Healthy Eating Coalition, Franklin Parks and Recreation, Hannaford's, Inspire Music and Don Bartenstein, Concord Regional Crimeline, McDonald's of Franklin, and the untold number of folks who lent a hand in the success of the evening.

Thank you one and all for reaffirming the strength and determination of the citizens and visitors to the City of Franklin!

Franklin Celebrates National Night Out



Municipal Services Department

Director Brian Sullivan

Gulley Washers

Heavy Rainfall and downpours at a rate of over 1" per hour wreaked havoc with City road shoulders resulting in wash-outs. We have had three this season. It would be a great help to our limited highway crew if you can assist by keeping storm water drains and driveway culverts free of debris that will obstruct water flow.

Storm Drains

The Highway Division has been busy cleaning storm drains of sand and debris left over from last winter's sanding operations. It takes approximately twelve weeks to clean over 1,200 drain man-holes and storm drains City wide.

City Water Department

The City Water Department was shortlisted for another project to be funded from the State of New Hampshire Drinking Water, State Revolving Fund Loan/Grant Program. The project is to replace an antiquated pressure reducing chamber on Pleasant Street. The current structure was built 30 years ago and is a continuous operational/maintenance issue for our Water Department Employees. The project will include demolition and replacement of the existing structure and replacing it with a new fifteen by twenty-foot building along with new piping and valve configuration. The building access will also be safer and equipment more accessible. Total Project Cost - \$240,000 plus engineering and design, of which a 20% grant will be applied to the project cost.

Drainage Repairs

The Highway Division has also been performing drainage repairs to many structures and pipelines. We have over a five year backlog of priority work involving critical drainage projects to catch up on. Our greatest challenge is the limited crew of five full-time, Highway Division employees and a six-month window of opportunity each year to perform construction to complete projects.

Removing Vegetation from Your Property

Brush from private and City property

especially at intersections can interfere with a driver's line of sight. Although we perform roadside mowing and brush cutting we are not able to enter private property. If you have such a situation, it would be appreciated if you could prune back the vegetation to improve sight distance. Also if you have hazardous trees that pose a potential risk to the public way, removal should be considered. Questions relative to tree ownership, interference to electrical lines and other matters needing our advice should be directed to the Municipal Services Office at 934-4103. A site visit can be arranged.

The "City Franklin, NH, Sanitary Sewer Assessment"

The "City Franklin, NH, Sanitary Sewer Assessment" which is being performed by Underwood Engineering, is proving to be a concern. Much of the City Sanitary Sewer System was constructed in the early to mid 1900's and existing clay pipes have become uneven and disjointed allowing ground water to infiltrate into the system. We are investigating the most cost effective way to target areas with the highest and problematic infiltration rates of ground and surface water to determine the best course of corrective action. The City owns 32 miles of Sanitary Sewer Collection System Pipelines. It is cost prohibitive to remove and replace every pipe so we also need to evaluate current functionality. If an old line is serving the purpose it is best to leave it alone. We are in the process of working with the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Program to secure funding for a Planning Grant to evaluate the most economical solutions and get the "best bang for the buck" when it comes time to implement recommendations of the report.

Road Resurfacing will continue.

Woodrow Avenue; Sanborn Street between Kendall Street and Babbitt Road; Terrace Road between Pleasant Street and Davis Street will be completed this summer. Upon completion we will evaluate the road account balance to determine how much money is left to

overlay Prospect Street from #308 to Central Street and to reconstruct Davis Street.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Household Hazardous Waste Collection was held on July 29th and was a great success. There were 235 households participating in the program, bringing their household hazardous waste to the collection site located at the Municipal Services Garage on West Bow Street. City Staff collected over \$432.85 from donations which were turned over to the Lakes Region Planning Commission to help offset disposal costs. This annual event provides residents with the ability to safely dispose of hazardous materials stored in their homes and garages. The annual collection day is the last Saturday in July. Thanks to our staff and volunteers for making this another successful year.

We have a list of projects that Volunteer Groups and individual Citizens can undertake. These include very simple Beautification Projects! If you are interested, please give us a call at 934-4103.

The City only picks up Curbside Containerized Trash and Recycling on a weekly basis. We do not pickup non-containerized trash or bulky waste. Such items can be delivered to the Transfer Station on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays between the 7:30 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. There are certain items that carry a modest disposal charge which helps offset City Disposal Costs. See the Municipal Services Department Website at the "Solid Waste Division" www.franklinnh.org for an itemized list of items that fall into the "cost to dispose" category.

In closing, I would like to Recognize and congratulate our City Manager on her new job as the City Manager of Keene, New Hampshire! During Elizabeth's nine years of tenure with the City of Franklin, under very challenging economic times, City Departments

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have been able to overcome many insurmountable odds with the objective towards improving the quality of life for the Citizens and Businesses we serve! Elizabeth's tireless efforts, working under the guidance and support of past and present Mayors and City Council's, along with the support of a unified and cohesive City staff, have resulted in a turning point for the City of Franklin. I could list fifty plus accomplishments we as a team have made under Elizabeth's direction. Maybe in my next Newsletter, Edition #17, which by the way is one of the fifty ideas Elizabeth has implemented, I will begin to list those fifty plus projects. The momentum is now underway! Best of luck Elizabeth! A HUGE THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION PARELLED WITH YOUR STRONG WORK ETHIC! THE ENTIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL TRULY MISS YOU.

If you have any questions or topics you would like me to write about, feel free to give me a call. As always, thank you for your support of the Municipal Services Department and our Team.

Important Notice to all Residents:

LEAVES CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE TRANSFER STATION-73 PUNCH BROOK RD.

During my fiscal year 2018 budget presentation, there was discussion with the Mayor, City Council and Staff, relative to essential and non-essential services provided by the various divisions of the Municipal Services Department. This is part of the annual budget process. One topic that deserved further evaluation was the discontinuance, by the Municipal Services Department, of picking up **residential leaves**. Since then, I have analyzed other job functions performed by the five-person Highway Division. I have come to the realization that based on our ever increasing workload; this practice needs to be terminated this fall. This update explains why this is necessary.

This type of review, with respect to the essential services we provide, was performed when we went from a five-day operation of the Transfer Station and Curbside Collection of Solid Waste, to three days per week for each. The end result was no excessive burden to our residents and businesses; a significant cost savings to the City and it provided the opportunity to add recycling to our curbside collection program which saved the City money.

Of all the essential job duties I have listed below, all of which are performed by the Highway Division of the Department, leaf pickup falls at the bottom of the list. This reflects the need to prioritize our workload and be realistic relative to service delivery given the fact that our Public Ways and aging infrastructure are a top priority.

Below, listed by category, are many essential job functions that are far more important than residential leaf pickup:

- ◆ Grading over 14 lane miles of gravel road at least 4 times a year.
- ◆ The ongoing task of filling potholes and performing roadway maintenance. As roads continue to age, there are more potholes and the need to stay ahead on this priority.
- ◆ Drainage repair and maintenance. It takes 12 weeks annually to clean and inspect the City's drainage system. Given the age and condition of drainage system pipelines, catch basins and manholes, all are in constant need of repair, maintenance and replacement. We have a six-year backlog of this type of work to complete.
- ◆ Sidewalk maintenance, removal and repair as needed. We are so far behind on this we need to focus on playing catchup!
- ◆ Tree removal, brush cutting and roadside mowing. These are ongoing priorities and the fall is one of the best times of the year to perform this work especially in preparation for winter snow and ice storms.
- ◆ Sign replacement and repair, fence and guardrail replacement and repair.
- ◆ Pavement markings. Stop bars; parking slots; centerlines; edge lines; etc.
- ◆ Snow and Ice control – Delivery, mixing and preparation of winter sand and salt along with plow route inspection for hazards and getting equipment ready!
- ◆ Street sweeping.
- ◆ Maintenance and upkeep of road shoulders, drainage swales and driveway culverts.
- ◆ Residential Leaf Pickup – Lowest priority given the above more essential tasks.

Now for many of the reasons why I feel we must be honest and realistic if we are ever going to work towards addressing the backlog of work referred to above

- ◆ Limited size of the Highway Crew to deal with ongoing projects.
- ◆ Leaf pickup is very hard on a four-person crew day in and day out.
- ◆ Fuel, overtime and regular worktime are all costing the City money when performing leaf pickup.
- ◆ Given the ever increasing workload, it is hard to justify that providing residential leaf pickup is money well spent. This is especially true when we have so many other critical infrastructure needs to address.
- ◆ We experience a six-year backlog on many projects as noted above.
- ◆ Many residents do not use this leaf pickup service. Some opt to compost on their own property or deliver their leaves to the Transfer Station.
- ◆ Leaf pickup comes at the busiest time of the year. It consumes staff time as we prepare for winter operations.
- ◆ Our crews are limited to a six-month construction season to perform the most essential tasks.
- ◆ Leaf pickup takes 35 workdays to complete. If there is a late leaf drop accompanied by wet weather, an early snowfall or hard freeze; this impacts our ability to complete pickup in a timely manner. This is not fair to the crew or residents. The end result has been to delay completion of leaf pickup until the spring. Spring is a very busy time for us with the need to perform winter cleanup.
- ◆ Age and condition on the leaf sucker and other equipment used to pickup leaves. Leaf pickup increases the wear and tear on this equipment.

Alternatives and Benefits for Residents to Consider:

Leaves are accepted at the Transfer Station. As an alternative CONSIDER

- ◆ Composting leaves on your own or a neighbors' property. The UNH Cooperative Extension Service and the NH Department of Agriculture Websites are excellent resources to refer to. Visit the following link for tips- <http://extension.unh.edu>
- ◆ Residential composting can save you money as the decayed leaves can be used for lawn care; enhancement of soils for gardens and the like, thus avoiding the need to purchase bagged soils or bulk topsoil deliveries.
- ◆ Residential composting saves on fuel as there is no need for the homeowner or a contractor to haul leaves to the City Transfer Station or other location.
- ◆ Help a neighbor! If everyone works together on a neighborhood project, such an activity of neighbor helping neighbor is a great annual social event.
- ◆ Residential composting saves the City and Taxpayer money as there is less wear and tear on City equipment. City workers are able to focus on **Essential Projects that better prepare the Municipal Services Department for the upcoming winter weather season and wrap up ongoing construction projects.**

City Employment Opportunities

Franklin Mayor's Drug and Alcohol Task Force Prevention Coordinator Position (Project Manager)

The City of Franklin seeks a Part-Time 32 hrs per week Coordinator (Project Manager) for the Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant. This is a partially benefited position which includes single health insurance coverage and prorated vacation and sick time. For a detailed description of the job opening and application information visit the Franklin City website <https://www.franklinnh.org/city-manager/pages/employment-opportunities>

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. The department consist of 17 full-time members that work a 24-hour rotating schedule as well as 18 on-call members that responded to 1981 incidents in 2016. For a detailed description of the job opening and application information visit <https://www.franklinnh.org/fire-department/pages/employment>

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 <https://www.franklinnh.org/fire-department/pages/employment>

Patrol Officers and Communications Specialists

The City of Franklin offers law enforcement patrol officers and exciting, dynamic, and challenging career opportunity. Members of the patrol division strive to preserve the peace and protect life and property within the City through proactive and directed patrol initiatives. Members serve as the City's first line of defense against criminal enterprise and law violators. As the most visible and most accessible members of the Department, Patrol Officers have ample opportunity to interact with the public and promote public safety. Continue reading the job description for this position on the Police Department Employment page <https://www.franklinnh.org/police-department/pages/employment>

Communications Specialist

Parks & Recreation Positions

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department seeks qualified individuals for seasonal and school year positions. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. A complete job description and job application form may be picked up at the Bessie Rowell Community Center, 12 Rowell Drive, Franklin, NH, 03235 or by calling (603)934-2118. Continue reading the employment opportunities on the Parks & Recreation Employment page <https://www.franklinnh.org/parks-recreation/pages/employment-volunteer>

Before and After School Program Assistant

Before and After School Student Assistant

Before and After School Support Counselor

Before and After School Teacher/Tutor

OPEN BOARD/COMMISSION POSITIONS

Franklin Supervisor of the Checklist for Ward 2

Conservation Commission

For a detailed description of the job opening and application information visit the Franklin City website <https://www.franklinnh.org/city-manager/pages/employment-opportunities>

Departments post jobs when they become available. Check this site frequently for updates. The City of Franklin is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City Council Members

Interim Mayor

Scott Clarenbach

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

Volunteerism and Civic Life

Christine Dzujna – dzujna@metrocast.net

Arts and Culture

Annette Andreozzi – aaucianh@gmail.com

Community Events and Recreational Activities

Krystal Alpers – kalpers@franklinnh.org

**Elaine Romano - Franklin Newsletter Volunteer*



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