"The Three Rivers City"

Franklin Newsletter

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Franklin Receives \$400K in Grants and Matching Funds for Mill City Park



Mill City Park Concept Plan

The City of Franklin received welcomed news on the first day of October! The City was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the establishment of the first phase of **Mill City Park**, to be located on City land adjacent to the Winnipesaukee River. An additional \$200,000 match, of cash and in-kind donations, brings the project total to \$400,000. This match was orchestrated by the local nonprofit, Mill City Park at Franklin Falls, all of which is new funds and none of which is City

Franklin Receives \$400K For Mill City Park - Continued

Franklin, like other older mill towns, suffered when the last mill closed; jobs were lost, and local businesses closed. Great progress is being made though to write a new chapter in the City's history. Over the past 3 years, the City has participated in a public-private, and community based, partnership to bring new energy and vitality to the downtown. The City obtained grants from the USDA Rural Development agency and a downtown business coordinator was hired to help support this partnership. With this new LWCF grant, over \$1.5 million in grants and loans has come into the City to support a broad range of economic development projects.

Mill City Park is an exciting and important component of the overall economic revitalization efforts in downtown Franklin. The work being funded through the LWCF grant includes: the construction of a timber frame pavilion; two new picnic areas; a ½ mile long multi-use trail along the bluff above the river; a

new access road and a parking area; and, new water and sewer facilities

for 2 public bathrooms.



Over the past 8 years, a variety of community planning and design events have been executed, along with an approved 2018 Master Plan. All of these activities help set a strong foundation for encouraging downtown revitalization efforts through interconnection of the river to our community. This stage provides an excellent opportunity for the development of Mill City Park, which will integrate a new land based park and a whitewater park into our community. It is also an excellent exam-

ple of the new and creative ideas that are being talked about around the city and by the City Council as a whole.

The land based park, together with the whitewater park and the broader efforts to renew and refresh buildings throughout the downtown, will help bring new businesses, new employers, and more people to the City. This focus on outdoor recreation through the river will be a strong economic engine. According to an economic impact study conducted by Out-



door New England and the NH Business & Economic Affairs Office, this initiative and this focus would attract over 161,000 new visitors to the City annually, and create new spending of \$6.8 million. This is significant economic activity that will be greatly benefit the City and the region.

With all of these revitalization efforts in place, the City has been able to attract Chinburg Properties, one



of the State's premier mill re-developers, to invest in the Stevens Mill. Plans are for new residential units, and a mix of commercial activity, to be developed with approximately \$30 million of new investments.

Creating new outdoor recreation activities, improving connections between residents and visitors to the river, and incorporating into

the project designs reminders of the industrial history along the river that helped support the City's economy for many years, are the goals of Mill City Park at Franklin Falls. These goals will help build a stronger, more resilient, and healthier community. With community support, we can help make the Park a reali-

City Manager's Office Update



CITY OF FRANKLIN FROM THE OFFICE OF JUDIE MILNER, CITY MANAGER

The City of Franklin is honored to welcome Richard Ellert, a Black Belt in LEAN Six Sigma Process Mapping, to our City as a professional and also new resident. Richard recently began working with the City, donating his time and expertise free of charge, leading a series of LEAN workshops directed at all City-wide departments including the school district. These workshops will review all aspects of the work that the City is doing with the goal to uncover and align work to the City's Vision and Mission thus eliminating unnecessary work and rearranging necessary work so that it's measurable and handled more efficiently. All City departments and the public are invited to attend these workshops to watch this exciting transformation take place.

On October 16th, The City Council, Mayor Tony Giunta, City Manager Judie Milner, and LEAN expert Richard Ellert (*pictures shown below*) held their first session at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. The group worked together on the first phases of the LEAN process. During the next LEAN Workshop, the new Mission and Vision statements will be refined and the team will begin uncovering and describing the work needed to move toward the new Vision. The next workshop will be held at the Bessie Rowell Community Center on Monday, October 29th at 5:30PM.



In the Spotlight: Franklin's Fire Captain, Gary Hicks

We're Proud to say he is, hands down, one of Franklin's Finest.

We asked Gary's firehouse family to describe him in one word:

And then there was the spotlight, not too bright but bright enough to put Gary himself on the spot! We asked him some personal questions and he was more than willing to share a few details about his dedication to Franklin as our Fire Captain and a little more...

Like all beginnings...How long have you been working for the City of Franklin?

Gary: I started working for the City of Franklin on July 6, 1997.

We commend you for 21 years of servicing Franklin residents and sav-

ing lives!! What can you share about your typical day? What does a Fire Captain do?

Gary: I'm not sure there is a typical day, which is one of the things I love about the job. We average a little over 5 runs a shift which include all types of emergency/non emergency incidents; some of which are lift assists, medical emergencies, motor vehicle crashes, building fires, specialized rescues, just to name a few. I guess a typical day would be expecting a little chaos to happen.

So it's not all just fighting fires? There is so much more to a Fire Captain's work! When did you know you wanted to be a Fire Captain or even work for the Fire Department?

Gary: I became interested in fire service while sitting in a traffic jam in Phoenix, AZ, I was at a dead stop. I could hear sirens coming from behind me and then an engine, ladder, and battalion chiefs car passed me. They were traveling in the oncoming lane and I thought to myself "How crazy is that!" From that point on, I worked on getting the required training and certifications needed to become a career FF/EMT. The desire to get promoted came from working with and watching the captains before me. They were great mentors and fire officers, and I wanted to carry that on.

Sounds like the excitement and adrenaline rush pulled you in! Would you mind sharing what you enjoy doing most when you're not at the Fire station working?

Gary: Anything with my family; mostly sports, and hunting this time of the year, or out on the lake tubing and water skiing.



What is your favorite season and why?

Gary: Fall tends to be my favorite season. NH's beauty really comes out during foliage. I am also an avid hunter and find relaxation walking the fields and woods with our chocolate lab Barley.

What advice can you give a young person who is interested in working for the Fire Department and aspires to becoming a Fire Captain?

Gary: Be active and get involved in whatever you do. This is an investment into yourself. Be the best student you can be. If its a team sport, work hard, be a team player, know the game. Get involved in your education, Take the initiative to expand your knowledge in whatever drives you. If you are a fire-

fighter or master firefighter, be the best that you can be at those ranks. Mentor those members with less experience and knowledge

Municipal Services Update



CITY OF FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Fall 2018 Resurfacing Project

The Municipal Services Department Staff along with Private Utility Companies and the City's General Contractor have been paving Central Street and beginning other related road work. Weather this time of the year can pose scheduling issues with paving however, detour routes will direct traffic around work zone areas. Work will primarily be performed overnight and in phases. Project start date was Tuesday October 9, 2018 and work anticipated to last two weeks. **Please use caution.**

Water Department Capital Projects

Two special Water Department capital projects continue to be under construction and on schedule to be completed this fall. They are the Replacement of the Pleasant Street Pressure Reducing Vault and Pumping Station Upgrades / Improvements to the Sanbornton Pumping Station.

Building Teardowns

The following buildings are scheduled to be torn down as follows:

74-76 River Street (in progress)

31 Church Street (October 29th-November 16th) *this is a tentative start/finish date based on completion of River Street teardown and unplanned issues that could arise during the process of any teardown.

Fall Leaf Drop-off

Leaves can be brought to the Transfer Station: 73 Punch Brook road. There will be NO curbside pick-up by the City. The Transfer Station is accepting leaves at the Designated Leaf Drop off area located at the First Entrance to the Transfer Station (Rescue Road) – the gate before the main gate.

The Leaf Drop off area will be open Monday-Saturday 7:30AM-3:00PM and Wednesday until 8:00PM. Only Leaves will be accepted at the Leaf Drop off area. Brush, wood waste, and all other acceptable items must be disposed of at the Transfer station during normal operating hours (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 7:30AM-3:00PM (Except Holidays)).

Winter Parking

Per the City of Franklin Charter and Code, parking restrictions and penalties will apply to public streets. In summary, these state that motorists must abide by posted parking restrictions and that fines may be imposed up to \$100.00.

<u>Chapter 284 § 284-12 — Winter Parking Ban</u> No vehicle shall be parked on a public street between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. during snowstorms, during snow plowing operations by the city or its agents or during snow removal operations by the city or its agents. In addition to the penalties provided by this article, any vehicle found parked contrary to the provisions of this subsection shall, at the discretion of the Police Department or Municipal Services Department, be towed away at the

Franklin Welcomes Our 2018 Team!



Thank you for your continued service to the City!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ~ FALL 2018!

Robert Brown, 31 years

Kenneth Kreis, 17 years

Bruce Goldthwaite, 16 years

Robert Sargent, 16 years

Tracy Goldthwaite, 12 years

Jonathan Ciavola, 12 years

Ralph Hale Jr, 11 years

Jack Finley, 11 years

Jason Jenkins, 11 years

Melissa Lee, 11 years

Bruce Robert, 9 years

Krystal Alpers, 9 years

Daniel Ball, 8 years

David Goldstein, 8 years

Leo Leifester, 7 years

Kristopher Genakos, 6 years

Justin Hanscom, 3 years

Meaghan Corning, 3 years

Ashley Shortt, 2 years

Keith Malcolm, 2 years

Lauraine Paquin, 2 years

Matthew Parent, 2 years

Amy Davis, 2 years

Randy Danforth, 1 year

Brice Malloch, 1 year

Daryl Wyatt, 1 year

Lewis Marsh III, 1 year

Sherry Ryea, 1 year

Michael Mussey, 1 year

Aiden Obrien, 1 year

Brian DeNutte, 1 year

Lindsay Searl, 1 year

Helen Wells, 1 year

Rosemarie Dokus, 1 year



Thank you for your continued service to the City!







This is a new quarterly submission in our newsletter and represents anniversaries for the Fall Quarter only.

Franklin Parks & Recreation Department



Franklin HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday, October 27th

A fun filled array of family events co-sponsored by many Franklin area organizations and businesses. Join us for one or stay for them all ...we guarantee you'll have a ball!



2:00pm - 3:30pm - TRIP CENTER FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

At the Bessie Rowell Community Center - 12 Rowell Drive, Franklin

Please call 934-4151 for more information.

Free for Children up to age 12 - must be accompanied by an adult! Come to the Community Center for games, make-and-take craft tables, pumpkin decorating, goody bags, refreshments and MORE!! Come dressed in costume for the parade.

3:30pm - 3:45pm - COSTUME PARADE TO DOWNTOWN

We will walk downtown from the Bessie Rowell Community Center for some more fun Halloween Activities! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bus transportation will be available every 20 minutes from 5:30pm-6:30pm back to the Community Center. Pick up location is at City Hall.

3:45pm - 5:30pm - DOWNTOWN BUSINESS FESTIVITIES

Join the businesses downtown for some fun Halloween activities and Trick-or-Treating.

3:45pm - 5:30pm - TRUNK OR TREAT

As you make your way through downtown, stop by the Municipal Parking lot on Smith and Canal Street for some "Trunk or Treating". Cars will be set up with their trunks decorated handing out goodies.

6:00pm - COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN MOVIE & DINNER

At the Veterans Memorial Ski Area - 266 Flaghole Road, Franklin

After your fun Downtown, head up to the Ski Area for a FREE Family Halloween Movie. The concession stand will be open for dinner.

If your organization or business would like to register a car for Trunk or Treating, please contact Krystal at kalpers@franklinnh.org or 934-2118 for a registration form or you can register online at www.franklinnh.org on the Parks and Recreation page.*

All of the above events are open to residents of Franklin and the surrounding communities. For more information call 934-2118.



Franklin Parks & Recreation Department

Open Gym and Game Room





Basketball

Ping Pong

FREE

5th Grade—12th Grade Monday—Friday - 2:30pm-3:30pm (Game room will stay open until 3:45)

FREE Snack and Supervised
At the Bessie Rowell Community Center - 12 Rowell Drive, Franklin

FRANKLIN JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP



Help your community!

DO SERVICE!
(we help monthly at the Food Give-Away)

6th, 7th & 8th Graders (ages 11-14) Most FRIDAYS 7:00-9:00pm

~ Make friends in a supportive environment ~
 ~ Develop your powers of expression and confidence ~
 ~ Strengthen your moral identity ~
 ~ Discover your potential to be an agent of positive change! ~
 ~ READ stories and have meaningful DISCUSSIONS! ~

THE JUNIOR YOUTH SPIRITUAL



Make the WORLD

a better place!
(we created kids' activities for First Dav)



QUESTIONS? Call Karen Darling at 770-1851 "Like" us on Facebook! "Jr. Youth Group Franklin NH" At Bessie Rowell Community Center (And, it's FREE!)



Play SPORTS & GAMES and make great friends!



at Bessie Rowell Community Center!

Join the Latin inspired dance fitness craze! Sweat and shake your way to better health!

Your first class is free!

Purchase a 5 class punch card for \$25 What are you waiting for??

Monday 4:30pm Zumba Wednesday: 5:30pm Zumba Saturday: 8:15am Zumba

All classes are 50 minutes
Attend one or all!
Must be 14 years of age to participate

Classes taught by Melissa Lee, Licensed Zumba and Zumba Gold Instructor



Franklin Parks & Recreation Department Cont...

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Birthday Parties

Schedule your next birthday party at the Bessie Rowell Community Center. We have a lot of great equipment and activities that will make your party memorable. Please call for pricing and to reserve your date to-day! Must reserve date 2 weeks prior to event.

Rent the Community Center

Having a baby shower, bridal shower, or a holiday event and do not know where to hold it? Rent the Bessie Rowell Community Center to hold your next event. Please call the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department for more information.

Instructors Wanted

Have a talent or skill that you would like to share with your community? Please call the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department and we can discuss a program for you.

Volunteers

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department needs adult volunteers to help with various aspects of our programs, including coaching our youth sport teams. If you are interested in coaching any sport or activity, or volunteering your services in any other capacity, please contact the Franklin Parks and Recreation Department.

Bessie Rowell Community Center - Open Gym / Game Room Schedule

The Bessie Rowell Community Center will be open to the public to come and shoot some hoops, play pool, ping pong, foosball or air hockey. Please call the Franklin Parks and Recreation center for the weekly schedule! Weekend hours as well!

Give the Gift of Recreation

To someone less fortunate by giving to our scholarship fund. This fund is used to offset program fees for families / participants that may not be able to afford a program on their own. We greatly appreciate and accept donations of any size. You may send checks made out to Franklin Parks and Recreation, with a note that it is for a scholarship.

Registration Information

Franklin Parks & Recreation programs are open to the community on a first come first serve basis. The program fee and registration must be submitted prior to the sign up deadline. If class minimum is not met, class may be cancelled. Please register at the Bessie Rowell Community Center and on the web at www.franklinnh.org. Please make checks payable to: City of Franklin and mail to 12 Rowell Drive, Franklin, NH 03235. For further information contact Krystal Alpers, Parks and Recreation Director at 934-2118 or kalpers@franklinnh.org. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00am - 6:00pm.

City Employment Opportunities

OPEN BOARD/COMMISSION POSITIONS:

Franklin Supervisor of the Checklist Conservation Commission Members Highway Safety Commission Members Heritage Commission Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) Committee School Board Ward II

Visit the Franklin City Website (www.FranklinNH.org) for more details.

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

School Board Ward II

Member serves as 1 of a 9 member Board with meetings monthly on the 3rd Monday of the month. Member will also serve on several committees with additional monthly meetings. If interested, please complete a <u>Prospective Appointee Profile application</u> and submit completed documents to the City Manager's office, or by <u>email</u>. Also plan to attend the next City Council meeting on November 5th to share your interest in this role and answer a few questions from the City Council Team.

Conservation Commission

The City of Franklin is seeking resident volunteer citizens to fill vacancies on the Conservation Commission. The purpose of the Conservation Commission is namely to study, promote and develop for better use the natural resources of the City of Franklin. This is an appointed position. Anyone interested please complete a <u>Prospective Appointee Profile application</u> with your resume. Please submit completed documents to the City Manager's office, or by <u>email.</u>

Parks and Recreation

The Franklin Parks and Recreation Department seeks qualified individuals for the following positions. Before or After School: **Program Assistant, Student Assistant, Teacher Tutor**. **Also various Volunteer Opportunities**

Applications will be accepted until position is filled. The City of Franklin is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 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 934-2118. Or, download the City of Franklin Employment Application. Please submit cover letter, job application and resume to the Parks and Recreation Department, Attn: Krystal Alpers.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

City Council Members

Mayor

Tony Giunta

Ward 1 Councilors

Jo Brown

210-872-1925

George Dzujna

603-934-7163

Heather Moquin

603-455-2551

Ward 2 Councilors

Bob Desrochers Sr.

603-934-4604

Vincent Ribas

603-934-5330

Olivia Zink

603-934-4297

Ward 3 Councilors

Steve Barton

603-934-7109

Scott Clarenbach

603-934-2158

Paul Trudel

603-934-9213

City Manager

Judie Milner

603-934-3900 x10

Executive Secretary

Audrey Lanzillo 603-934-3900 x10

City Clerk/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 – aauclanh@gmail.com

Community Events and Recreational Activities



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http://www.franklinnh.org/Subscriber



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