

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM X**



CITY OF FRANKLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

*October 7, 2013 City Council Meeting*

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**Subject: Other Business**

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**A. Committee Reports**

**B. City Manager's Update**



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**Date:** September 27, 2013  
**From:** Elizabeth Dragon, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Manager's Update**

**Contingency Grant Line Activity:** The City received the following in the contingent grant line this month:

\$200 FSB for Odell After Hours  
\$200 Mango Security for Odell After Hours  
\$100 Franklin Lodge for Odell After Hours  
\$285 FSB for Zoll AED Trainer Unit  
\$211.50 St of NH for Operation Safe Commute  
\$3270 net from Bob Sharon Retirement Dinner for creation of Drug Dog program  
\$50 online donation for drug dog program

**Fire Dept- EMS Provider of the Year Award-** To follow is a very exciting announcement from Chief LaChapelle-

*"It gives me great pleasure and honor to report to you that our very own, Captain/Paramedic Bruce Goldthwaite was this year's recipient of the David F. Dow Memorial EMS Provider of the Year Award. He received this award on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fire Service and EMS Awards banquet in Concord. The New Hampshire Fire Service and Emergency Medical Services Committee of Merit presents this award each year to a dedicated individual who works as an EMS provider in New Hampshire and has demonstrated exemplary pre-hospital patient care, providing consistently strong clinical skills to the patients he/she cares for. Captain Goldthwaite was singled out from a large group of nominees that were also very deserving of this award. There were many accolades that were spoke of during this presentation however, I share with you the most moving of them all. Dr. Dave Strang, LRGHealthcare and Nick Mercuri, NH EMS Bureau Chief, both stated that if anyone in their family were ever in the need of pre-hospital emergency care, they hope that Bruce Goldthwaite is the one there to treat them. That to me speaks volumes for the type of provider that Captain Goldthwaite truly is. Captain Goldthwaite is held in highest regard statewide by not only his peers but also by emergency room physicians, nurses and clinical staff. During his tenure here at the Franklin Fire Department, Captain Goldthwaite has brought our level of EMS care to a whole new level. With the assistance of our entire team, he maintains standards that ultimately equates to supreme emergency response and care to our citizens and customers alike. "*

**PSNH Newsletter with Winnepesaukee River Basin Program award-** I have attached a PSNH/Northeast Utilities newsletter with an article on the energy efficiency upgrades at the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP). PSNH worked with WRBP to secure \$99,156 in energy efficiency incentives.

**Flow Metering & Smoke Tests-**  
**Franklin Sanitary Sewers, Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation, November 2013.**

In an effort to identify the major sources of the inflow of surface water and infiltration of groundwater ( I and I ) into the City Sanitary Sewer System, the Municipal Services Department in conjunction with the company Flow Assessment Services will be performing a fall Smoke Testing Program. This program will involve introducing a non toxic / organic based type smoke into the sewer system to identify significant sources of I and I. The target areas are as follows: Glenn Street Easement / Central Street / School Street / Clark Street / Pleasant Street / Prospect Street / West Bow Street / East Bow Street / Maple Square / Independence Avenue / Oak Street / Duffy Street / Mark Street. Additionally, we will be conducting flow metering on the WRBP owned River Street Pump Station. We are targeting this station as a majority of Franklin's Wastewater Flow passes through it.

Subsequent to the smoke testing and flow metering analysis, the data acquired will be utilized to develop an updated existing conditions report and to identify major sources of I and I which need to be targeted for elimination during future projects.

City Staff expects to conduct a Public Information Session / City Council Work Shop sometime over the winter to review short and long term goals and objectives towards eliminating and minimizing I and I and targeted improvements to the City Sewer Collection System.

**Franklin Mayor's Drug Task force update-** October is National substance abuse prevention month! The task force has worked with the Franklin High School (FYI) group to provide supplies to engage students in Red Ribbon week activities. Red Ribbon week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program.

**City Fuel Depot-**As discussed during the budget process, Chief LaChapelle has been working on the replacement of the city fuel distribution system as it will be non-compliant after December 15, 2015. The Chief recently met with the State of NH Fuel Distribution Manager. The State fuel depot project in Franklin is due to go out for bid in January '14. If all goes well, their new system will be in service and pumping by July '14. City staff had many questions that were answered in a recent meeting with the State. As discussed, once the state's project is up and running it is our plan to begin utilizing the state fuel depot instead of investing hundreds of thousands of dollars to bring the city fuel depot into compliance. The Fuel depot account has about \$40k currently in it. The Fire Chief is working with Director Lewis to obtain grants for the removal and reclamation of the tanks at the fire department. The State Engineer says that it should not cost more than \$30k. Therefore, regardless of potential grant opportunities there would be sufficient funds available in the fuel depot account to remove and remediate the site.



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## Northern Pass Concludes Month of Successful Open Houses

A continuing series of Northern Pass open houses will move toward Grafton County and points south this fall, on the heels of five successful events in the North Country during August. Thus far, the informal information gatherings (including in Millsfield, pictured) have drawn a mix of project supporters, opponents, and many who are undecided about the project. "What has been especially encouraging is the number of people who said they came away from the open houses with a much better idea of what the project will look like and how it could bring a number of benefits to the area," says **Mary-Jo Boisvert**, Northern Pass communications director. Among those benefits is the recently-announced \$7.5 million jobs creation fund that will provide resources for boosting the North Country economy. Making the announcement in Lancaster to local business leaders and the media was **Gary Long**, president of New Hampshire Renewable Energy Policy for NU (pictured right).



## Energy Efficiency Upgrades Pay Off at New Waste Treatment Facility

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), under its Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP) at the Franklin Waste Water Treatment Plant, has completed construction of a new process building to house both a new energy-efficient Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection system and a Plant Water System. PSNH Account Executive **Craig Trottier** and Energy Efficiency Engineer **Randy Dixon** worked with the WRBP to secure



\$99,156 in energy efficiency incentives. The new UV system is 70 percent more efficient than the older system, with anticipated savings of more than 580,000 kilowatt hours per year versus the older technology. In addition, the new Plant Water System could save more than 500,000 kilowatt hours per year, resulting in more than \$70,000 in annual energy cost savings. The project's energy-efficient measures result in a reduction of more than 689,396 pounds of CO2 emissions per year. Pictured with Craig (r) are NHDES facility operators Jason Randall, Don Watson, Ken Noyes, and Art O'Connell, and NHDES Administrator Sharon McMillin.

## PSNH Pitches In for Community Improvement Project

A cooperative effort involving PSNH, the Greater Derry-Londonderry Chamber of Commerce, and the Town of Windham's Adopt-a-Spot program is helping to spruce up high-profile areas across the community. "Windham's Adopt-a-Spot program is a great way for PSNH to demonstrate its interest in the well-being of the community, and we're proud to be the corporate sponsor of an initiative that emphasizes caring for our environment," says Community Relations Specialist **Elizabeth LaRocca**. Elizabeth is also a board member of the Greater Derry-Londonderry Chamber, which is supporting the program by adopting the trailhead portion of the Windham Rail Trail, located in Derry. She recently joined Chamber Executive Director Stacey Bruzzese (pictured) at an Adopt-a-Spot kick-off event.



## Training Focuses on Hazardous Materials Safety

If you use or are around chemicals in the workplace—anything from desktop cleansers to jobsite materials—you need to know how to protect yourself and others from potentially hazardous situations. All New Hampshire employees have been assigned the "Globalize Your Hazardous Communication Training" online course at Learning Central. According to PSNH Safety Manager **Steve Fuller**, "To comply with international expectations on hazardous materials safety, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has recently adopted new rules concerning this topic. All employees working in New Hampshire need to become familiar with these rules to ensure PSNH's continued OSHA compliance, and are encouraged to complete the training at Learning Central as soon as possible."

## T-Shirt Fundraiser Will Support Calvin Todd Fund

Merrimack Station employees are rallying to encourage support of U.S. Army Combat Medic Calvin Todd, son of Working Foreman **Mark Todd**, who was seriously wounded while serving in Afghanistan and is now seeking to build a wheelchair-accessible home for his young family. Among several planned fundraisers, "Adapt Overcome Live" T-shirts are being sold for \$20 each, available in red, white, gray, maroon, orange, or black. "The support for Calvin around the company has been unbelievable," says Mark (pictured). "We're especially grateful for the incredible work of **Warren Rogers** and the NU Veterans." To place your order, make checks payable to Adapt Overcome Live and send your name, location, shirt size/quantity and color preference via interoffice mail to Mark or **Cherie Lebrun** at Merrimack Station.



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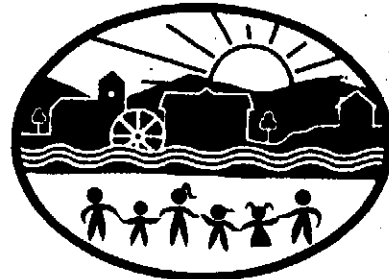
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**NOT OKAY**  
for teenagers to drink alcohol.

**FRANKLIN MAYOR'S DRUG TASK FORCE IS HERE TO HELP...**

**HERE ARE A FEW PARENTING TIPS** that will help protect your children from the harms of drugs and alcohol:

- 1. Keep Your Children Engaged in After-School Activities.**  
*According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, isolation and boredom can increase the likelihood that a young person will experiment with drugs and alcohol by as much as 50%.*
- 2. Get to Know the Parents of Your Children's Friends.** *Together, set common boundaries and help each other monitor behavior.*
- 3. Be Present.** *Make your home the fun (yet safe) place for the kids to hang out and make sure you or another trusted adult supervises anytime your son or daughter has friends over.*
- 4. Check-In.** *Before your child attends a party, check in with the parents to make sure they will be present and in agreement with your alcohol and drug-free policy. Feeling awkward about having to ask? Be confident - they will most likely appreciate and respect your proactive parenting style!*
- 5. Communicate.** *Discuss your expectations and consequences. Let your child know you trust them to make good decisions and are available—no matter what.*

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