

Franklin Community Newsletter

November, 2007

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ANNEXATION: Make plans to attend the next Board of Directors meeting December 2 at 4 pm at the Franklin Community Center. The annexation issue will be on the agenda. We welcome input from everyone. Please mark your calendars for this very important meeting. FCCI has not been involved in the plans for annexation by the Arma City Council. Be sure to wear your "Franklin" hats, t-shirts, lapel pins, etc. in support of our community. (available at Community Center)

We would like to extend our sympathies to the families of the following people who were residents or former residents of Franklin and passed away this past month. We value the importance of all our residents (past and present). In memory of Ruth Jackson and Annie Humes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2 FCCI Board Meeting
December 31 New Year's Eve Party
March 2, 2008 Bargain Bazaar & Chili Feed
May 4, 2008 5th Anniversary Remembrance & Weather Symposium
June 21, 2008 Franklin Reunion

COMMUNITY CENTER

Monday-Wednesday 10 am-8pm
Thursday-Saturday 10 am-3pm
Many people have been making use of the new office hours at the community center. Visitors & residents have stopped by to view the new center and spent hours browsing through the historic displays and photo albums. Please feel free to stop in to view the new center.

FUNERAL DINNERS

(Norine Laird 620-347-4453)
Please remember that the community center is available for funeral dinners at no charge to the family. FCCI will provide meals for funeral dinners for Franklin residents AND former Franklin residents. Families are responsible for paying for meat for the dinner but side dishes and beverages will be prepared and served by residents of the community.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING - CENTENNIAL & FRANKLIN Collectibles

Stop by the community center during our new office hours or visit the website for pricing and order form. These would make a nice gift for children or grandchildren. Lots of \$2 and \$3 items (hat pins, key rings, patches, etc.). T-shirts \$3.00; Sweatshirts \$5 Denim Shirts \$12.00 If you attended the Centennial you are very likely in the DVD. The DVD also contains a narrative and photos on the history of the community as well as interviews and photos from the centennial. \$20 for a nicely packaged 2 DVD set.

WATER DEPARTMENT DROP BOX

The Drop Box for RWD #7 water payments has been installed for your convenience. It is located in front of the Franklin Community Center just south of the portico pillars. Payments must be in a sealed envelope with your name and address on the envelope. RWD #7 assumes no responsibility for water payments made using this method. Payments made after 2:00 p.m., will be considered as the next day's business. This cutoff time includes our regular due date of the 10th of each month and late payment notice dates to avoid service turn offs. You may continue to mail your payments to P.O. Box 44 Franklin, Ks 66735. If you have any questions please call Veda Maxwell at 347-4747.

**Real charity
doesn't care if it's
tax-deductible or
not.**

LIFELONG FRIENDS
Margaret Kennedy
620-347-4358
Programs will resume in January.

BARGAIN BAZAAR (March 1, 2008)

Plan now for our annual bargain bazaar & chili feed. Start saving your items to donate. All proceeds go to benefit the community. Please help us make this a success. No "junk" accepted. Please do not make us a trash drop off. We will accept clean, usable items.

WEBSITE

Lots of new photos and stories on the website. If you have any photos to share please e-mail them, drop them off at the center (originals will be returned) or call 620-249-9333 and we can make arrangements to scan them.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Dance 9 pm-1am Party Favors & Breakfast provided
\$15 per person For Reservations call 620-347-4220
Music by Johnnie Zibert Band

WE SALUTE OUR VETERANS

What a wonderful tribute to our veterans. We were told the event was the best ever. We continue to update our list of veterans. If you do not contact us we have no way of knowing if your loved one was a veteran. Please let us know (620-249-9333). We would also love to have photos of all Franklin veterans to place on our veterans display.
THANK YOU to the following who made the event a success: Congresswoman Nancy Boyda, Representative Bob Grant, State Senator Jim Barone, Anne Emerson, Community Development Director for Senator Sam Brownback, Dr. Ron Seglie, Lori Pommier and her 4th & 5th grade students, Renee Popejoy and her high school KAY (Kansas Association of Youth) students, Larry Ent of Alpha Phi Sigma and all the wonderful local volunteers who worked tirelessly to plan and organize the event. We were honored to have Tony Zemlock and Warren Jones to share the day with us. Tony & Warren are both former POWs. Chester "Clark" Fikes, a former POW, intended to join us but was hospitalized and unable to attend. We send our best wishes to him. We would also like to thank Frank Bozich for sharing the day with us. We were proud to have the opportunity to honor him for his special award as "Oldest Living Kansas Veteran". A special thank you to all the veterans who attended. We were grateful to have the time to honor you for your service.

MORE WAYS TO HELP

FCCI has a booth space in the new Iron Wheel Flea Market as a fund raiser. If you have antiques or collectibles that you would like to donate please drop them by the community center during normal business hours or call to make arrangements for pickup. This is a great way to support your favorite non-profit and to help with the community. All proceeds go 100% directly to programs that benefit the community.

PARK

You may have noticed the new addition to the memorial garden. The old Franklin School Bell was purchased by an anonymous donor. The family wanted to be certain the bell remained in the community for all to enjoy. It will be installed in a structure in the future. Please take a moment to remember all those who have gone before us and attended Franklin schools.

CONTRIBUTORS

Thanks to those who continue to help us in our quest of saving historical items and documents relating to Franklin. We are dedicated to preserving the history of the community and appreciate support toward these projects. Thanks to Elizabeth Strukel and Harry Strukel for the beautiful new portable podium. It is a beautiful piece and is a wonderful addition to the community center.

Thank to the following for their donations to the community: the Joe Jackson family, Anne Emerson, Community Director for Senator Sam Brownback, Andrew Rezin and Orlanda Bazin.

An endowment fund has been established by Frances Slansek Ales in memory of her aunt and uncle Rose and Jack Podpechan and family. Thank you to Frances for assuring there will be a bright future for Franklin. Her aunt and uncle will be remembered for generations.

We are in need of a vacuum sweeper for the community center. If anyone happens to have an extra one please drop it by the center. We also are in need of general lawn and garden equipment such as a wheelbarrow, hand truck ,etc. We need general maintenance tools such as hammers, screw drivers, etc. If you have any of these items that you no longer need and they are just taking up space in your garage please consider donating them to the community for use at the park, community center and welcome sign. If we receive more than one similar item we will put the additional items in the Bargain Bazaar.

FCCI Board of Directors

At our annual meeting in January three seats on the board will be up for election. Please consider doing your civic duty and stepping forward for these very important seats. The board meets once a month and several committees handle day to day operations of the facilities. If you are interested in serving as a board member or on one of the committees please call the center. All meetings are open to the public and we invite and encourage everyone to attend. Bring your ideas for future plans for the community. What would you like to see available in the community in the next 3, 5, 7 years? What programs would you like to see in the community? Can you help with those programs? Do not sit back and wait for someone else to do it. If you have an idea please come to a meeting. Everyone is welcome!!

We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we
give.

Heritage Committee: Needs
"Collections Manager" for
historical items . If you would also
be interested in serving on the
Heritage Committee please call
Phyllis 249-9333.

\$100 for 100 years
Help us remember the
centennial in a special way.
Donate \$100 to the
endowment fund in your
family name. Purchase a
\$100 paver to be placed in
the park. Donate \$100 for
current maintenance, repairs
& upkeep.
Donate \$100 for future
projects.

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Dianna Morrison, 620-347-8807

Check the areas in which you are able to volunteer your time or talent and return with your water bill or send to FCCI, P. O. Box 43, Franklin, Ks. 6635.

<input type="checkbox"/> Help serve at Funeral Dinners <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare food for Funeral Dinners <input type="checkbox"/> I am willing to serve on the board or a committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Help in any way I am needed <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Historic Sidewalk I am unable to help but would like to donate \$ _____
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I'm sending \$100 in honor of my family for: (circle one)

Endowment Fund

Current maintenance, repairs & upkeep

Future projects

FAMILY NAME: _____

Please send me a paver form _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____