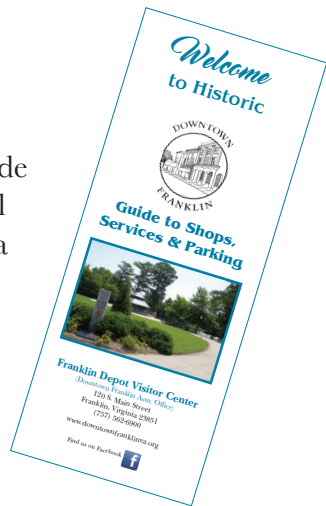




LOVE Mural

We absolutely *love* our LOVE mural. The mural was painted earlier in the summer by artists Mickael Broth and Ross Trimmer. You may be asking, “How did Franklin get this great tourist attraction?” Franklin Southampton Economic Development Inc. received a grant from the State to promote tourism. The mural is located on Second Avenue on the Floor to Ceiling building owned by Kevin and Roberta Bowman.

The Downtown Guide is completed and will be distributed to area businesses soon.



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Downtown Franklin Association applies the Main Street four point approach developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation:

Design	Economic Vitality
Promotion	Organization

New Office Manager

In January of 2015 Ann moved back to her hometown of Franklin to be closer to family. She was born in Suffolk and lived in Franklin in the early 1960's as a young child. Ann has a passion for farmer's markets, and she became involved with Franklin's Market on Main last year as a vendor. Now she volunteers to help make the market a success for the Downtown Franklin Association and the City of Franklin/Southampton Community. Ann enjoys gardening, some do-it-yourself projects and, of course, the beach! Ann brings with her twenty-five years plus of both corporate and small business experience in the administrative field and hopes to utilize and share her skills in her new position as Office Manager for Downtown Franklin Association. These companies included Duke Energy and Friedman, Goldberg, Mintz & Kallergies, LLC, both located in Chicago, and also Grady-White Boats and United Propane Gas, both in Greenville, NC. Her adaptability, organizational skills, dependability, people and customer service skills, dedication and her work ethics are her best attributes. She is a team player and ready for the new opportunity and challenge.

Coming Up Roses

Have you noticed our great looking planters? They have been newly painted and planted with Knock-Out Roses as the Eagle Scout projects of two boy scouts from local Troop 17. What a wonderful addition this makes to the landscape of Downtown Franklin. Thanks go to the Scouts and their many helpers. We are still in need of volunteers to water our flowers. Please contact Roberta Bowman, chairperson of the Design Committee at rjbowman1@gmail.com or 757-569-8152.



Happenings

Franklin's Market on Main

Every Wednesday from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

The 35th Franklin Fall Festival

Begins on Friday, October 6th from 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. with the block party at Barrett's Landing featuring The Pizazz Band and DJ Larry Williams WFOS 88.7 Public Broadcasting, Chesapeake. There is an entry fee for the block party on Friday evening. The street scene follows on Saturday, October 7th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Sponsorships have been hand delivered or mailed to most businesses. If you would like to sponsor the event, please call the DFA office at 562-6900.

Welcome to Downtown!

The Economic Vitality committee has been busy this summer! The following businesses were each presented with a basket filled with goodies from area businesses. They have either relocated to downtown or are a new business. Please celebrate with us and welcome them to Franklin:

Golden Paws Pet Grooming on Third Avenue, High Ground Services on Mechanic St., Franklin Steak & Seafood on Main Street, and Unique Unlimited, also



Wydia Bailey (center front), owner of Franklin Seafood & Steakhouse, accepts a Welcome basket from Juanita Richards, vice president of DFA. Far left, Jackie Newsome, Secretary of DFA; Gayle Schmitz, (back) Economic Vitality committee member.

on Main.

We would like to thank the following businesses who donated items for the baskets: Alphabet Soup, The Cat's Meow, Cofield's Locksmith, Floor To Ceiling, FSEDI, Franklin Art & Frameworks, Franklin Business Center, Franklin YMCA, MacKan's Office Supply, Resale Boutique and Richwood Graphics.



Nikki Lee, owner of Golden Paws Grooming Salon, accepts a Welcome basket from Juanita Richards, vice president of DFA. Far left Jennifer Roberts with Personal Touch Home Care Services, Nikki, and Ann Ferguson, DFA office manager.



Portia Everett, second from left, accepts a Welcome basket from Beverly Myers, president of DFA. Far left Rosa Byrd, far right Shanquea Barrett.



Lisa Strozier, president of Highground Services (second from left) accepts a Welcome basket from Cheryl Stepp, Highgrounds Office Manager and DFA board member. Also pictured: Bradley Strozier (left) Apprentice Electrician; and Phyllis Britt, Admin. Assistant (far right).

Franklin's Market on Main

The farmers market has a new name and a new Manager. We thank Karen Cobb, who has been volunteering to manage the market this season. The variety of home baked goods and vegetables is varied and delicious this year. Entertainment is also offered on some Wednesdays.

Franklin's Market on Main is open Wednesdays from 4:00-7:00 and Saturdays from 9:00-1:00. On Wednesdays, besides wonderful tasting fruits and vegetables,

the market offers peanuts, homemade goatsmilk soap, flavored popcorn, salad mixes, vinegars, lotions,



honey and jams. Karen is working toward adding new and different vendors in the future. Grilled smoked sausages, french fries and cold drinks are also available.