



WATCH *fc*

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY'S CITIZENS BY PLANTING THE SEEDS FOR A SECURE FUTURE.

Greetings from the Franklin County Neighborhood Watch Organization, Inc. We hope you find the information shared helpful and productive.

Helping you achieve your NW goals.

The goal of life is living in agreement with nature. I hope the rain was a nice addition to all of your yards. As for the lake area, rain can help or bring rising brown waters. Be careful entering and exiting your docks.

We have 23 NW groups throughout the county. I plan to spot line one of these groups next in our newsletter.

The 501(C) 3 status update; I have had no one request to be on the

had no one request to be on the Board. There needs to be 7 members, one from every voting precinct in Franklin County. Please if you wish to help with this contact me.

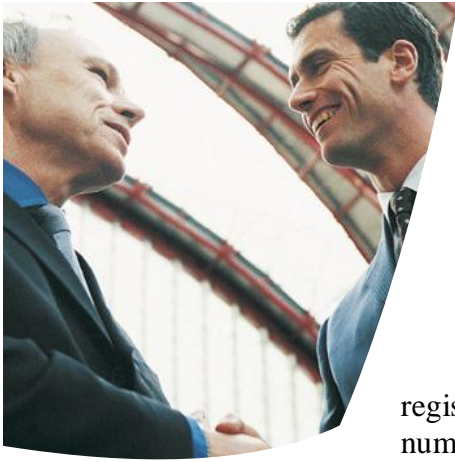
Rick Huff, County Administrator, informed the Sheriff that the concerns with the solicitor's license will be discussing with the Board of Supervisors. It will take a vote to change the current County Code. Update to follow.



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This newsletter named Watch *fc* (Franklin County) was developed to keep the lines of communication flowing. The most important aspect: for our citizens' to feel a greater sense of security. The Sheriff's Office has also implemented a web site at:

<http://www.franklincountyva.gov/frco-sheriffs-office>



Franklin County Citizen's Alerting System (CAS)

Extra Eyes and Ears Equals Neighborhood Watch.

The County of Franklin, in partnership with GeoComm, have implemented a system that will send telephone notifications to residents and businesses within the Franklin County area, when impacted by, or in danger of being impacted by, an emergency or disaster. This system, called the "Franklin County Citizen's Alerting System", will be used by emergency response personnel to notify homes and businesses at risk, with information on the event and/or actions to take. The system utilizes the area's database and is able to contact land-line telephones whether listed or unlisted. It is TTY/TDD capable. Because the system uses the 9-1-1 database, only land-line numbers are presently in the system. If you have a Voice over IP (VoIP) or cellular telephone and would like to be notified over that device, or if you would like an email notification, you must

register those telephone numbers and/or email address for use by this system. You can register your VoIP, cellular telephone or email address. Remember your land-line number is already included! If you register your cellular phone, it must be capable of receiving a text message. Charges may apply from your carrier. Franklin County is **not** responsible for any charges from your carrier. To receive emergency notifications from the Franklin County Citizen's Alerting System as a text message on your cell phone, enter your cell phone number in the e-mail address field using the e-mail domain name provided by your carrier. If your carrier is not listed, you will need to contact them directly to get the correct e-mail address.

Please visit the link@: <http://www.franklincountyyva.gov/cas-911/citizens-alerting-system-cas/>

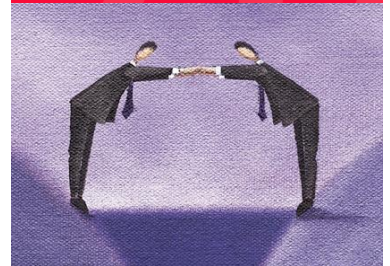
PLEASE NOTE:

When registering or making changes after registering your cell phone or email address in Franklin County's Citizens Alerting System, it may take as much as 4 weeks before that cell number or email address becomes active for notifications due to the review, validation and activation process the County must complete. Additionally, changes to your landline phone number with your phone carrier may take a similar length of time to get through the carriers system and to Franklin County to become active on the alerting system.



HOW DO YOU STAY IN TOUCH?

- Phone tree
- Email
- Cup of Coffee
- Meetings



Know your neighbors' name, address, phone number(s), and email. Know the number of family members living in the home, their ages, gender, vehicle information, pet information, medical concerns, and work schedules.

TEST YOUR PHONE or EMAIL TREE

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You are each other's best defense against crime. Studies show that where neighborhood's work together, where they know and respect each other, there's less crime.