



CORRECTION: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: NEW PUBLIC PARKING AVAILABLE IN DOWNTOWN FRANKLIN
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Downtown Franklin Association and the City of Franklin's Business Friendly Committee work together in multi-phase plan to improve public parking capacity in Downtown Franklin

Monday, July 27th, 2015 - Franklin, Virginia - Through collaborative efforts of the Downtown Franklin Association Board of Directors, Downtown Development Manager Dan Howe, and with the support and leadership of City Manager Randy Martin and City Councilman Frank Rabil (Ward 6), public parking capacity in Downtown Franklin has been increased, with future increases in parking capacity in the works.



The Department of Social Services parking lot (pictured above) has been converted to a Public Parking lot which opens up twelve standard parking spaces and two handicapped parking spaces, making it a total of fourteen new parking spaces on the corner of 4th Avenue and North Main Street in Downtown Franklin. The City of Franklin has already added new signage, replacing the previous signs that restricted the **exclusive use** to Department of Social Services customers.

The Taxi Lane on this corner will also be painted over to be normal street parking, which should allow for up to three additional parking spaces.

The parking lot at 4th and Main becoming public will have the greatest positive impact for Mary's Cafe customers and the businesses on the 200th, 300th, and 400th blocks of Main Street. This is the first phase in a joint effort between the Downtown Franklin Association and the City of Franklin via the City of Franklin's Business Friendly Committee to evaluate and improve public parking accessibility, visibility, and capacity in Downtown Franklin.

“Wonderful and positive things happen when people work together to improve any situation. This is just one example of teamwork that has improved Downtown Franklin”, said Dan Howe,

Downtown Development Manager. “The DFA, its community partners and its volunteers, in cooperation with businesses and the Business Friendly Committee, will continue to work together to improve all aspects of Downtown Franklin; whether, it be parking, economic climate, or any other aspect of a successful revitalization program.”

New signage has also been added for the public parking lot located beside the Post Office in downtown (pictured below) at the 500 block of North Main Street, with potential plans to re-line in order to improve usability.



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About the City of Franklin

Nestled in the Coastal Plain at the head of the Blackwater River, the City of Franklin is a place where people know each other – from the people who call it home to the businesses and the city government. For more information visit www.franklinva.com.

About the Downtown Franklin Association, Inc.

The Downtown Franklin Association, Inc. (DFA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose Mission is “to ensure the long-term viability of the downtown district as a cultural, civic, historical and commercial center through public and private commitments.” For more information visit www.downtownfranklinva.org.

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