

## Welcome to the Town of Franklin

The Town of Franklin is located in the Northwest portion of Macon County strategically situated on Interstate I-85 just 20 miles Southwest of the City of Auburn and 20 miles Northeast of the City of Montgomery. Our prime location offers the "best of all worlds" with a small-town, friendly atmosphere and large, open, rural spaces providing superior quality of life, while only a few minutes from big city amenities. We are a community with small-town values that cherish our families, our friends, and our freedoms!

The Town of Franklin was first incorporated in 1837 after Macon County was created in 1832 from the remnants of the Creek Indian Nation. Franklin was named after one of our nation's founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin. The town was laid out near the railroad along the Euphatee Creek where its first school and church were built. At that time, train passage stopped at the Town of Franklin, and passengers had to be transported to West Point and Columbus in Georgia by stage coach. Very little remains of that old town today; just a few ancient cedars which lined the old town's streets along the railroad track and Alabama State Highway #49.

The Town of Franklin reincorporated in 1976, and held its meetings in the old Franklin School house. Recently in 2019, a new town hall was constructed under the direction of Mayor Henry Peavy. The new structure contains the offices of the mayor, the clerk, the police chief, and the meeting room where community voting takes place. Just North of the new town hall building is the Franklin Volunteer Fire Department and to the South is Franklin's public storm shelter.

Each year during the third Saturday of April, the Town of Franklin holds a fundraising event for the fire department called "Possum Day"! The event is free to the public and features music entertainment, vendors, food, & kid's activities. Feel free to contact us for more information! We would love to have you visit!

The Tuskegee National Forest off of Exit 42 on Interstate I-85 is only 10 miles Northeast of the Town of Franklin and has amenities such as picnic areas, hiking, wildlife viewing, a firing range, and horse-riding trails.

The Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site off of Exit 38 on Interstate I-85 is only 7 miles Northeast of the Town of Franklin. This is an awesome site with wayside exhibits, scenic overlooks, walking trails, picnic areas, museums with replica aircraft, and interactive opportunities that showcase the brave efforts of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II.

Tuskegee University, the location of the George Washington Carver Museum, the Legacy Museum, and the Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, is only 6 miles Southeast of the Town of Franklin via Pleasant Springs Drive and Franklin Road.

Lake Martin is about 20 miles North of the Town of Franklin along Alabama State Highway #49. Lake Martin is one of the largest man-made lakes in the United States, and is a popular recreation area for swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing, camping, and golfing.

(Compiled by Rob Perry on February 3, 2023)