

WINTER 2017 RECREATION PROGRAMS

Franklin Recreation: Where Making the Healthy Choice is the Right Choice

* FIRST TIME YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS MUST SHOW PROOF OF AGE WITH A COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR A VALID PASSPORT *

YOUTH PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE/GRADE	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	FEE	PLACE
	TODDLERS ADVENTURE Designed for a parent and child to work together in various activity areas such as: circle time, parachute games, arts & crafts & more!	12-24 Months	Saturdays 1/14-2/18	9:00-10:00AM	\$35	Community Center
		25-36 Months		10:10-11:10AM		
	PLAY & LEARN Child-independent pre-school age program that includes: music, crafts, and indoor play.	3 Years	Saturdays 1/14-2/18	9:00-10:00AM	\$50	Community Center
		4 & 5 Years		10:10-11:10AM		
	TOTAL SPORT SQUIRTS: PARENT & ME Children will participate alongside a parent to develop motor skills by engaging in a different sport within each class, including soccer, lacrosse, T-ball, basketball, floor hockey and flag football.	2-3 Years	Saturdays 1/14-3/4	9:30-10:15AM	\$145	Community Center
	TOTAL SPORT SQUIRTS TOTAL SPORT SENIOR SQUIRTS Participants have the opportunity to experience Lacrosse, Soccer, Basketball, T-Ball, Floor Hockey & Flag Football. All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment.	3-5 Years	Saturdays 1/14-3/4	10:30-11:30AM	\$145	Community Center
		5-7 Years		11:30AM-12:30PM		
	MARTIAL ARTS: TAE KWON DO This program provides strength building, balance, agility, & flexibility. You will enhance self-confidence through self-defense skills & teamwork as you progress from white belt to black belt.	7 Years+	Wednesdays 1/4-3/22	6:00-7:30PM	\$106	Sampson G. Smith Gym
	CO-ED HOT SHOT BASKETBALL Kindergarten girls & boys will learn essential skills and drills for understanding game play.	Grade: K	Saturdays 1/14-3/4	9:45-10:30AM	\$50	Franklin Park School Gym
	GIRLS' HOT SHOT BASKETBALL Girls' Hot Shots concentrates on fundamental skill development through drills and lead-up games.	Grade: 1 & 2		10:30-11:15AM		
	BOYS' HOT SHOT BASKETBALL Boys' Hot Shots concentrates on fundamental skill development through drills and lead-up games.	Grade: 1 Grade: 2		8:45-9:45AM 11:15AM-12:15PM 12:15-1:15PM		
	GIRLS' BASKETBALL Teams will have a 4 week clinic of skills & drills, followed by an 8 week league of non-competitive game play.	Grades 3-6	Saturdays 1/7-1/28: CLINIC 2/4-3/25: LEAGUE	1:00-3:00PM 1:00-5:00PM	\$135	Sampson G. Smith Gym
	BOYS JR. BASKETBALL LEAGUE BOYS INT. BASKETBALL LEAGUE Teams will have 2 weeks of skill work & team placement; the 3rd week will be team practice, followed by 9 weeks of non-competitive intramural play.	Grades 3 & 4 Grades 5 & 6	Saturdays 1/7-3/25	9:00AM-12:00PM 1:00-3:00PM	\$135	Franklin Middle School Upper & Lower Gym
	CHESSE: BEGINNERS CHESSE: INT/ADVANCED Children will learn how to play the game of chess & develop strategies to become better chess players.	Grades K-8		Mondays 1/9-3/13 NO CLASS 1/16 & 2/20		

* FIRST TIME TEEN/ADULT PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS MUST SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY WITH A COPY OF A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE OR UTILITY BILL OR SCHOOL ID *

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE/GRADE	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	FEE	PLACE
	SEAM DREAM Are you a teen with a creative streak? Want to express your flair for fashion? Learn to sew, cut a pattern and create your own pajama pants! (Materials Included)	12-16 Years	Tuesdays 1/24-2/14	5:00-7:00PM	\$115	More Than a Notion Fabrics 4437 Route 27 Princeton, NJ
	LIFE'S A STITCH! Learn sewing machine basics and garment construction to make your own wrap skirt! (Materials can be brought from home or purchased at the store)	16 Years+	Mondays 1/23-2/13	5:00-7:00PM	\$95	More Than a Notion Fabrics 4437 Route 27 Princeton, NJ
	KNITTY GRITTY Learn how to arm knit an infinity scarf in just 2 hours! Each participant will get a required materials list upon registration (One date per person please.)	16 Years+	Monday, 12/12	6:00-8:00PM	\$20	Community Center
			Wednesday, 1/11	6:30-8:30PM		
			Thursday, 2/2	6:00-8:00PM		
	FYI OPEN BASKETBALL Open Basketball	Grades 7-12	Fridays 10/7/16-5/19/17 NO CLASS: 11/11, 11/25, 12/30, 4/17/17	7:00-9:00PM	\$10	Sampson G. Smith Gym
	TEEN RECREATION Basketball, arts & crafts, trips, game room, life skills, & special events. Register the first night you attend.	Grades 7-12	Tues., Wed., Thurs. 11/8-/16-5/25/17 NO CLASS 1/10, 11/23-24; 12/27-29, 4/11-4/13	7:00-9:00PM	FREE	Franklin Middle School Lower Gym
	CO-ED VOLLEYBALL Pick-up games for adults 18 and older. 7:00-9:00pm is recreational play 9:00-10:00pm is more competitive play	18 Years+	Tuesdays 1/10/16-3/28/17	7:00-10:00PM	\$25	Sampson G. Smith Gym
	20-20-20 3 workouts in one! Designed to give you the ultimate challenge & total body workout. Sweat through 20 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of strength training, and 20 minutes of stretching & core work.	16 Years+	Mondays 1/2-3/27 NO CLASS 1/16 & 2/20	6:00-7:00PM	\$66	Community Center
	YOGALATES A mind body experience that begins with clearing the mind & warming the muscles; moving through fluid, balancing poses & ending with relaxation.	16 Years+	Mondays 1/2-3/27 NO CLASS 1/16 & 2/20	7:10-8:00PM	\$66	Community Center
	CARDIO KICKBOXING Get the cardio you want and need in this invigorating class. You will bob, weave, kick and punch your way to fitness.	16 Years+	Wednesdays 1/4-3/22	6:00-7:00PM	\$72	Community Center
	PILATES This strengthening, lengthening and muscle toning class will improve your posture, flexibility & balance by uniting the body & mind.	16 Years+	Wednesdays 1/4-3/22	7:10-8:00PM	\$72	Community Center
	ZUMBA TONING An expressive form of movement fusing classical Indian steps with folk, Latin & hip-hop; Offers a fast moving & vivacious dance workout.	16 Years+	Tuesdays 1/3-3/21	7:30-8:30PM	\$72	Community Center
	ZUMBA A fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, fun & effective fitness system.	16 Years+	Thursdays 1/5-3/23	7:30-8:30PM	\$72	Community Center
	ADULT EXECUTIVE BASKETBALL Pick-up basketball games for adults 25+	25 Years+ * Photo ID Required	Mondays 10/10/16-5/22/17 NO CLASS 12/26, 1/2, 1/16, 2/20, 4/10	7:00-10:00PM	\$30	Franklin Middle School Upper Gym
	PICKLEBALL: BEGINNER PICKLEBALL: ADVANCED A cross between ping pong and tennis, Pickleball is a paddle sport for all ages and skill levels. Simple rules make it perfect for beginners and it can develop into a fast-paced game.	18 Years+	Thursdays 12/1/16-3/31/17	6:30-8:00PM	\$25	Sampson G. Smith Gym
				8:00-9:30PM		

FALL 2016/WINTER 2017 REGISTRATION INFO

Franklin Recreation: Where Making the Healthy Choice is the Right Choice

FALL AND WINTER Program Registration begins on 9/7/16

To register, you may go online to www.franklintwpnj.org or you may register in person at the Franklin Township Community/ Senior Center. Registrations need to include the following information: Participant name, address, home/work/cell phone, age, grade, & e-mail address
 Proper registration paperwork as noted on previous page, i.e.: Birth Certificate, Report Card, etc.



Franklin Township Recreation, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 732-873-1991, Option 4
Checks/Money Orders payable to: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RECREATION WILL CONFIRM YOUR PLACEMENT INTO A PROGRAM/ACTIVITY BY EMAIL.

Please make sure that your e-mail address is up to date. Please note that Franklin Recreation does not share e-mail addresses. Program spaces are not transferable. For a printable registration form, please see the Recreation page at www.franklintwpnj.org

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: Please note that only classes with openings left will be available. Check your individual programs for dates when classes will not be held.

Franklin Township Parks & Recreation office is located in the Franklin Township Community/Senior Center at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873
 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In case of inclement weather, announcements regarding cancellations will be available by calling (732)873-1991 and press Option 1 for weather. If schools close due to inclement weather, all programs held at schools are canceled.

INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING: Franklin Recreation encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in all program activities. Please contact us for information regarding beneficial programs for our residents with special needs.

MAKE-UP POLICY: Make-ups are only offered for programs canceled by the Recreation dept. due to weather or other circumstances. No make-ups are given for absences. In some instances, credits will be issued in lieu of makeup classes.

FEE POLICY: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED UPON REGISTRATION. Program fees are not prorated.

RESIDENCY POLICY: All fees listed are for Township residents. Non-residents may enroll in a program if spots remain following all Township resident applications and, in some instances, at double the listed fee.

REFUND POLICY: No refunds/credits will be given after a program begins. Refunds will only be approved if: 1. The Recreation Dept. cancels an activity. 2. A written request is received at least 7 days prior to the start of the program. 3. A medical issue arises which will require submitting a doctor's note for consideration.

FEE REDUCTION POLICY: Income guidelines are established for fee reductions for certain Recreation programs. Call the Recreation Office for information.

WHERE DO WE CALL? The following organizations run independently of the Recreation Department & administer their own programs:

Franklin Township Baseball League	732-649-8068	www.FTBLBaseball.org	ftblsomerset@gmail.com
Franklin Twp./South Bound Brook Little League	732-469-7761		www.FTSBLL1958@gmail.com
Franklin Township Soccer		www.franklinsoccer.com	
Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading		www.FTPW.org	ftpwnj@gmail.com
Adult Slo-Pitch Softball	609-395-9167		

Franklin Township Community/Senior Center Rental Information

THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER IS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL FOR PRIVATE AND NONPROFIT EVENTS. THERE ARE 3 ROOMS THAT CAN BE RENTED SEPARATELY OR COMBINED INTO A LARGE MEETING SPACE THAT ACCOMMODATES A MAXIMUM OF 280 PEOPLE.

REQUIRED FOR RENTAL:

1. A \$20.00 non-refundable deposit per date is required upon submission of application.
2. Escrow Maintenance Deposit of \$300.00 in MONEY ORDER form. However, this is refundable upon inspection after function.
3. Certificate of Insurance must name the Township of Franklin additionally insured in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per occasion and \$100,000 property damage.
4. Valid Photo ID/Proof of Residency
5. Event Flier for Community Events (if applicable)
6. 501c3 Non-profit Certification for ANY non-profit organization
7. At least 15 business days' notice required before requested event date

- ◆ NO ALCOHOL PERMISSIBLE WITHOUT FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP POLICE SUPPORT ◆ NO FOR-PROFIT EVENTS ◆ FACILITY AVAILABLE UNTIL 10:00 P.M. ONLY
- ◆ ALL PARTIES MUST OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HEALTH DEPARTMENT IF SERVING FOOD

RENTAL FEE SCHEDULE

ROOM	FRANKLIN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	FRANKLIN RESIDENTS & OUT OF TOWN NON PROFITS	FRANKLIN LOCAL BUSINESSES	NON-RESIDENTS & OUT OF TOWN BUSINESSES
1	\$25/hour	\$65/hour	\$85/hour	\$125/hour
2	\$25/hour	\$50/hour	\$75/hour	\$100/hour
3	\$25/hour	\$75/hour	\$100/hour	\$150/hour
KITCHEN	\$10/hour	\$25/hour	\$40/hour	\$50/hour
ADJUSTMENT FEE		\$10 CHANGE FEE WILL BE ACCESSED AFTER PERMIT IS PROCESSED		

PLEASE CALL THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (732) 873-1991
 OR VISIT WWW.FRANKLINTWPNJ.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

DON'T WRECK THE HOLIDAYS.

buzzed driving is drunk driving

Brought to you by the
 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
 FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. A half century since its creation, Pickleball has hooked Americans in every age group.

Franklin Township Parks & Recreation will be hosting its first non-sanctioned doubles Pickleball tournament on November 5 & 6, 2016. Divisions will be based on age starting with players 39 and under. Divisions will then be separated into age groups in 10 year increments.

There will be a beginner/novice division and a separate competitive division for players ranked as 3.0 level or above. Entrants in this division should have consistent and dependable strokes, use dink and drop shots, play aggressively at the net and display coordinated teamwork.

Registration will begin September 7, 2016

Register at www.franklintwpnj.org or in-person at the Community/Senior Center.
 Franklin Residents: \$ 25 per person 1st event; \$ 10 per person 2nd event
 Non-Residents: \$ 30 per person 1st event; \$ 10 per person 2nd event

Franklin Township Recreation

Tree Lighting

Friday, December 2, 2016
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Prance the night away at our annual tree lighting. We're going to kick off the start of the holiday season and the Angel Giving Tree Campaign with festive music, good tidings, cookies, and

Franklin Township Community/Senior Center
505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873
732.873.1991, option 4



Franklin Township Parks & Recreation

Girls Basketball League

Grades 3-6
Saturdays

Clinic: 1/7-1/28 1:00pm-3:00pm
League: 2/4-3/25 1:00pm - 5:00pm
Sampson G. Smith School
\$135.00

Skills, drills, and league play will give your child the fundamentals of basketball in a recreation league setting. Players will learn that team work makes the dream work!




The Annual Giving Tree Campaign

Franklin Township wants to spread a little cheer this holiday season by collecting non-perishable food items as well as new, unwrapped gifts for families in need and care package items for our U.S. troops. Donations will be forwarded to the Franklin Food Bank, Families in Need, and Operation Jersey Cares. The campaign kicks off at this year's Tree Lighting! Help us make spirits bright and donate what you can! Visit www.franklintwpnj.org for donation list!

2017 Season

50+ Co-Ed Softball League

The Franklin Twp. Recreation Department is looking for interested individuals or teams to join the upcoming 50+ Co-Ed Softball League 2017 season. The League runs April - July with games played on Sunday mornings and Friday evenings.

For more information please call:
Bob LaCorte, League Commissioner: (732) 991-1710
or Franklin Recreation: (732) 873-1991, Option 4

KNITTY GRITTY



This one-day session will teach you the hottest new trend-arm knitting! Make an infinity scarf in just 2 hours! Participants must bring 2 skeins of yarn with a bulk weight of 6 (Super Bulky)* or higher. Preferred yarns are Wool-Ease® Thick & Quick®, Loops & Threads® Cozy Wool™, Zoomba™, or a comparable yarn.

FALL CLASSES	WINTER CLASSES
Tuesday, 10/18 5:30-7:30pm	Monday, 12/12 6:00-8:00pm
Teen Tuesday, 11/15 6:00-8:00pm	Wednesday, 1/11 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, 12/1 6:30-8:30pm	Thursday, 2/2 6:00-8:00pm

\$20 PER CLASS (ONE CLASS PER SEASON PLEASE)
PRE-REGISTER IN-PERSON OR ONLINE AT www.franklintwpnj.org

Franklin Township Youth Council

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH COUNCIL

ELIGIBLE TO YOUTH IN GRADES 7-11

Want to be more involved and connected with youth in Franklin Township? Looking to be a part of and help build your community?

Smart? Energetic? Creative? Organized? Awesome?

If you answered yes to the questions above, then the Franklin Township Youth Council may be right for you!

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH COUNCIL...

- Plans activities for youth in the community
- Takes pride in providing great community service!
- Become peer leaders

If you are interested in being part of the Franklin Township Youth Council, simply complete an application and submit it by 4:00 p.m. on 10/14/16.

Note: Youth Council meetings are typically held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 6:30-8:30pm at the Community/Senior Center.
For an application or more info, Call (732)873-1991, #4.

Craft Afternoon

Creation Workshop

Saturday, November 19, 2016
12:00 - 3:00 pm

Franklin Twp. Community/Senior Center
505 DeMott Lane, Somerset

Join us for a day of craft creation for kids and adults! Make personalized masterpieces for your home, your friends, or yourself! Take part in one or all of our creative craft stations. All materials provided.

YOUTH WORKSHOP: \$15.00 ADULT WORKSHOP: \$20.00
CHECKS PAYABLE TO FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
REGISTER ONLINE: www.franklintwpnj.org
REGISTER IN-PERSON: FRANKLIN RECREATION, M-F, 8:30AM-4:30PM
INFO: 732.873.1991, OPTION 4



LIFE'S A STITCH!

FALL SESSION: Mondays, 9/19-10/17
(NO PROGRAM 10/3/16)

WINTER SESSION: Mondays, 1/23-2/13
5:00-7:00PM JUST \$95 PER SESSION!

MORE THAN A NOTION FABRICS,
4437 ROUTE 27, PRINCETON, NJ 08540

Adults, learn how to lay & cut out patterns, sewing machine basics, garment construction, and finishing hems & seams to make your very own wrap skirt!

NOTE: All materials can be brought from home or purchased from the store.




SEAM DREAM

FALL SESSION: Tuesdays, 9/20-10/18
(No Program 10/11/16)

WINTER SESSION: Tuesdays, 1/24-2/14
5:00-7:00PM JUST \$115 PER SESSION!

More Than a Notion Fabrics
4437 Route 27, Princeton, NJ 08540

ARE YOU A TEEN WITH A CREATIVE STREAK? WANT TO EXPRESS YOUR FLAIR FOR FASHION? LEARN TO SEW, CUT A PATTERN AND CREATE YOUR OWN PAJAMA PANTS! ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED.




FRANKLIN FLOODS

Flooding in Franklin Township is caused by a number of sources. The Millstone River, Raritan River, Six Mile Run and the Delaware & Raritan Canal leave their banks during heavy rain storms. Other flood-prone streams include Ten Mile Run, Nine Mile Run, Carter's Brook, Simonson Brook, Cedar Grove Brook, Seeley's Brook, and Randolph Brook. Even if you don't live near one of these watercourses, you still may be at risk from flooding.

The flooding, power outages and extensive damage caused by Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene are clearly still on the minds of Township residents, but other such storms have hit the Township very recently. In September 1999, Tropical Storm Floyd caused extensive flooding along the western portion of the Township and along Easton Avenue. Other large storms took place in April 2007 and March 2010. The March 2010 storm occurred after soils had already been saturated and hundreds of trees toppled over.

Localized flooding also takes place throughout the Township during heavy rain events. Flooding is caused by differing sets of circumstances at work such as frozen soils, saturated soils, storm duration, and storm intensity. Nearly 25% of flood insurance claims come from moderate-to-low flood risk areas.

Township Flood Services: Take the time to check your flood hazard. Flood maps and reference materials are available from the Franklin Township Public Library. You can visit the Engineering Department in the Municipal Building to see if you are in a mapped flood plain. They can provide other information, such as base flood elevations, floodway information, past flood problems, and copies of Elevation Certificates, if on file.

The Engineering Department can answer your questions or can perform a site visit to review surface flooding problems and explain ways to help minimize flood damage. They can be reached at (732) 873-2500 ext. 6230, or stop by any weekday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

What You Can Do: Your cooperation and assistance is vital in the Township's efforts to help prevent flooding. Here are some things you can do to help:

- Do not dump anything into ditches, swales or streams. Grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. Every piece of trash contributes to flooding.
- If your property is next to a drainage way, please help keep the banks clear of brush and debris. Public Works removes major blockages such as fallen trees from Township maintained drainage ways. Other drainage ways are maintained privately, by other government agencies, or by a homeowners association.
- If you see debris in drainage ways maintained by the Township, contact Public Works at (732) 249-7800.
- Check with the Zoning and Construction Departments prior to building as permits may be necessary. Contact the Engineering Department before you clear, fill, remove soil or re-grade your property.
- If you see construction without a permit sign posted, contact the Construction Department at (732) 873-2500 ext. 6220. If you see grading or tree removal on a property, contact the Engineering Department to confirm that permits were secured.

Flood Protection: There are several ways to protect buildings from flood damage. For buildings constructed within the floodplain; flood walls, earthen berms, waterproofing of walls and watertight closures are some options, as well as, moving and/or raising the elevation of the structure. Very few buildings in Franklin Township are constructed within the actual floodplain. If yours is one of them, contact either the Engineering or Construction Department for specific help and recommendations.

Some houses have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. If sewer backups concern you, contact a plumber about installing a backup valve. A plumbing permit would be needed.

If you know that a flood is coming, shut off gas and electricity and move valuables upstairs. Fire is a major cause of damage in floods. Make a detailed checklist in advance in order to be properly prepared.

Flood Insurance: If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. *Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods.* Because Franklin Township participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a flood insurance policy. Flood insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone.

For properties with little or no flood loss history, *there is a low-cost Preferred Risk Policy (PRP)* available. For a lower cost than a Standard Flood Insurance Policy, homeowners can insure themselves against losses. For more information on how to qualify for a Preferred Risk Policy call FEMA's Flood Insurance Hotline at 1-800-427-4661, or speak with your insurance agent.

Another valuable resource is FEMA's www.floodsmart.gov website. By simply entering your address, you can get a flood risk rating, a flood insurance premium estimate and a list of nearby insurance agents.

Many purchase flood insurance because a bank required it when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. These policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. Much more damage is usually done to furniture and other building contents than to the actual structure.

You may also wish to speak to your insurance agent about a sewer backup rider to homeowner's insurance policy.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period before National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

FLOOD SAFETY

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents are deceptive; six inches of moving water knocks you off your feet.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Do not drive around road barriers, the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after is electrocution. Report downed power lines to the utility company.

Turn off your electricity. Some appliances keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances that have gotten wet unless they have been cleaned and dried.

Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Turn things over with a stick before picking them up.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris. Mud-covered can be very slippery.

Avoid wading through the flood water. Oils, chemicals and even raw sewage mix with flood waters creating unsanitary and even hazardous conditions.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke, use candles or open flames unless you know for sure that the gas has been turned off and the area ventilated.



Swing Bridge Over Delaware & Raritan Canal in East Millstone (c. 1909)

This photo was taken from a canal boat looking north toward the bridge. Look for clues in the photo to discover what season it was taken during!

After the Delaware and Raritan Canal opened in 1834 it became one of America's busiest artificial waterways, transporting coal from Pennsylvania to New York City during the height of the city's industrial boom. About 22 miles of the main canal runs along the western and northern borders of Franklin Township, parallel to the Raritan and Millstone Rivers.

Credit: W. W. Tetlow Real Photo Postcard

Live Above the Influence Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest

In celebration of Red Ribbon Week tell us how you "Live Above the Influence". There won't always be someone to help us know what is right or wrong. In one second, you can make a decision that will affect the rest of your life. It's not easy. You may not always get it right. Here's the thing...it's your call...your life. This is your chance to define yourself. To stand up for who are, instead of letting others define you.

Students are encouraged to show your true passions and natural highs that help you stay above the influence of negativity, gossip, substance use, underage drinking and other unhealthy influences. Posters will be recognized for promoting a drug, tobacco and alcohol-free lifestyle and/or the creative design of your own Above the Influence symbol.

Posters created by students must be their own original artwork. No copyrighted characters or clip art. Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen & ink, crayon, chalk, markers, or they can be computer generated. Minimum size 8.5" x 11" and Maximum 18' x 24". Landscape layout only. Each entry must have the Name, Address, Phone #, Age and Grade on the back of the poster. Full contest rules can be found at www.franklintwpnj.org on the Municipal Alliance webpage.

The poster contest is open to students in grades K-12 and will be judged for grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Contest winners will be recognized at a Township Council meeting in November. Posters should be submitted to the Franklin Township Department of Parks & Recreation no later than Monday, October 31, 2016.



Keep Sharing the Facts, the Risks and Your Values



About Underage Drinking

The Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

Funded in part by The Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and The NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse



Franklin Township

OPEN SPACE PROGRAM CONTINUES NATURE WALKS

Explore wilderness right in the heart of Franklin Township!



The Township's open space program will, for the 12th consecutive year, sponsor guided nature walks on Township open space parcels. The 2016 walks began in March and continue through the fall months. **The walks are free to the public.** The walks are along easy terrain and are great for kids. Bring binoculars, if you have them, and waterproof footwear.

While Franklin Township is located in one of the most densely populated regions of the country, it claims over 9,000 acres of preserved land (1/3 of the township's land mass) and this area provides key habitat for unique species of plants and animals.

Fall walks will be led by NJ Audubon naturalists.

Additional walks are being scheduled and will be posted on the Township website soon.

Butler Road Natural Area Hike

Sunday, September 18

9:00am to 11:00am

Meet at the parking lot located at 134 Butler Road

Bunker Hill Natural Area

Sunday, October 23

9:00am to 11:00am

Meet at the parking lot located at 50 Bunker Hill Road

All walks are free. Bring binoculars if you have them and preferably wear boots. Be sure to dress appropriately for current weather conditions. For detailed directions to the parks, information, and updates please visit www.Franklintwpnj.org/openspace

We ask that you kindly RSVP.

Questions? Contact Fran Varacalli at franklintrails@twp.franklin.nj.us or at 732.873.2500 x6279

The Franklin Twp. Environmental Commission is having a busy Year 2016

The Environmental Commission meets on the first and third Mondays to review, comment and advise the Town Council, other township groups, and the public on environmental issues. All meetings are open to the public. The Commission is having a very busy year. Here are a few highlights for your information:

Annual Stream Clean-up, 4/16/16. This year's cleanup focused on the Weston Causeway/D&R canal intersection and was very successful. Volunteers, commission members and students collected nearly 900 lbs. of waste. John Clyde, the coordinator, is planning a 2017 stream cleanup of a section of Mile Run. Plan to join us.

Build a Rain Barrel Workshop, 5/6/16. This year's workshop was given by the NJ Water Supply Authority to a sold-out class of residents. Rain barrels are used to store rainwater collected from the roof. Collecting rainwater reduces contaminated storm water runoff to the local storm sewers and treatment plants. It can also reduce your water bill, reduces stress on wells and can easily be used to water shrubbery and gardens. Mosquito control techniques and equipment are part of the workshop. Over a four year period, many rain barrels have been installed.

Somerset County Fight The Bite Program, 4/18/16. Michele Samarya -Timm, Registered Environmental Health Specialist from the County Health Department, met with the Commission about its Fight the Bite Program. We were told about the current State infrastructure of testing and control of mosquitos, as well as, educating homeowners about how to eliminate mosquito breeding sites around the house such as unused swimming pools and kiddie pools, pots, toys, old tires, etc. Various mosquito species can carry Chikungunya, Dengue or Zika viruses. In addition the program seeks to educate about tick control and the prevention of Lyme disease. The commission partnered with this program to ensure that Franklin Twp. received the maximum benefits. The following week, she arranged to have a group of mosquito scientists from Rutgers University record a Fight The Bite video for the township's two cable channels. A subsequent meeting was also scheduled for a briefing of the Township Council.

The Commission Prepares for Franklin Day, 9/24/16. The Commission is excited about participating in the 2016 Franklin Day Event. We have just purchased a new banner and have lots of hand out materials and information for visitors to our booth. We see this as another opportunity to meet and engage the public.

Deer Seminar, Fall 2016. This seminar will educate residents about how Somerset County and Franklin Township manage and control the Deer population. This issue is of great concern to Franklin Twp. residents. A specific date and location will be announced.



It's Just an 'Easement'—or Is It?

Many Franklin Township homeowners have a conservation easement on their property and may not know they have one or understand what it is.

A conservation easement is a piece of land dedicated to protect specific environmentally sensitive features such as streams and wetlands. This is done by limiting the type and amount of development that may take place on or near an important environmental resource. This restriction stays with the land, and each new owner of the property must abide by the terms of the easement. The conservation easement must remain in a natural state and may not be used or altered in any way. This includes the building of structures, placing of fences, and mowing of grass. The easement area is intended to remain undisturbed and forever wild.

How do I know if I have a Conservation Easement?

The existence of an easement is described on your property deed, which may also contain specific restrictions for your particular easement. You will also find it indicated on the Township tax map (available for viewing at the Municipal Building) and your property survey. If your property was created as part of a subdivision, any easements will be shown on the final map, a copy of which would be on file at the Municipal Building and at the Somerset County Hall of Records. Additionally, some developments may have signage indicating a conservation easement area.

Other Types of Easements

Besides conservation easements, properties may have easements for sewer, drainage, utilities, the right of way, and sight triangles. Just like conservation easements, these will be displayed on your property survey and most will be on the Township tax map. These types of easements may be maintained like your regular lawn. However, structures still may not be placed in these types of easements because the owner of the easement (utility company, sewer authority, Township, etc.) may need to access it for maintenance or other work. Structures would inhibit their ability to do so. Specific regulations for your easement may be available in your deed or by contacting the owner of the easement.

The Township has put together a brochure, *Understanding Conservation Easements on My Property*, to answer frequently-asked questions about this topic. Find the brochure on line at: www.franklintwpnj.org/government/departments/planning-zoning/land-development-and-zoning or contact the Engineering Department at 732-873-2500, ext. 6230 or engineering.requests@twp.franklin.nj.us for more information.

RABIES CLINICS

Animal Shelter • 475 DeMott Lane

CATS

8 a.m. – 10 a.m. September 10, 2016
Cats should be in carriers

DOGS

8 a.m. – 10 a.m. December 10, 2016
Dogs should be on leashes

TOWNSHIP'S RAIN GARDEN

Example Of Help For Properties With Heavy Run-Off

The Township has created a rain garden at the Township's Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve located at 1091 Canal Road. The rain garden sits just above the straight uphill part of the driveway. A rain garden is an engineered depression planted with wetness-enjoying shrubs and other plants. It catches water running off a small area, retaining it until the water either sinks into the ground or evaporates through the leaves of the plants (transpiration). This protects downstream areas from erosion (as in this case where the Preserve's driveway was being washed out by run-off) and protects streams from possibly polluting run-off (this run-off would flow into the Delaware & Raritan Canal).

Homeowners with significant run-off are urged to consider installing a rain garden. Project assistance is available from Rutgers Cooperative Extension's Rain Garden Team, www.water.rutgers.edu/Rain_Gardens/RGWebsite/raingardens.html.



Find Your New Best Friend!
You!

(732) 873-2500, Ext. 6255
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
Tues – Sat., 12 – 3 p.m.

At the Franklin Township Animal Shelter!

Second Chance for Animals

Franklin Police to Issue Kids Free Slurpee Coupons for Good Behavior

Each year, 7-Eleven, Inc. helps thousands of local police officers recognize the good guys, specifically the young ones. For the 21st year, 7-Eleven is partnering with law enforcement agencies across the country to distribute free Slurpee® drink coupons through Operation Chill®, its popular community-service program.

Big-city departments and small-town forces alike use the Slurpee coupons to enhance relations with the young people of their cities by rewarding them for good deeds, positive activities and acts of kindness.

“We are always looking for ways to help our officers build strong relationships in the community,” said Chief Lawrence Roberts. “Operation Chill makes it easy to interact with kids in a positive way. This is a great short- and long-term investment for 7-Eleven and for us.”

Operation Chill was developed by 7-Eleven to positively reward and encourage good behavior by kids during the year, when communities may experience increases in loitering, shoplifting and graffiti, and to support law enforcement agencies' community relations projects.

Since the program's inception in 1995, more than 15 million Operation Chill coupons have been distributed to hundreds of law enforcement agencies across the country in areas where 7-Eleven operates stores. During 2016, up to 1.28 million coupons will be issued nationally; 300 of those will be distributed in Franklin Township, during the back-to-school season and the remainder of the year.

Operation Chill began in Philadelphia to give law enforcement officers a positive reason to interact with children and teens, Operation Chill has expanded to cities across the country. Through Operation Chill, law enforcement officers from participating local police and sheriff's departments can “ticket” youngsters caught in the act of doing good with Slurpee beverage coupons. Appropriate “offenses” might include helping another person, deterring crime, or participating in a positive activity in the community. Each coupon can be redeemed for a small Slurpee drink at participating 7-Eleven stores.

“I don't know who likes the Operation Chill program more, police officers or kids,” said Mark Stinde, 7-Eleven vice president Asset Protection. “Police officers have told us they love having a positive reason to approach kids and surprise them with a Slurpee coupon, just for being good citizens.”

7-Eleven's proprietary Slurpee semi-frozen carbonated beverage is celebrating its 50th birthday this year with ongoing promotions and celebrations. The iconic drink has generational appeal with slurpers both young and old. More than a half-million Slurpee drinks are purchased each day during the summer at 7-Eleven stores across the country.



Department of Public Works

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Franklin Township Convenience Center

Location:
Corner of School Ave. & Berry St.
(732) 249-7800

Calendar

Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

September 10, 24
October 8, 22
November 5, 19

Mondays, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

September 19
October 17
November 14, 28

To Purchase a Pass - Residents can only buy passes during the week at:

Public Works Building – 40 Churchill Ave.

7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Township Clerk's Office – 475 DeMott Lane,
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Open to **Residents ONLY** - ALL

RESIDENTS MUST present valid Driver's License to verify residency to purchase a pass.

Ordinance 4159-16 amended Chapter 284 of the Municipal Code which lists the fees and charges for the recycling center, as well the items which will be accepted. Details can be found on the Township website's listing of the Municipal Code, www.fraklintwpnj.org.

Type of Vehicle	Single Pass Fee	Fee (Six Admissions)
Passenger car	\$15	\$75
Small SUV	\$20	\$100
SUV, Small van, ¼-ton pickup, mini van	\$35	\$175
Full-size van, cargo van	\$55	\$275
Full-size pickup	\$75	\$375

Trailer (no longer than 8 feet) \$75 (see code for details) \$375

Tires: \$7 each (limit 4 tires)

No fee charged for: glass, aluminum, cans; paper; clean cardboard, brush/branches, light metals, mulch, motor oil and household batteries

Items not allowed: contractor debris, grass, stump/trunks/below-ground tree parts, treated wood, household garbage, hazardous materials, propane tanks, recyclable electronics

Curbside appliance pickup: \$10 to \$25 (See code for details)

Somerset County Recycling

732-469-3363

www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.html

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Somerset County will continue the curbside recycling. Items need to be on the curb no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.

If you need a new or additional recycling bucket, call Franklin's Public Works, 732-249-7800

Franklin Twp/South Bound Brook

Collection Dates

September 1, 15, 29
October 13, 27
November 10, 25

Franklin Park/Griggstown

Collection Dates

September 2, 16, 30
October 14, 28
November 11, 25

Canal Walk and Somerset Run

Collection Dates

September 9, 23
October 7, 21
November 4, 18

Society Hill I and II and Beacon Hill

Collection Dates

September 6, 19
October 3, 17, 31
November 14, 28

Summerfields

Collection Dates

September 9, 23
October 7, 21
November 4, 18

Whitehall Manor

Collection Dates

September 6, 19
October 3, 17, 31
November 14, 28

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

September 17 Branchburg Township Public Works Garage, 34 Kenbury Road, Branchburg, NJ 08876
October 22 South County Public Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

SOMERSET RECYCLING CENTER 40 POLHEMUS LANE, BRIDGEWATER

1st Saturday of each month, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

September 10* (Second Saturday of the month due to holiday), October 1, November 5

Electronic waste is not accepted at the Center; see details, location and dates below.

RECYCLE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS*

7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.—Weekdays

South County Public Works, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough or

North County Public Works, 411 Chimney Road Road, (North of Route 22) Building B, Bridgewater

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

9 to 1 p.m. or until trucks are full. For information 908-203-6018

- September 10 – Franklin Township Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset
- September 17 – Bridgewater Township Municipal Building, 100 Commons Way, Bridgewater
- September 24 – Montgomery Township High School, 1016 Route 601, Skillman
- October 1 – Branchburg Municipal Building, 1077 US Highway 202 North
- October 8 – Bernards Twp Engineering Services Building, 277 S. Maple Rd., Basking Ridge
- October 15 – Green Brook Municipal Building, 111 Green Brook Rd.

MEDICINE DROP-OFF

(unwanted, expired and unused medicines)

Any day or time

Drop-off box is located in the lobby of the Franklin Township Public Safety Building, 495 DeMott Lane, Somerset.

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

Sharp needles and other similar medical waste should never be recycled. Disposal containers and information are available. Call for hours and specific locations.:

St. Peters 732-745-8600, ext. 8282

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital 908-685-2200, ext. 3258

Princeton Medical Center 609-497-4266

Hunterdon Medical Center 908-237-6920

Waste Management 877-WASTE-MD

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, September 21, 10 – 11:30 and 6:30 – 8 p.m., Somerset County Administration Building; register by September 14; for more information call 908-231-7109

