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## 'Local Government 101'



'Local Government 101' provides residents with information on the workings of municipal government—an insider's view of Franklin Township in action.

If you have ideas and suggestions for future articles, call 732-873-2500, ext 6239, or e-mail [joyce.miller@twp.franklin.nj.us](mailto:joyce.miller@twp.franklin.nj.us).

### FRANKLIN'S POLICE DEPARTMENT

Currently, the Franklin Township Police Department has 95 Officers; this is down from 2008 when there were 125 Officers. In 2000, the Census reported 50,903 residents in the Township. That number climbed to 62,300 in the 2010 Census. At this time, the Police Department is searching for qualified applicants in an effort to bring the force to 99.

The Police Department is comprised of 85 males and 10 Females. Education is a valued asset for the officers. There are 15 with Masters Degrees, 25 with Bachelor's Degrees, and 13 with Associates Degrees. Numerous officers are currently enrolled in accredited colleges and universities earning degrees of higher education.

### ON-GOING TRAINING

The New Jersey Attorney General set forth very strict guidelines regarding the annual training of police officers. Officers receive bi-annual training in the use of force and firearms qualifications. Additionally, officers who are certified to utilize patrol rifles must shoot on an active fire course four times a year. The officers receive annual training in vehicle pursuit guidelines and domestic violence. They are also mandated to receive right-to-know and hazardous materials awareness training.

The Franklin Township Police go above and beyond these guidelines and provide CPR/First aid to all of its officers. Several officers are certified as Emergency Medical Technicians. Franklin Officers will receive training in such other areas as cultural diversity, harassment in the workplace, and officer survival. As laws change and evolve, the officers will receive training and updates so that they can more effectively do their jobs.

### POLICE ACCREDITATION

Currently, the Franklin Police Department is going through the process of becoming accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This process involves the systematic review of all the departments' rules, regulations and orders. Once this is completed, "proofs" or examples must be found in the daily operations of the Department to ensure that these rules, regulations and orders are being followed. At the end of the process, CALEA will audit the Department's "proofs" to ensure compliance. The Department hopes that it will be prepared for a final review by CALEA near the end of the summer.

### OFFICERS ON TRAFFIC DUTY

It is often said that Police resources could better be allocated if they were not used to assist traffic crews such as PSE&G or Verizon. The reality is that the officers assigned to road crews are not on duty. These officers have signed up to work these extra-duty positions in their off hours. The taxpayer doesn't pay for these officers, but the contractor who is billed by the Township for the service as

well as an administrative fee. The Township collects the fees and disburses the payment to the officers.

### GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

An officer patrolling on the streets is just one aspect of the job. There are many other things that the Department does that aren't readily apparent. Currently 17 officers, in their off time, participate in Project RESPECT. In this program, officers act as liaisons to the Township's senior population. They attend their meetings and provide them with safety talks and demonstrations.

Operation Blue Angel was started in 2010. Using drug forfeiture money, the Police Department purchased lock boxes that they provide to senior citizens and those that have illnesses that could cause them to become incapacitated. This will allow responders to get into the home when seconds count. This program is provided to the residents free of charge.

Currently, the Township has 13 active community watch groups that are managed by the Department. These watch groups are a "self-help" group for the neighborhoods. They act as the eyes and ears for the department.

The Traffic Safety Bureau will take appointments to make sure that new parents' car seats are installed correctly. Currently the Department has four officers that are certified car seat techs.

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Department has four officers in the Patrol Division that are assigned to the Emergency Services Unit. They are all certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and have additional training in fire suppression. Their vehicles are outfitted with additional medical and other equipment so they can stabilize a patient prior to the arrival of the first aid squad.

### TV VS. REALITY

Television programs such as NCIS and Criminal Minds are set so that every crime is solved in one hour, with commercial breaks. The reality is that many painstaking hours of investigation are needed to solve many crimes. In New Jersey, there is one crime lab that processes all DNA and other trace types of evidence for all 566 municipalities in the state. This, in and of itself, makes solving a crime in one hour on DNA evidence alone problematic. In reality, the majority of crimes that are solved are done with hard work and the keen investigative skills of well-trained officers and detectives.

### DEPARTMENT'S NEW CHIEF AND DEPUTY

In November, 2011, Lawrence W. Roberts was promoted from the rank of Deputy Chief to Chief of Police. He replaced retired Police Chief Craig Novick. In April, 2012 Richard A. Grammar was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police from Lieutenant.

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# MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

## POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE EMERGENCIES DIAL

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### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-Emergencies . . . 732-873-2300  
 Non-Emergencies  
 Auto-Attendant . . . . 732-873-5533  
 Non-Emergency for Residents  
 in 609 area code . . . 732-821-1800  
 Non-Emergency Auto-Attendant  
 For Residents in 609 area code  
 . . . . . 732-821-1888  
 Tips Hotline . . 732-873-SAFE (7233)

### MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Main . . . . . 732-873-2500  
 Affordable Housing . . . . . 6271  
 Assistant Manager . . . . . 6233  
 Animal Control . . . . . 6255  
 Assessor . . . . . 6320  
 Clerk (Elections, Dog Licenses,  
 Voter Registration) . . . . . 6214  
 Construction Code . . . . 6220, 6224  
 Construction Code . . . 732-873-7283  
 Collector . . . . . 732-873-7284  
 Collector (Tax) . . . . . 6335  
 Collector (Water) . . . . . 6335  
 Community Resource . . . . 6310  
 Court . . . . . 732-873-7285  
 Court . . . . . 6262  
 Economic Development . . . 6235  
 Engineering . . . . . 6230  
 Finance . . . . . 6244  
 Fire Prevention . . . . . 6303  
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 Municipal Alliance . . . . . 6353  
 Open Space . . . . . 6201  
 Personnel . . . . . 6233  
 Planning . . . . . 6271  
 Public Works . . . . . 732-249-7800  
 Purchasing . . . . . 6239  
 Recreation . . . . . 732-873-1991  
 Recreation . . . . . 6340  
 Rent Leveling Board . . . . . 6274  
 Senior Advisory . . . . . 6347  
 Township Manager . . . . . 6201  
 Volunteer Office . . . . . 6279  
 Zoning Officer . . . . . 6274  
 Zoning Bd. of Adj. . . . . 6215

### WEBSITE

[www.franklintwpnj.org](http://www.franklintwpnj.org)

### TO CALL TOWN HALL

732-873-2500

### E-MAIL

#### Township Manager:

[craig.novick@twp.franklin.nj.us](mailto:craig.novick@twp.franklin.nj.us)

#### Township Tax Collector

[carol.langone@twp.franklin.nj.us](mailto:carol.langone@twp.franklin.nj.us)

#### Library website

[www.franlintwp.org](http://www.franlintwp.org)

### OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Board of Education . . 732-873-2400  
 Library . . . . . 732-873-8700  
 Sewerage Authority . . 732-873-2121  
 Health Department . . 908-231-7155  
 Health Education . . . 908-231-7155

### Options for Tax and Water Payments

#### After-Hour Payments

There is a drop box outside the Public Safety Building for tax and water payments. This is only for "after hour" payments made by check (no cash). Pickup will be at 8:30 a.m. in the morning.

#### On-Line Payments

**OPTION 1:** On-line payments. Links are on the Revenue Department's web page, [http://www.franklintwpnj.org/dept\\_revenue\\_collection1.html](http://www.franklintwpnj.org/dept_revenue_collection1.html). There is a 2.5% fee for payments by credit cards, but no fee for ACH payments.

**OPTION 2:** On-line payments through bank's websites. These are not electronic transactions and checks still are mailed. It is important to allow enough time for mailing in order to avoid late payments.

### Continued from Cover

Chief Roberts is a 25 year veteran in Law Enforcement. Chief Roberts served two years with the Drug Enforcement Agency and has filled many rolls within the Police Department. In addition to the Patrol Division, he served within and supervised the Neighborhood Police Teams, the Investigative Division, and was the Operations Commander prior to his promotion to Chief of Police. Chief Roberts has a Bachelors Degree from the College of New Jersey and earned a Masters of Business Administration Degree from California Coast

University. He is also a graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Deputy Chief Grammar has a Bachelor's Degree from Columbia Southern University and a Masters Degree from Farleigh Dickenson University. He is a 25-year veteran of the force who has served with and supervised the Patrol Division, DARE, Juvenile Aid Bureau, and the Investigative Division. He is currently the Department's Operations Commander.

## Another Successful Fireworks Celebration

Franklin celebrated the 4th of July with free entertainment organized by the Township's Cultural Arts Council and a spectacular fireworks celebration. Because of many generous donations, the event was held at no cost to the residents. The donations included time donated by members of the Township's Police Department.

The date for the 2013 4th of July event is July 3, with a rain date of July 5.

### 2012 Donors included:

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|---|--------------------------------------|
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| Birdsall Services Group, Inc              | Maglione's Italian Ices LLC          |
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| Briar Manor Developers                    | Deputy Mayor Philip D. Kramer        |
| Councilman Carl Wright                    | Pinto Novelty Co. Inc                |
| David Tarantino (Atlantic Kellte Corn Co) | Praise Presbyterian Church           |
| DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole              | Councilman Rajiv Prasad              |
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| Josefa Inc                                | Councilman Theodore Chase Jr         |
| Joy Systems                               | Trap Rock Industries                 |
| Councilwoman Kimberly Francois            | William Grippio                      |
| Lanfrit and Tulio LLC                     | William J. Kohlhepp Jr., Esq         |

## 2012 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 – 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Dates to remember:

October 16, 2012:

Last day to register to vote for General Election

October 16, 2012:

Evening Voter Registration Hours –  
 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 30, 2012:

Last day to mail application for mail-in ballot for  
 General Election

November 5, 2012, 3 pm:

Last day/time to file application for mail-in ballot in  
 person and with County Clerk in Somerville for  
 General Election

Any questions, you can call the Township Clerk's Office at 732-873-2500 ext. 6208

# Franklin Township Council

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
<b>Brian Levine</b> – Mayor . . . . . 732-873-5454 or 732-873-2500, ext. 6396 . . . . .	12/31/15
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<a href="mailto:Councilman.Kramer@twp.franklin.nj.us">Councilman.Kramer@twp.franklin.nj.us</a>	
<b>Kimberly Francois</b> – Councilwoman-at-Large . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6385 . . . . .	12/31/15
<a href="mailto:Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us">Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us</a>	
<b>Rajiv Prasad</b> – Councilman-at-Large . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6319 . . . . .	12/31/15
<a href="mailto:Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us">Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us</a>	
<b>Brian Regan</b> – Councilman-at-Large . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6329 . . . . .	12/31/15
<a href="mailto:Councilman.Regan@twp.franklin.nj.us">Councilman.Regan@twp.franklin.nj.us</a>	
<b>Theodore Chase</b> – Councilman, 1st Ward . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6318 . . . . .	12/31/13
<a href="mailto:Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us">Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us</a>	
<b>Rozalyn Sherman</b> – Councilman, 2nd Ward . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6316 . . . . .	12/31/13
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<b>Carl R. A. Wright</b> – Councilman, 4th Ward . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6397 . . . . .	12/31/13
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<a href="mailto:Councilman.Vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us">Councilman.Vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us</a>	

## Frequently Asked Questions?

*I purchased a home that has an existing alarm system. Do I need to re-register?*

Yes, you need to register the alarm in your name and with your contacts. There is also a one-time registration fee.

*Does a contractor who is going to work in my house have to be registered or licensed in Franklin? Or with the state? Can the Township recommend a contractor?*

A contractor working on your house needs to be registered with the State of New Jersey as a "Home Improvement Contractor." You may ask for proof. If they do not have it or refuse to supply it, find another contractor. The Township is not allowed to recommend contractors.

*How do we dispose of a home portable fire extinguisher that has been replaced but never used?*

Fire extinguishers are accepted at the Hazardous Household Waste Collection days. See the recycling information the last page of this newsletter for locations and dates.

*I heard about NJMCDirect for payment of tickets. Can we use that for a ticket here in Franklin?*

Yes you can, if it is a payable parking or traffic ticket. When you go into the website, <http://njcourts.judiciary.state.nj.us/njmcdirect/atsewr2/home.do>, enter court code 1808, ticket prefix, and the ticket and license plate numbers. If it is a payable violation, it will show the amount due—the fine plus a convenience fee. If it's not payable, it will indicate that you should contact the court. VISA, MasterCard or any card that contains the VISA or MasterCard logo may be used.

*I didn't get a tax bill, yet the taxes were due May 1. I ended up paying a penalty. When are the taxes due and isn't there a tax bill sent each time the taxes are due?*

Since the Township moved in January, 2012 to a calendar year rather than a fiscal year, tax bills are going to be mailed once a year. The tax bills were mailed at the end of July showing all four quarterly payments: February, May, August and November. Some homeowners may receive an adjusted quarter due to the homestead rebate but should use the original bill for the remaining quarters. To just review the amount owed, residents can go to the Revenue page on the Township website and follow the instructions to pay online. No online payment is required to review the amount that is due.

*Can we recycle bottle caps or should they be thrown away and just the bottle recycled?* Caps cannot be recycled and should be removed.

*JFK Blvd. is in terrible shape. Is it on the list to be resurfaced?*

Portions of JFK will be resurfaced in the next phase of roadwork bids. The listing of roads to be resurfaced is on the website, [www.franklintwpnj.org](http://www.franklintwpnj.org), and updated on a regular basis

# In and Around the Township

## New Library Branch in Franklin Park

Residents of the southern end of the Township will be happy to learn that the Franklin Park Branch of the Franklin Township Public Library is now open! The 3800-square foot facility offers a full range of services and materials for adults, teens, and children. These include books, DVDs, music CDs, programs, access to computers and the Internet, and more.

The Franklin Park Branch is conveniently located in the Franklin Towne Center shopping mall at 3391 Route 27, in Franklin Park. The branch is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursdays from 2:30 to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit the Franklin Township Public Library website at [www.franklintwp.org](http://www.franklintwp.org), or call 732.873.8700 (option 5) for more information.

## Flooding Knows No Borders

### FRANKLIN PARTNERS WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES TOWARD A COMMON GOAL

As detailed in other articles that have been published in the Franklin Times, there are many small things that Franklin Township residents can do to improve our watersheds, rivers and streams in order to make them cleaner and healthier. It takes a larger effort, however, to provide protection from the damaging effects of flooding, and that is why Franklin has joined with eight other municipalities (Hillsborough, Millstone, Rocky Hill, South Bound Brook, Somerville, Bridgewater, Montgomery and Manville) and Somerset County to form the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission.

The Commission first met on February 1, 2012 to begin planning ways to protect residents during the all-too-frequent major storms that have hit our area. Spurred on by the success of the Green Brook Flood Control Commission to get the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to construct flood protections around Bound Brook and other adjacent communities, the Commission's initial goal is to make sure a study currently being undertaken by the USACE is fully funded and is completed expeditiously.

The Army Corps study is slated to cost \$6.8 million and has been either only partially

funded or not funded at all during recent fiscal years. The Commission is busy contacting our federal representatives in order to procure full funding for the project. The Green Brook project has taken forty years to get to its current stage, but the Raritan and Millstone Rivers Flood Control Commission realizes that people are being flooded out of their homes now and is looking for ways to condense the timeline considerably.

In the meantime, the Commission is exploring smaller projects or grants that can alleviate individual homeowners flooding problems, such as seeking funding to elevate homes. The USACE gives a monthly update on their study, and there is a guest speaker at every meeting to provide insight to the public and board members. Future speakers include FEMA, the NJDEP and a representative from the Green Brook Flood Control Commission.

Residents are encouraged to attend Commission meetings held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 26th in the Borough of Manville municipal building. Guest speakers scheduled are homeowners from Manville who recently or currently elevated their homes who will discuss their experiences and the difficulties encountered during their projects.

## POLICE TIP

As hurricane season approaches, remember:

- Do not attempt to drive through standing water. The depth of the water is not always obvious, and the roadbed may be washed out under the water. Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- Do not drive around a barricade. They are there for your protection. Turn around and find another route.

## Veterans Day Service

1 p.m., Sunday, November 11  
Veterans Memorial at Municipal Complex,  
DeMott Lane

Hosted by American Legion Post 478

## NOTICE

Franklin Township will be flushing hydrants in early October between the hours of 8 p.m. and 12 a.m. There may be a slight discoloration in water, but this will disappear and will not affect water potability. For information, call 732-249-7800.

## Nominations for Environmental Stewardship Awards

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission is seeking nominations for the sixth annual Environmental Stewardship awards. The two awards will be presented in the fall of 2012 to an outstanding individual and organization or corporation that has contributed to the improvement of the environment in Franklin Township.

Nominations should provide the name and address of the individual or organization/corporation and information regarding the contribution to the environment that they have made. All nominations shall be submitted to: [franklinenvcomm@gmail.com](mailto:franklinenvcomm@gmail.com) by September 30, 2012. The Environmental Commission will review all nominations and make the selection based solely on the significance of their contribution to the environment.

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER  
AND NOVEMBER

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Township Council**  
Municipal Building  
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.

Regular meetings:  
September 11, 24 (Monday)  
October 9, 23 • November 8  
(Thursday), 27

**Planning Board**  
Municipal Building  
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.  
September 5, 19 • October 3, 17, 24  
November 7, 28

**Board of Adjustment**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 6, 20  
October 4, 18 • November 1

**Advisory Board of Health**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 5

October 3 • November 7  
**Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Building 8:00 p.m.  
September 20

October 18 • November 15  
**Cable TV Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 10

October 1 • November 5  
**Emergency Life Support**  
Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.

September 10 • November 5  
**Environmental Commission**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 10 • October 1, 15  
November 5, 19

**Fire Prevention Board**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 6 • October 11  
November 8

**Hamilton Street  
Business Community Board**  
604 Hamilton Street 6:30 p.m.  
Contact Board for location  
September 12 • October 10  
November 14

**Historic Preservation  
Commission**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 12 • October 10  
November 14

**Human Relations Commission**  
Township Library 7:00 p.m.  
September 24 • October 22  
November 26

**Municipal Alliance for the  
Prevention of Substance Abuse**  
Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.  
September 24 • October 24  
November 14

**Open Space Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 18 • October 16  
November 20

**Recreation Advisory Council**  
Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.  
September 12 • October 10  
November 14

**Redevelopment Agency**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 17 • October 15  
November 19

**Rent Leveling Board**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
As needed

**Senior Advisory Committee**  
Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.  
September 28 • October 26

**Sewerage Authority**  
70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.  
September 4 • October 2  
November 7

**Shade Tree Commission**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 27 • October 25  
November 15

**Trails Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 12 • November 14

**Youth Service Commission**  
Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.  
September 26 • October 24  
November 14

## Franklin Township Flood Risks

The flooding, power outages and extensive damage caused last year by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee is clearly still on the minds of Township residents. Even if you don't live near a watercourse, you still may be at risk from flooding because of differing sets of circumstances at work, such as frozen soils or saturated soils, storm duration, and storm intensity. Nearly 25% of flood insurance claims come from moderate-to-low flood risk areas.

**Township Flood Services:** The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. Flood maps and flood protection references are available from the Franklin Township Public Library, and the Engineering Department in the Municipal Building.

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

**What You Can Do:** Here are some things you can do to help:

- Do not dump or throw anything into ditches, swales or streams. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels.
- If your property is next to a ditch, swale or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.
- If you see debris in drainage ways maintained by the Township, contact Public Works at (732) 249-7800.
- Always check with the Zoning and Construction Departments prior to building on your property 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 the proper permits were secured.

**Flood Protection:** There are several ways to protect a building from flood damage. For buildings constructed within the floodplain; flood walls, earthen berms, waterproofing of walls and installation of watertight closures over doorways are some options as well as moving and/or raising the elevation of the structure. If your building is within an actual floodplain, we recommend that you contact either the Engineering or Construction Department for specific help and recommendations.

Some houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. If you are concerned with sewer backups, you may wish to contact a plumber about installing a backup valve. A plumbing permit would need to be obtained. If you know that a flood is coming, you should shut off gas and electricity and move valuable contents upstairs. Fire is one of the major causes of damage in floods. It is recommended that you 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. However,

because Franklin Township participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have previously flooded.

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

**Another valuable resource is FEMA's [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) website. By simply entering your address, you can get a rating of your flood risk, an estimate of flood insurance premiums and a list of nearby insurance agents.**

Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. There is usually much more damage done to the furniture and other building contents than there is to the actual structure.

If your flooding problem is caused by sewer backup, you may 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.

### Flood Safety

**Do not walk through flowing water.** Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock 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 drowning is electrocution. Report downed power lines to the power company.

**Have your electricity turned off by the power company.** Some appliances, such as televisions, keep electrical charges even after they have been unplugged. Don't use appliances or motors that have gotten wet unless they have been taken apart, cleaned and dried.

**Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their homes may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to turn things over before picking them up.

**Look before you step.** After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris. Floors and stairs can get covered with mud and become very slippery.

**Avoid wading through the flood water.** Oils, vehicle fluids, chemicals and even raw sewage can 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 or use candles, lanterns or open flames unless you know for sure that the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

[www.franklintwpnj.org](http://www.franklintwpnj.org)

Your source of Township information 24 hours a day  
Sign up for automatic notification of website updates  
Don't miss out on 'news that you can use'

### Trails Advisory Committee's "Take a Photo Contest" Winners Spring/Summer 2012

Best overall Picture—**Carl Geisler** "Man and His Dog"  
(taken on D&R Canal)  
D&R Canal Picture—**David S. Wylie**, (taken on  
Millstone D&R Canal)

## The 2nd Annual CanalFest 2012

A benefit for the Franklin Township Food Bank

**When:** Sat., October. 6, 2012, 11:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.  
(rain date, October. 7)

**Where:** East Millstone Park on Market St. (off Amwell Rd.) along the banks of the D&R Canal

Live music \* food vendors \* arts/craft vendors \* activities for children \* a special lecture by Franklin Township Historian, Robert Mettler, as a recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Market Street Fire of 1912. at 11 a.m. Bring a blanket or chair.

CanalFest 2012 is being sponsored through a unique and growing collaboration of residents, community organizations and area businesses. Visit D&R CanalFest/Facebook or [www.facebook.com/eastmillstone](http://www.facebook.com/eastmillstone) for information. Send your inquiries to [dandrcanalfest@gmail.com](mailto:dandrcanalfest@gmail.com)

### Bringing the Community Together Through the Arts

The Township's Cultural Arts Council promotes and encourages the expression and appreciation of the visual, literary and performing arts in Franklin. For more information, visit [www.Facebook.com/FranklinCAC](http://www.Facebook.com/FranklinCAC), or join their e-mail list at [FranklinCAC@gmail.com](mailto:FranklinCAC@gmail.com).

The Literary Arts Program Committee covers both poetry and prose, serious and fanciful. To pursue your interest, send an email to [alvinplevine@gmail.com](mailto:alvinplevine@gmail.com).

### DOG & CAT RABIES CLINICS

Location: Animal Shelter, 475 DeMott Lane  
Time: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Cats - September 8, 2012 Cats should be in carriers.

Dogs - December 8, 2012 Dogs should be on leashes.  
Watch in the December issue for information on the Santa Paws program and photo opportunities.

### Somerset County Department of Health Clinics

Located at 935 Hamilton Street, Somerset  
Call for an appointments: 908-725-9355

#### FREE Child Health Clinics and vaccinations (for families without health insurance)

For children ages birth - 18

#### FREE Meningitis (Menactra) vaccinations

Open to all residents

Youth between age 11 and 21 (minors must have parent present)

#### FREE Tetanus-Diphtheria & Pertussis (TDap) vaccinations

Open to all residents

Individuals ages 11-64 (minors must have parent present)

#### FREE Senior Citizen Influenza & Pneumonia Clinic

Open to residents age 65 and older

Upcoming Clinics in early fall, 2012

Call 908-231-7155 after September 1st for date, location and times

### Affordable Housing Information

Central Jersey Housing Resource Center is a HUD certified non-profit housing counseling agency located in Raritan, New Jersey. Their bi-lingual staff provides:

- FREE one-on-one counseling and group programs as well as assistance in choosing low and moderate-income housing options either to rent or buy;
- Grants to assist with down payments and closing costs and offer a Savings Match Program; and Assistance with Senior Housing options.

Applicants looking for affordable rental or purchase units must apply and be certified based on income and household size. For information, applications, program registration, or to check on availability, call 908-704-9649.

### Franklin Ranking in Top Ten For 2011 Construction Totals

Franklin Township ranked 8th overall in the recently-released listing of municipal top performers for authorized construction for 2011. The listing, based on dollar amount totals, was announced by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Codes and Standards, with 562 of New Jersey's 566 municipalities reporting and counted in the totals.

Franklin's total estimated cost of construction was \$122,513,488. The Township was 4th in authorized housing units, 4th in square feet of authorized office space, and 5th in square feet of authorized retail space.

### Collection Bins Available

Franklin provides the following collection containers:

#### LOCATION: MUNICIPAL BUILDING

##### Back to School

The three Franklin Township Senior clubs are collecting Back to School donations for Franklin Township students. Contributors wishing to make monetary donations or who need more information, may contact the Recreation Department at (732)873-1991 #4.

##### Flags

Residents can drop off flags which are no longer fit to be displayed. They will be collected by the American Legion for a disposal ceremony in the firepit in the Township's Veterans Memorial.

##### Empty Toner Cartridges

Empty toner cartridges are collected and sent for recycling.

##### Food and Personal-Care Items for Needy

Canned or boxed food items, personal-care items, including bath soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo and toilet paper are being collected for the needy through Somerset County's BOBO, Buy One-Bring One Program.

#### LOCATION: COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER

##### Care Packages For Troops

Items can be dropped off for care packages that are sent to US troops serving overseas. The care packages include comfort items, pieces of entertainment, snacks, hygiene products and letters of encouragement. The items are picked up, packaged and mailed by the volunteers at Operation America Cares.

##### Non-perishable food staples

Collected items are sent to the Franklin Township Food Bank. Some suggestions: fruit, rice, peanut butter, jam/jelly, tomato/pasta sauce, cereal, canned vegetables, soups, beans, dried pasta, tuna fish and other canned meat, canned fruit and juices, powdered milk or Parmalat®.

No glass containers please!

##### Back to School

See description above



# Department of Parks & Recreation

## Fall 2012 Recreation Programs



### YOUTH PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
<b>Paperwork needed for ALL Youth program registration: Copy of MOST RECENT report card and/or Birth Certificate</b>								
	Toddler Adventures	12-24 Months	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/15-11/3 (No Class on 9/29 & 10/13)	9:00-10:00 am	Community Center	\$35	20110-D1
		25-36 Months			10:10-11:10 am		\$35	20110-D2
	Pre-School & School-Age Specialty Programs	Various Ages Including: Ages 3-5 years and Grades K-6	Birth Certificate for Pre-School. Report Card for School-Age Programs.	Varies based upon Program	*Further information will be available for specific programs through fliers and the Twp. Website ( <a href="http://www.franklintwpnj.org">www.franklintwpnj.org</a> ). **Please call the Recreation Dept. @ 732-873-1991 or e-mail <a href="mailto:franklinrec@twp.franklin.nj.us">franklinrec@twp.franklin.nj.us</a> to be placed on a mailing list for information!			
	Dance Sampler	3 & 4 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/23-10/21	1:00-1:30 pm	Community Center	\$50	21000-01
		5 & 6 Years			1:45-2:30 pm		\$55	21000-02
		7 & 8 Years			2:45-3:30 pm		\$55	21000-03
	Art-4-All	4 - 5 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/22-10/13	9:00-10:00 am	Community Center	\$55	20211-01
		6 - 8 Years			10:05-11:05 am		\$70	20211-02
		9 - 11 Years			11:10-12:10 pm		\$70	20211-03
	Sports Squirts	3-5 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/23-10/21	1:00-2:00pm	Inman Park	\$105	12011-F1
					2:15-3:15pm		\$105	12011-F2
	Multi-Sports	6-10 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/23-10/21	3:30-4:30 pm	Inman Park	\$105	12011-F3
	Cricket Clinic	6-10 Years 11-16 Years	Report Card	Saturdays 9/22-10/20	10-11am 11:30 am-12:30 pm	Williams Park	\$60	21523-01 21523-02
	Girl's Basketball Clinic	Grades 4-6		Saturdays 11/3-12/8 (No class 11/10, 11/24)	10:00 am- Noon	Franklin Middle School	\$35	21022-GB
	Boys Basketball Clinic	Grades 3-6	Saturdays 11/3-12/8 (No class 11/10, 11/24)	1:00-3:00 pm	\$35		21022-BB	
	Write On!	4 - 5 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 10/20-11/17	9:30-10:30 am	Community Center	\$45	12011-B1
		6 - 8 Years			10:40-11:40 am		\$45	12011-B2
	Chess Beginners	Grades K-6	Report Card	Mondays 9/24-11/12	6:00-7:30 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$96	43011-09
	Chess Intermediate/ Advanced	Grades K-6			Mondays 9/24-11/12		7:30-9:00 pm	\$96
	Franklin Township Youth Council	Eager to make a positive difference in your community? Committed to boosting diversity within the Township? Smart? Energetic? Creative? If you answered yes these questions, then the Franklin Township Youth Council may be right for you!	7-12 Grade	Call for more info or to request an application. 732.873.1991	September -June 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month	6:30-8:30 pm	Community Center	This is a volunteer teen community program. Applications are due 10.26.12 by 4:00 pm. Space is very limited.

### Tennis Programs: Youth/Teen/Adult

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number	
	Rally Racquets	5-6 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/22-10/13/12	10:30-11:30am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50	23521-N2	
	Super Servers	7-8 Years			11:30-12:30pm	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50	23521-N3	
	Amazing Aces	9-10 Years			12:30-1:30 pm	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50	23521-N4	
	Tennis Titans	11-15 Years			1:30 - 2:30 pm	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50	23531-N5	
<b>Teen/Adult Tennis Instruction:</b> 4 weeks of weekday classes available for teens and adults ages 16+ years. Take a fall class and get ready for tennis with friends and league play.									
	Beginner/Advncd Beginner (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted)	Looking to be the next Rafael Nadal or Serena Williams? Young Adult/Adult tennis classes focusing on tennis fundamentals including scoring, volleying, and game play.	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Saturdays 9/22-10/13/12	9:00 -10:30 am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$70	23521-N6
	Intermediate (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted)	16 Years +	9:00-10:30 am			Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$70	23521-N7	

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
	Adult Executive Basketball (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted)	25 Years+	Drivers License with Picture ID	Mondays 9/24-6/3 (No Class: 12/24;1/21;2/18; 3/25; 4/1; 5/27)	7:00-10:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$55	61045-EB
	Teen Recreation (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted)	Grades 7-12	Report Card w/ school ID	TBA	7:00-9:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	Free	55532-TR
	Co-Ed Volleyball (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted)	18 Years+	Drivers License	Tuesdays 10/2-5/14 (No Class: 12/25;3/26)	7:00-10:00 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$55	66532-VB
	Aerobics	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Mon. & Wed. TBA	6:30-7:30 pm	Community Center		26043-01
	Adult Zumba	16 Years+			Thursdays 9/27-11/29 (No Class: 11/8;11/22)	6:10-7:10 pm 7:30-8:30 pm	Community Center Community	\$30 \$30
	Adult Evening Ceramics	16 Years+	Drivers License	Fridays 10/19-1/18 (No Class: 10/26;11/9; 11/23;12/28)	6:00-8:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$125	67512-01

### Senior Citizen Programs

Program	Age	Dates	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
	Parkside Club Meeting	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	10:30 am	Senior Center	Dues
	Franklin Twp Seniors Meeting	60 Years +	Year-Round	Tuesdays	10:00 am	Senior Center	Dues
	Franklin Park Club Meeting	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wednesdays	12:30 pm	Senior Center	Dues
	Healthy Bones	60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon:12:45-2:30pm; Fri: 10-11:45 am; and Fri 12noon-1:45pm.		Senior Center	County
Spanish for Beginners		55 Years +	Starting Oct.	Wednesdays	2:00-3:00 pm	Senior Center	\$10/residents
Medicare Patrol Workshop/Presentation (Sponsored by RWJUH)		55 Years +	11/8/2012	Thursday	1:00-3:00 pm	Senior Center	Free
Dominoes		55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	11:45 am	Senior Center	Free
Bridge (Open Play on Mondays);(Class Instruction on Fridays)		55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Fri.	12:30-1:30 pm	Senior Center	Free
Pokeno		55 Years +	Year-Round	Wed. & Thurs.	10:00 am; 1:00 pm	Senior Center	Free
Sit & Fit Exercise		60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Thurs.	10:30 am	Senior Center	Free
Sr. Aerobics		55 Years +	Year-Round	TBD	10:00-11:00 am	Senior Center	TBD
Sr. Video Aerobics 10:45-11:45 a.m.		55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	10:45-11:45 am	Senior Center	Free
Sr. Yoga		55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	9:30-10:30 am	Senior Center	\$35/residents
Tai Chi Demo		55 Years +	9/7/2012	Friday	12:00-1:00 pm	Senior Center	Free
Tai Chi		55 Years +	Sept-June	Fridays	12:00-1:00 pm	Senior Center	\$60/residents
Zumba Gold		55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	11:30 am- 12:30 pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents
Zumba Gold		55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	1:00 - 2:00 pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents
Hi-Steppers Dance Troupe		55 Years +	Year-Round (except July)	Mon & Wed	9:30 am	Senior Center	Free
Swingin' Singin' Seniors		55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	1:30 pm	Senior Center	Free

The Community/Senior Center is open Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-4:15 pm for Senior Citizen drop-in activities in the Card/Reading/Computer Room; Billiards Room; and Crafts Room. For transportation call Somerset County: 1-800-246-0527. A monthly Senior Citizen's Calendar with detailed information about these programs and more is available at the Community/Senior Center located 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ or online at [www.franklintwpnj.org](http://www.franklintwpnj.org). For further information, please contact Shonda Sanchez, Senior Citizen Coordinator, at 732-873-1991, option 4.



# Department of Parks & Recreation Fall 2012 Information & Registration



## PUMPKIN PATCH

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012  
1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.  
\$5.00/CHILD ADMISSION**

FRANKLIN TWP. MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
475 DeMOTT LANE, SOMERSET, NJ  
(LOT BETWEEN SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER AND VILLAGERS THEATER)

**FUN CRAFTS**
**GAMES PUMPKIN DECORATING**
**FOOD PRIZES**

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE FRANKLIN TWP. FOOD BANK

## Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Tuesday, November 27, 2012  
6:30 P.M.**

*Celebrate the start of the holiday season with festive music, good tidings, and holiday cheer!!*

**Municipal Complex Courtyard • 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ**

**For More Info, Please Call Franklin Twp. Parks & Recreation  
(732) 873-1991**

ANGEL GIVING TREE -DONATE A NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFT TO FAMILIES IN NEED AND US TROOPS AT HOME & ABROAD OR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM(S) TO THE FRANKLIN TWP. FOOD BANK

## P.L.A.Y!

(Preschoolers Learning Athletics Year-Round)

The Franklin Township Recreation Department offers the P.L.A.Y. Program for 4 & 5 year olds not yet in Kindergarten on a seasonal basis during the school year. This Saturday morning program is inclusive (open to special education & regular education children). Basic skills are taught in Basketball (Winter), T-Ball (Spring), and Soccer (Fall). To be placed on the mailing list for this program, please call the Recreation Department at (732) 873-1991 or e-mail to franklinrec@twp.franklin.nj.us

### FRANKLIN RECREATION Harmony Club

Harmony Club has been developed by the Franklin Twp Recreation Department for Residents with Special Needs. This specially designed program, for ages 6 years and up, meets throughout the year for Monthly Fun Days ; Family Programs; Swim Trips; and Dances.

**\*\*BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:  
TEEN DROP-IN NIGHTS!!\*\***

For more information and to sign up for the mailing list, please contact Sue van Aken, Superintendent of Recreation at 732-873-1991 or [sue.vanaken@twp.franklin.nj.us](mailto:sue.vanaken@twp.franklin.nj.us)

## Where Do We Call?

The following organizations run independently of the Recreation Department and administer their own program including registration, schedules, fees and organizational structure.

<b>Franklin Township Little League</b>	<b>732/828-1233</b>
<a href="http://www.FTLBaseball.com">www.FTLBaseball.com</a>	
<b>Franklin Township Soccer League</b>	<b>732/699-0002</b>
<a href="http://www.ftsonline.org">www.ftsonline.org</a>	
<b>Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading</b>	<b>www.ftpw.org</b>
<b>South Bound Brook/Somerset Little League</b>	<b>732/469-7761</b>
<a href="http://www.sbbsll.com">www.sbbsll.com</a> / <a href="mailto:sbbsll@yahoo.com">sbbsll@yahoo.com</a>	
<b>Franklin Township Wrestling</b>	<b>www.franklinwrestlingclub.com</b>
<b>Hershey Track &amp; Field</b>	<b>732/425-3520</b>
<b>Adult Slo-Pitch Softball</b>	<b>609/395-9167</b>

Walk-in/Mail-in registration for **Beginner/Advanced Beginner Tennis, Adult Executive Basketball, Teen Recreation, Co-Ed Volleyball** can begin immediately. All other registration will be accepted via [MAIL](mailto:mail@franklinrec.com) with a postmark of **SEPTEMBER 10** or **LATER ONLY**. PLEASE NOTE, REGISTRATIONS WITH EARLIER POSTMARK DATES WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Registrations MUST be mailed in, no walk-ins accepted until September 17, 2012 (unless otherwise noted)**

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*\*\*\***

**NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:**

We will be accepting mail-in registrations with postmark dates of **SEPTEMBER 10 OR LATER**. Registrations with earlier postmark dates will be returned to sender. Registrations need to include the following information:

- 1) Fully completed registration form, including: Participants Name, Address, home/work/cell phone number, age, grade, & program activity number
- 2) Proper Registration paperwork as noted on previous page, i.e.: Birth Certificate, Report Card, etc.
- 3) Separate Checks for each individual program and participant. Checks or Money Orders are accepted and should be made out to: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

**WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012.**

Mail in registration forms to: **Franklin Township Recreation, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873**  
Checks payable to: **Franklin Township**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

**NO PROGRAM CONFIRMATIONS & PAYMENTS:**

The Franklin Twp Recreation Dept **will not** call to confirm your placement into a program/activity. Please make note of your program dates. You can call to confirm your placement into a class beginning Monday, September 17, 2012. If you do not get into a class, your check will be returned and the name is placed on a waiting list. If an opening becomes available in a closed program, the space will be offered to the first person on the waiting list. If that person declines or is unreachable after two attempts, the staff will then contact the next person on the list.

**IN-PERSON REGISTRATION: Beginning September 17, 2012**

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that only classes with openings left will be available. The Franklin Township Department of Parks & Recreation is located at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873, in the Senior/Community Center. Phone #: 732-873-1991 (#4) Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In case of inclement weather, announcements regarding cancellations will be aired on WCTC Radio Station (1450AM). You may also contact Recreation when weather is questionable at 732-873-1991 and press 1 for weather.

**INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING:** The Recreation Dept. encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in regular program activities. Please contact us for info regarding enrollment into programs that will be most beneficial for our disabled population at 732-873-1991.

**SEE POLICY:** A fee schedule has been established and is set forth in the brochure in order to defray the cost of programs. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE FRANKLIN RECREATION OFFICE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PROGRAM. Program costs 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 at **double** the listed fee.

**REFUND POLICY:** No refunds/credits will be given after a program begins. Refunds/Credits will be approved only if: an activity is cancelled, an activity has reached maximum enrollment, or if a request in writing is received prior to the start of the program.

**HOLIDAYS:** Regular activities will not be held on the following days:  
**September 17-18:** Rosh Hashanah **September 26:** Yom Kippur  
**November 8-9:** Teacher's Convention **November 12:** Veterans Day  
**November 21-25:** Thanksgiving Weekend

**CO-EDUCATIONAL POLICY:** The Franklin Township Parks & Recreation Department offers programs in a non-discriminatory fashion except in physical contact sports.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION											
PLEASE NOTE: Please include a copy of child's birth certificate or a copy of a current year report card where noted; and copy of driver's license for adult programs!! Registration is incomplete without proper identification and will not be processed.											
Activity#	Participant Name				AGE	GENDER	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	ACTIVITY NAME	PAYMENT	
	LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	INITIALS						CASH	CHECK #
<p style="margin: 0;"><b>ADULT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION</b></p>	LAST NAME				FIRST NAME		ADDRESS				
CITY			STATF		ZIP		E-MAIL				
HOME			WORK		CELL				EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME/RELATIONSHIP		EMERGENCY PHONE

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION**  
My child will be picked up by (Mothers Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Fathers Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Other) \_\_\_\_\_ (Relationship) \_\_\_\_\_ My child has permission to walk/bike home (circle one)  YES  NO

At Franklin Recreation, it is our goal to provide a safe and rewarding experience for all participants. We ask that you indicate if there are any medical concerns/medication, allergies, emotional or learning problems that we should be aware of?  Yes  No. If yes, please indicate what they are?

Please indicate if you will grant us permission to discuss your child's individual needs with the Franklin Township Board of Education so that we can make appropriate arrangements to best meet the needs of your child.  Yes  No.

I hereby authorize the Franklin Township Department of Parks & Recreation to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I have read and agree to abide by the policies & procedures listed above.

I understand that my child is participating in a publicly run program and that photographs taken at the program may be used for display and publicity purposes by the Township. Please check the appropriate box :  
 Yes, I WILL allow  No, I WILL NOT allow my child's picture to be used for display and publicity purposes by the Township of Franklin.

I the undersigned, hereby agree to allow the individual(s) named hereon to participate in the Township of Franklin, Recreation Division activities. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the participant(s) named hereon is/are physically fit and able to engage in Recreational activities. My signature acknowledges that I understand and agree to the above conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Printed
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN  PARTICIPANT

## RECYCLING INFORMATION

**Franklin Township Convenience Center**  
**Location: Corner of School Ave. & Berry St. – (732) 249-7800**

### CALENDAR

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Mondays, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
September 1, 15, 29	September 17
October 13, 27	October 1, 15, 29
November 10	

### FEES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Check at [www.franklintwpnj.org](http://www.franklintwpnj.org) for more information

TO PURCHASE A PASS - Residents can only buy passes during the week at:  
Public Works Building

40 Churchill Avenue  
Monday thru Friday – 7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
Township Clerk's Office – 475 DeMott Lane  
Monday thru Friday - 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m

Open to **Residents ONLY** – ALL RESIDENTS **MUST** present valid Driver's License to verify residency to qualify and purchase a pass.

### LEAVES

All leaves must be in brown paper recycling leaf bags. A FREE empty bag will be given for each brown paper recyclable bag of leaves brought in. Leaf bags can only be brought in during hours of operation. No bags should be left after hours.

**TRIP PASS REQUIRED** for the following acceptable items:

Furniture Rugs Appliances ( Additional fee for Freon Appliances)  
Light Metal Electronics  
Brush – Shrub Trimmings, Hedge Clippings, branches not larger than 4" in diameter or 4 feet in length  
Tires (Additional fee for EACH tire)

### NOT ACCEPTED / ALLOWED

Renovation / Construction Materials / Debris – sheet rock, tile, concrete, brick, asphalt, rock, etc.  
Grass, tree stumps, tree trunks or tree parts from below ground level Railroad ties or Treated wood Household garbage, food wastes, cooking oil Hazardous Materials, pesticides, oil paint, chemicals, driveway sealer, etc\*\*  
Propane Tanks\*\*

\*\* **NOTE:** Somerset County sponsors Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Dates. See information below or log on at <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle/index.html>.

### CURBSIDE PICKUP for LARGE METAL APPLIANCES

Last day this season for curbside pickup of large appliances will be Monday, October 15

\$ 24.00 -- per Refrigerator, Freezer, Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier  
\$ 6.00 -- per Dryer, Washer, Dishwasher, Stove, Hot Water Heater

**NO PASS REQUIRED FOR RECYCLABLE ITEMS** / same as bi-weekly curbside pickup

\*\* Newspaper \*\* Cardboard \*\* Metal Cans \*\* Glass Bottles  
All items must be sorted as required and deposited in proper receptacles provided.

### Falling Leaves—Use Them Or Bag Them

The Township's annual leaf collection program information follows. But one alternative for dealing with leaves is backyard composting. Composting results in a dark, friable, partially decomposed substance similar to natural organic matter found in the soil. The end product can be added to enrich the soil, used as mulch to control weeds, used in potting soil, and can help reduce alternate freezing and thawing of soils which injure roots of plants. To learn more, contact Rutgers Cooperative Extension and ask for Fact Sheet 074, Backyard Leaf Composting, and Fact Sheet 117, Using Leaf Compost. More information is also available at [www.rce.rutgers.edu](http://www.rce.rutgers.edu) or 732-932-9306.

#### Annual Leaf Collection

Leaf collection dates are Mondays. If Monday is a holiday, leaves will be collected the following day.

October 29 November 5, 13, 19, 26

Leaf bags are available at the Municipal Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, and at the Department of Public Works, 40 Churchill Avenue. They are 50 cents each. Stickers for store-bought brown paper biodegradable leaf bags are 25 cents each. Senior citizens pay 25 cents for leaf bags, up to a maximum of 40 bags.

#### Leaf bag procedures

All leaves **MUST** be in brown paper recyclable leaf bags. **LEAVES ONLY** in the bags. Bags containing grass and/or other debris will be rejected. Bags need to be hand lifted onto the trucks so please limit the weight of each bag to 25 pounds.

#### Curbside leaf bag collection

Leaf bags **MUST** have the Franklin Township logo or a Franklin Township leaf bag sticker on each bag, or the Township will not pick them up.

#### Leaves brought to the Convenience Center or Department of Public Works

Any brown paper recyclable leaf bag purchased from either the Township or from a retail store may be dropped off and replaced with a new bag at **NO CHARGE**. Leaves can be dropped off at 40 Churchill Avenue **ONLY** when open, Monday to Friday (except holidays), 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., and the Convenience Center (see times and dates above) and only from November to December 18.

**Somerset County Recycling – 732-469-3363**

<http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/recycle.html>

**Somerset County's Talking Trash newsletter and how-to-guide is available online:** <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/pdf/TTrashweb.pdf>

### 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.

Items that should be recycled:

Plastics marked ♻ through ♻ (check the bottom of the container for these markings), corrugated cardboard (including pizza boxes), chipboard (cereal, cake mix and shoe boxes), newspapers, glass bottles, steel, bimetal and aluminum cans, paper, magazines and junk mail. Also recyclable: paper bags, paperback books, hardcover books (with hard covers removed), phone books, catalogs, bottles (water, soda, milk, juice, soap, shampoo); containers (peanut butter, yogurt, baby wipe containers, margarine tubs, clear plastic clamshell containers from salad bars). Items that **should not** be recycled: Polystyrene (Styrofoam ®), plastics without numbers, plastic bags, microwave trays, motor oil or antifreeze bottles, plastic cups or plates or tableware, plastic flower pots, pesticide containers, paint buckets, beer balls, plastic coat hangers, plastic toys or furniture, batteries or fire extinguishers.

### Franklin Twp/South Bound Brook Collection Dates

September 6, 20 October 4, 18 November 1, 15, 29

### Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

September 7, 21 October 5, 19 November 2, 16, 30

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

September 15 Branchburg Township Public Works  
Garage, 34 Kenbury Road, Branchburg, NJ 08876

October 27 South County Public Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

### SOMERSET RECYCLING CENTER

**40 POLHEMUS LANE, BRIDGEWATER**

1ST Saturday of the Month Drop-Off

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

September 8\*, October 6, November 3

\*2nd Saturday due to holiday

Small Business (1-50 employees) Recycling Drop-Off Program

Monday through Friday

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

### RECYCLE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

Newtech Recycling, 600A Apgar Drive, Somerset

Call 732-564-3110 for more information

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturdays, September 8, October 6, November 3 and December 1

### RECYCLE BATTERIES AND CELL PHONES

Due to Federal DOT regulations, batteries are **NO** longer collected with curbside recycling. Disposal methods for batteries:

Button-cell batteries—bring to Household Hazardous Waste Days or 1st Saturday of the Month (see information above)

Alkaline batteries: dispose of in the regular trash

Rechargeable batteries: recycle at retail locations (call 1-877-2-RECYCLE) or [www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org)

### OPERATION SECURE SHRED

Free document shredding will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the following locations:

Sept. 8 at the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane

Sept. 22 at the Bound Brook Commuter Parking Lot, 100 West Main Street

Oct. 6 at the Branchburg Municipal Building, 1077 US Highway 202 North

Oct. 20 at the Green Brook Municipal Building, 111 Green Brook Rd.

Oct. 27 at the Bernards Twp Engineering Services Building, 277 S. Maple Rd., Basking Ridge

### MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

Sharp needles and other similar medical waste should never be recycled. Disposal containers and information are available from the local hospitals:

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

Somerset Medical Center 908-685-2200, ext. 3258

Princeton Medical Center 609-497-4266

Hunterdon Medical Center 908-237-6920

### MEDICINE DROP-OFF

Residents can dispose of unwanted, expired or unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs, as well as pet medicines Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the entrance of the Sheriff's Office, located at the lower level of the county administration building, 20 Grove St., Somerville, NJ 08876. For drop-offs after hours and on holidays and weekends, go to the secured front entrance on the administration building, dial 908-526-2500 from a cell phone and request a Sheriff's cadet escort to the drop-off box.

### PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL

Propane tanks without overfill protection valves can no longer be refilled. Old BBQ propane tanks can be dropped off at the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Day collections. Some stores will also accept them, though there may be a charge.