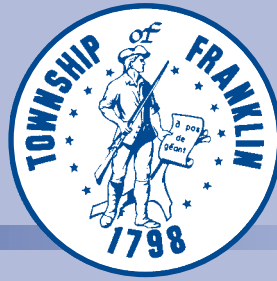


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## 'Local Government 101'

'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.



### Local 101 Trivia: Franklin by the Numbers

How much do you know about Franklin Township? Here's some trivia you may find interesting:

#### History

- Franklin was incorporated on February 21, 1898, one of the original 104 municipalities in New Jersey.
- The first residents of Franklin were Lenape (Delaware) Indians. The first European residents to settle in Franklin were Dutch settlers in 1650.
- The Delaware and Raritan Canal, with 22 miles running through Franklin, was completed in 1834 for \$2,830,000.
- The Delaware and Raritan Canal Park was created in 1975.
- Sites and districts on the National Historic Register include Rockingham, Six Mile Run Reformed Church, Tulipwood, VanWickle House, Delaware and Raritan Canal, East Millstone, Griggstown, King's Highway (Rt. 27), Kingston Mill, Kingston Village, Middlebush, Rocky Hill, and Six Mile Run.
- The oldest house—it is hard to say for sure. The first structure of the Wyckoff-Garretson house on South Middlebush is dated 1709. The property for the Van Wickle house on Easton Avenue was purchased in 1700, but the house wasn't occupied until 1722.

#### Geography

- Franklin is located entirely within New Jersey's Piedmont Province, also known as the Triassic Lowlands. It is predominantly comprised of sedimentary rocks of Triassic and Jurassic age (240 to 140 million years old) and Jurassic age igneous rocks.
- Franklin is approximately 30,000 acres or 46.8 square miles, with 1.5% of the Township mapped as surface water. There are 6,549 acres or 23.4% of the Township' 4,849 acres classified as farmland, with 234 farms registered with the Tax Assessor.
- Parkland in the Township includes 54 sites, or 2,283.88 acres of parkland owned by the Township; approximately 108.88 acres at 19 sites are developed and used for active or passive recreation. The County owns 1,003 acres of parkland in Franklin; 730 of those are developed and 525 acres of those are golf courses. The Board of Education owns 345 acres of parkland, of which 42 are developed. The State owns 4,114.4 acres at five sites, of which 50 acres are developed for active or passive recreation.
- There are 60.08 miles of walking trails, with 23 of those miles in the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park.

#### Recreation Sites

- The developed parkland includes 14 basketball courts, 5 golf courses, 19 playgrounds, 7 Township-owned tennis courts, 12 baseball and softball fields, 4 soccer fields and 2 football fields owned by the Board of Education.

- Middlebush Park on Demott Lane, when complete, will add 3 soccer fields, 2 basketball courts, and 1 softball field to the totals.

#### 2010 Census Data

- There were 62,300 residents, an increase of 11,397 (+22.4%) from the 50,903 counted in the 2000 Census.
- The median age was 38.3 years in 23,301 households.
- Of the 565 municipalities in New Jersey, Franklin ranked 22nd in population.

#### 2012 Vital Statistics

- There were 340 marriages, 2 births, 308 deaths, 8 civil unions and 0 domestic partnerships

#### Franklin Government

- There are nine council members (Mayor and eight Council members).
- Franklin is located in the 12th Congressional District and the 17th Legislative District.
- There are 39,291 registered voters; 70.52% voted in November 2012 election
- Franklin is served by six post offices: Somerset 08873, East Millstone 08873, Franklin Park 08823, Kingston 08528, Princeton 08540 and Zarapeth 08890.
- There are 234 full-time Township employees, 42 part-time employees; 131 seasonal employees.

#### Taxes

- The tax collection rate is 97%+.
- Total budgeted general appropriations in 2013 are: \$55,909,345.95; in 2012 they were \$55,563,981.07.
- The total budgeted Water Utility appropriations in 2013 are \$12,690,499.85; in 2012 they were \$13,080,320.00 .
- Only 16% of property owner's tax bill goes to the Township. The other 84% includes schools, county, county open space, municipal open space and fire districts. The Open Space tax is \$.05 per \$100 of assessed value.
- In 2012, \$123,294,623.50 was paid in school taxes and \$31,012,515.38 paid in county taxes.
- The net taxable value of all real property in Franklin is \$8,853,668,250.
- Franklin-issued liquor licenses include 2 club licenses; 15 plenary retail consumption licenses (bars/restaurants); 7 plenary retail distribution licenses (liquor stores); 10 plenary retail consumption licenses (hotel/motel exception).

#### Resident Services

- Sources of water: South Brunswick, New Brunswick, and New Jersey American Water Company. There is a connection to North Brunswick in place for emergencies. Approximately 25% of residents have private wells.
- The Township operates five water pump stations and 20 sewer pump stations.

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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) . . . . . 6208  
 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  
 Engineering . . . . . 6230  
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 Public Works . . . . . 732-249-7800  
 Purchasing . . . . . 6239  
 Recreation . . . . . 732-873-1991  
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 Senior Advisory . . . . . 6347  
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 Vital Statistics (Marriage and Death Certificates) . . . . . 6375  
 Volunteer Office . . . . . 6279  
 Zoning Officer . . . . . 6274  
 Zoning Bd. of Adj. . . . . 6215

**WEBSITE**

www.franklintwpnj.org

**TO CALL TOWN HALL**

732-873-2500

**E-MAIL**

**Township Manager:**

bob.vornlocker@twp.franklin.nj.us

**Township Tax Collector**

carol.langone@twp.franklin.nj.us

**Library website**

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

## 2013 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

### Special General Election for U.S. Senate Seat

Wednesday, October 16, 2013 – 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Dates to Remember:**

Voter Registration Deadline for Special General Election: .....September 25, 2013  
 Deadline to apply for Mail-in Ballot by Mail: .....October 9, 2013  
 Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Applications for Special General Election by 3 p.m. at County Clerk's Office: .....October 15, 2013

### General Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2013 – 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voter Registration Deadline for General Election: .....October 15, 2013  
 Deadline to apply for Mail-in Ballot by Mail: .....October 29, 2013  
 Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Applications for General Election by 3 p.m. at County Clerk's Office: .....November 4, 2013

**For information or questions, call the Township Clerk's Office at 732-873-2500 ext. 6208**

### Fireworks a 'booming' success

**Thank you to contributors who made the 2013 fireworks display and entertainment a success, at no cost to the Township residents:**

- Stage House, Inc. (donation paid for the fireworks display) • Green Hill Manor Villa, LLC
- Singer & Fedun, LLC • Brian Manor Developers, LLC • Rozalyn Sherman • Trap Rock Industries, LLC
- Pinto Novelty Co., Inc. • SHI International Corp. • Josefa, Inc.
- Calvin Todd • MS&B McManimon, Scotland, Bauman • Hodulik & Morrison, PA
- Joy Systems • Praise Presbyterian Church • Maglione's Italian Ices
- Matthew Gehring/Michael LesLonde • Phil Kramer
- Franklin Township Police Department PBA (donated their time)
- Franklin Township Fire and Rescue Squads (donated their time)

### Emergency Announcements

In the case of an emergency situation within the Township, including weather, water, etc., public service announcements are made on the following radio stations:

**WCTC - 1450 AM • WMGQ - 98.3 FM • WAWZ - 99.1 FM**

The Township also has a "DIALOGIC SYSTEM" system whereby, in cases where the emergency is not readily apparent and residents would not automatically tune into the emergency radio stations, all affected residents are called by telephone with computerized messages.

Register for Township e-bulletins and emergency notifications on the Township website [www.franklintwpnj.org](http://www.franklintwpnj.org).

## Franklin Township Council

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
<b>Brian Levine</b> – Mayor . . . . . 732-873-5454 or 732-873-2500, ext. 6396 . . . . .	12/31/15
Mayor.Levine@twp.franklin.nj.us	
<b>Rozalyn Sherman</b> – Deputy Mayor & Councilwoman, 2nd Ward. 732-873-2500, ext. 6316. . . . .	12/31/13
Councilwoman.Sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us	
<b>Kimberly Francois</b> – Councilwoman-at-Large . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6395. . . . .	12/31/15
Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us	
<b>Rajiv Prasad</b> – Councilman-at-Large . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6319. . . . .	12/31/15
Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us	
<b>Brian Regan</b> – Councilman-at-Large . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6329. . . . .	12/31/15
Councilman.Regan@twp.franklin.nj.us	
<b>Theodore Chase</b> – Councilman, 1st Ward. . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6318. . . . .	12/31/13
Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us	
<b>Phillip Kramer</b> – Councilman, 3rd Ward. . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6327. . . . .	12/31/13
Councilman.Kramer@twp.franklin.nj.us	
<b>Carl R. A. Wright</b> – Councilman, 4th Ward. . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6397. . . . .	12/31/13
Councilman.Wright@twp.franklin.nj.us	
<b>James Vassanella</b> – Councilman, 5th Ward . . . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6328. . . . .	12/31/13
Councilman.Vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us	

## Frequently Asked Questions?

*Are the reduced speed limits in school zones in effect throughout the school day?*

In a 1999 case State of NJ VS. Beierle it states: "We are in accord with the interpretation advanced by the Commissioner and Attorney General that N.J.S.A 39:4-98(a) is only applicable (1) during school hours, but only during recess, when children are clearly visible from the roadway, or (2) when children are going to or leaving school during the opening or closing hours of school..." Therefore, the reduced speed limit of "when children are present" refers to when they must be present.

*How high must someone's grass be before it is considered a health hazard and have to be reported?*

Township ordinance statutes that all premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10 inches.

*Can we notify the police to watch the house if we are going on vacation?*

Police will do checks of residences if someone goes on vacation as shift strength and call volume will allow. Contact the police department with their name, address, and emergency contact information (cell phone for them or a local key holder). They should also provide additional information like lights on a timer, type of cars in the driveway, if someone will be in to feed the cats, etc.

## Bike Without Fear

**September 8th--10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Canal Road will be closed from East Millstone to Butler Road**  
**No cars, no traffic, no noise**

**For information,  
call 732-873-1991**

## Interested in Trees, Conservation and Keeping Franklin Green?

Interested in helping to promote the conservation and stewardship of trees throughout the Township? The Shade Tree Commission advises Township officials regarding the planning, care and maintenance of trees on Township-owned lands and assists residents with advice and information on the selection, planting and care of trees. There is one evening meeting a month.

If interested, contact the Township Clerk at 732-873-2500, ext. 6211.

## Mark Your Calendars for the Library's Annual Book Sale!

Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20, the Public Library will hold its annual book sale in the Library's Community Room at the DeMott Lane location in the Municipal Complex. Gather your pocket change for a weekend of shopping at this popular sale featuring everything from hardcover bestsellers to unique coffee table books, paperbacks, DVDs and music.

The sale will take place from 10-4 p.m. on Saturday, and 1-3 p.m. on Sunday. The Sunday sale day offers readers a chance for even better discounts on books, but plan to shop on Saturday for the best selection. Cash transactions only; all funds will benefit the Franklin Township Public Library.

The Library is accepting donations to support and enhance the annual book sale. Books, DVDs, and CDs can be dropped off inside the Library during business hours up until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 18. Donated items must be in clean "like-new" condition.

Encyclopedias, magazines, VHS tapes, and moldy or damaged items cannot be accepted. Find out more at [www.franklintwp.org](http://www.franklintwp.org), or by calling 732-873-8700 ext.111.

## Nominations for Environmental Stewardship Awards

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission is seeking nominations for the seventh annual Environmental Stewardship awards. Two awards will be presented in the fall, 2013 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, 2013. The Environmental Commission will review all nominations and make the selection solely on the significance of their contribution to the environment.

## Veterans Day 2013

Franklin Township will honor its veterans on November 11, 2013. We will join with millions of our fellow citizens who will join hands and honor our veterans from all wars and conflicts who have served, and are serving, the great cause of preserving freedom around the globe.

The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m. on November 11th at the Veterans Memorial Park located at 475 DeMott Lane. It will conclude at 11:00 a.m. with the ringing of our Freedom Bell and taps. The armistice ending World War I went into effect at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918.

*The ceremony will be conducted rain or shine and seating is limited, so please bring a lawn chair.*

## Welcome and Congratulations to Franklin Employees

### Congratulations to the recently-promoted employees:

Raven Williams – Human Resources Officer  
Justin Heyman – Director of Information Technology  
Patrick Lilavois – Sergeant  
Jennifer Gamba – Confidential Office Coordinator, Township Manager's Office

### Welcome to Franklin's newest employees:

Brian Dahl – Engineering Inspector  
Peter Haver – Fire Prevention Officer  
Robert Simonelli – 911 Telecommunicator  
Evan Sullivan – Police Officer  
Craig Meyer – Police Officer  
George Regan – 911 Telecommunicator  
Catherine Gantner-Wilbur – Field Inspector  
Christopher Pallay – Field Inspector  
Amanda Lamb – 911 Telecommunicator  
Charles Browne – Police Officer  
Tiffany Delaney – Special Projects Manager



**Railroad Crossing at South Middlebush Road, looking north, (c.1908)**

*The railroad tracks pictured ran along the south end of the village of Middlebush in Franklin Township. The Middlebush railroad station (not pictured) was located on the south side of Railroad Avenue, between South Middlebush Road and Olcott Avenue. The track was laid in 1854 and fell out of favor by the 1930s, after which it was just used for occasional freight traffic. The tracks were later pulled up on South Middlebush Road.*

September to  
November, 2013

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Regular meetings:  
September 10, 24 • October 8, 22  
November 12, 26

**Planning Board**  
Municipal Building  
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.  
September 4, 18, 25  
October 2, 16, 23 • November 6

**Board of Adjustment**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 5, 19 • October 3, 17  
November 7

**Advisory Board of Health**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 4 • October 2  
November 6

**Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Building 8:00 p.m.  
September 19 • October 17  
November 21

**Cable TV Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 9 • October 7  
November 4

**Emergency Life Support**  
Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 9 • November 4

**Environmental Commission**  
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 9 • October 7, 21  
November 4, 18

**Fire Prevention Board**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 5 • October 10  
November 14

**Hamilton Street  
Business Community Board**  
Various locations 6:30 p.m.  
Contact Board for location  
September 11 • October 9  
November 13

**Historic Preservation  
Commission**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 3 • October 1  
November 13

**Human Relations Commission**  
Township Library 7:00 p.m.  
September 23 • October 28  
November 25

**Municipal Alliance for the  
Prevention of Substance Abuse**  
Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.  
September 25 • October 23  
November 13

**Open Space Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 17 • October 15  
November 19

**Recreation Advisory Council**  
Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.  
September 11 • October 9  
November 13

**Redevelopment Agency**  
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.  
September 16 • October 21  
November 18

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

**Senior Advisory Committee**  
Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.  
September 27 • October 25  
November 15

**Sewerage Authority**  
70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.  
September 3 • October 1  
November 6

**Shade Tree Commission**  
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 26 • October 24  
November 20

**Trails Advisory Committee**  
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.  
September 18 • November 13

**Youth Service Commission**  
Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.  
September 25 • October 23  
November 13

## Franklin Township Flood Risks

Flooding in Franklin Township is caused by a number of sources. The Millstone River, Raritan River, Six Mile Run and the Delaware & Raritan Canal can leave their banks during heavy rain storms. Smaller streams prone to flooding include Ten Mile Run, Nine Mile Run, Carter's Brook, Simonson Brook, Cedar Grove Brook, Seeley's Brook, and Randolph Brook. However, 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 Hurricane Sandy is clearly still on the minds of Township residents. While not as dramatic, localized flooding also takes place throughout the Township during heavy rain events. Just because your property has not been flooded recently, it can still be flooded in the future because of 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:

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. You can also visit the Engineering Department in the Municipal Building to see if you are in a mapped flood plain. 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, keep the banks clear of brush and debris. Public Works removes major blockages such as fallen trees from Township-owned or maintained drainage ways. 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. A small percentage of the buildings in Franklin Township are constructed within the actual floodplain. If yours is one of them, 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 and an estimate of flood insurance premiums.

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.

### Flood Safety:

- Do not walk through flowing water.
- Do not drive through a flooded area.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Have your electricity turned off by the power company.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes.
- Look before you step to avoid slipping.
- Avoid wading through the flood water to avoid unsanitary or hazardous conditions.
- Be alert for gas leaks, using a flashlight to inspect for damage rather than candles or open flames.

*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. For a discount on the insurance, tell your insurance you live in a Township that has a CRS rating of 7.*

### Energy Rebates Available

The New Jersey's Clean Energy Program (NJCEP), which is run by the NJ Board of Public Utilities offers rebates to residents and businesses on energy efficient equipment like furnaces, water heaters, clothes washers, refrigerators, etc for residents and equipment for businesses such as lighting, motors, chillers, etc.

NJCEP will pick up old refrigerators or freezers for FREE and will pay a \$50 rebate.

Franklin Township was also identified by the State as an area which was affected by Hurricane Sandy. So if residents replaced certain equipment in their homes or businesses damaged from the storm, there are added incentives. See [www.NJCleanEnergy.com/SANDY](http://www.NJCleanEnergy.com/SANDY) for info. The rebates are retroactive back to October 29, 2012.

## Geocaching Hidden Treasure Hunt Launching

October 27 at 1 p.m. • Griggstown Native Grassland  
1091 Canal Road

The Trails Advisory Committee, partnering with the Northern New Jersey Cashers Association, will launch the Franklin Township Geocache trail at Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve on October 27 at 1 p.m.

The real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices allows participants to navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates to find the geocache (hidden containers).

This free event is fun for the whole family. For more information, visit the Township's Open Space website: [http://www.franklintwpnj.org/open\\_space.html](http://www.franklintwpnj.org/open_space.html).

## CanalFest 2013

Support the Franklin Township Food Bank  
and Have Some Family Fun

Saturday, October 19 • 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.  
(rain date on October 20)

Market Street & Amwell Road in East Millstone

Originally started to celebrate the beauty and history of the Delaware & Raritan Canal and the Millstone Valley, CanalFest has continued to grow in its three-year history. There will be arts and crafts vendors, family-oriented activities, an informative lecture about life on the Canal and the environmental issues facing it, local bands on three stages and the quaint "Village" businesses will be open. All profits benefit the Franklin Township Food Bank..

Buy a duck for the 1st Rubber Duck race. Duck raffle tickets are available for \$5. For more information on where to purchase a duck, please visit [www.FranklinFoodBank.org](http://www.FranklinFoodBank.org) and click on the CanalFest link or visit Delaware Raritan Canal Festival on Facebook.

Prizes for the Duck Race include: a flight down the Delaware & Raritan Canal and a tour of Central Jersey Airport donated by Ken Lemineux; Dutch Total Soccer Training and Total Dutch Field Hockey Training packages at Soccer Centers; a basket of cheer donated by the Law Offices of Peter U. Lanfrit, Esq.; and a \$100 gift certificate to Stop & Shop.

For more information about the Franklin Township Food Bank, visit website [www.FranklinFoodBank.org](http://www.FranklinFoodBank.org), email [nla-corte@ftfb.us](mailto:nla-corte@ftfb.us) or call 732.246.0009. Visit D&R CanalFest/ Facebook or [www.facebook.com/eastmillstone](http://www.facebook.com/eastmillstone), or e-mail questions to [dandrcanalfest@gmail.com](mailto:dandrcanalfest@gmail.com).

## RABIES CLINICS

Animal Shelter, 475 DeMott Lane

CATS - 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. • September 14, 2013

*Cats should be in carriers.*

DOGS - 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. • December 14, 2013

*Dogs should be on leashes.*

## Wild Turkey Presentation

On October 21 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building, the public will have an opportunity to learn about why wild turkeys were wiped out in New Jersey and the extraordinary efforts that were undertaken to bring them back when the Franklin Township Environmental Commission presents, "The Wild Turkey in New Jersey." Wild turkey biologist, Anthony McBride, of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife will provide an overview of the natural history of wild turkeys. His presentation will include behavior, diet and life cycle, how they were extirpated from New Jersey and the efforts to bring them back, as well as some of the complexities associated with managing an ancient species that occasionally bumps up against the modern lifestyles of people.

When Dutch settlers first arrived in what would eventually be known as Franklin Township around 1650, wild turkeys were a well-established part of the area's wildlife scene. By the 1840s they had all but disappeared. Thanks to intensive restoration efforts begun over 30 years ago, wild turkeys are doing better than ever in the Garden State and thriving in locations that biologists once thought were impossible.

## The Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee (TAC)

is proud to present the 2014 Trails Calendar showcasing photos from the Township, the submissions and winning images of the Trails Photography Contest.



Van Liew Suydam Historic House Photo by Thanusa Puvan

Each photo serves to remind us that Franklin Township encompasses over 65 miles of beautiful diverse trails for hiking, cycling, geocaching, horseback riding, birding, and more.

### Great Birthday and Holiday Gifts. Buy Local.

Calendars are \$10.00 and prepaid orders are currently being accepted through Friday, November 15, at the Township Clerk's Office, 475 DeMott Lane, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by contacting the Township's Land Preservation and Management Consultant, Fran Varacalli at [fran.varacalli@twp.franklin.nj.us](mailto:fran.varacalli@twp.franklin.nj.us). Calendars will be available for pick up by early December. Any proceeds from the calendars will be placed in the Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

## OPEN SPACE PROGRAM CONTINUES NATURE WALKS

### Explore wilderness right in the heart of Franklin Township!

The Township's open space program will, for the 9th consecutive year, sponsor FREE guided nature walks on Township open space parcels.

The walks are along easy terrain and are great for kids.

### GRIGGSTOWN FALL FOLIAGE – TREE ID AND BIRD WALK

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon • 1091 Canal Road, Princeton, NJ

This should be about the best weekend to see the fall colors. It's also a good time to see a wide variety of migrant birds. Bring binoculars if you have them; some loaner binoculars are available.

This program will be led by Stephanie Punnett.

Detailed directions to the parks, information, and updates are available at [http://www.franklintwpnj.org/open\\_space.html](http://www.franklintwpnj.org/open_space.html)



Contact Fran Varacalli at [franklintrails@gmail.com](mailto:franklintrails@gmail.com) or 732.690.7750 with questions and to RSVP



## Franklin in Technology Classes

September 26 to October 31 • See Page 6 for details

We are currently accepting applications for Class Instructors.  
Visit the Franklin Township Personnel Dept. at 475 Demott Lane  
for an application and job description





# Department of Parks & Recreation Fall 2013 Information & Registration



## 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	Six-session program designed for a parent and child to work together in various activity areas such as: circle time, active play, parachute games, arts & crafts, and social interaction play.	12-24 Months 25-36 Months	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/21-10/26	9:00-10:00 am 10:10-11:10 am	Community Center	\$35 \$35	20110-D1 20110-D2
	P.L.A.Y. Soccer (Pre-Schoolers Learning Athletics Year-Round)	An introduction into the sport of soccer for 4 & 5 year olds (not in Kindergarten). Children will learn the skills of kicking, passing and scoring goals. This is an inclusive program (open to special education & regular education children).	4 & 5 Years (NOT in Kindergarten)	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/28-10/26	9:00-9:45 am 9:45-10:30 am 10:30-11:15 am 11:15-Noon	Franklin Park School Annex	\$40 \$40 \$40 \$40	19520-01 19520-02 19520-03 19520-04
	Parent & Me Sports Squirts	7-Week session for younger children and a parent to participate in a variety of sports activities in a safe, structured, and fun environment with the focus on coordination.	2-3 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/15-10/27	1:15-2:00 pm 2:30-3:15 pm	Inman Park	\$95 \$95	12011-F4 12011-F5
	Total Sports Squirts	This program features variety of outdoor sport activities in a safe, structured and fun environment with focus on coordination, movement, balance and more!	3-5 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/15-10/27	1:00-2:00 pm 2:15-3:15 pm	Inman Park	\$125 \$125	12011-F1 12011-F2
	Multi-Sports	This fun-packed program helps youngsters develop a wide range of sports skills with over 15 exciting sports!	6-10 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/15-10/27	3:30-4:30 pm	Inman Park	\$125	12011-F3
	Girls Basketball League	These 16-week programs will consist of 4 weeks of skill work & team placement during the Fall. Starting in January, teams will have 2 weeks of practice, followed by 10 weeks of non-competitive intramural play. *Boys Intermediate: Some Fri. PM games	Grades 4-6	Report Card	Saturdays 11/16-3/22 (No class on 11/30, 12/21, 12/28)	1:00-4:00 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$185	31022-GI
	Boys Junior Basketball League		Grades 3-4			1:00-4:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$185	31022-JB
	Boys Intermediate Basketball League*		Grades 5-6			9:00-Noon	Sampson G. Smith School	\$185	31022-IB
	Chess Beginners	Children will learn how to play the game of chess and develop strategies to become better chess players in this 8-week program.	Grades K-6	Report Card	Mondays 9/23-11/18 No class 10/14	6:00-7:30 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$96	43011-09
	Chess Intermediate/Advanced		Grades K-6			7:30-9:00 pm		\$96	43011-10
	Franklin Township Youth Council	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? If you answered yes to these questions, then the Franklin Township Youth Council may be right for you!	Grades 7-11	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 10.25.13 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	This four-session Youth Developmental Tennis Program is designed for children ages 5 – 15. The program provides instruction and low level competitive tennis for all youth. This is accomplished through adjusted court sizes, racquet sizes, tennis balls, scoring, and net height.	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/28-10/19/13	10:30-11:30am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50	23521-N2	
	Super Servers				11:30-12:30pm	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50	23521-N3	
	Amazing Aces				12:30-1:30 pm	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50	23521-N4	
	Tennis Titans				1:30 - 2:30 pm	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50	23521-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/Advanced 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 9/28-10/19/13	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	

\*CLASSES CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER WILL BE MADE UP AT THE END OF THE SEASON\*

## Teen/Adult/Senior Programs

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number	
	Adult Executive Basketball (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted)	Basketball pick-up games for adults 25+.	25 Years+	Drivers License with Picture ID	Mondays 9/23-6/9 (No Class: 12/23, 12/30, 1/20, 2/17, 4/14, 4/21, 5/26)	7:00-10:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$55	61045-EB
	Teen Recreation (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted)	Basketball, Arts & Crafts, Trips, Game Room, Life Skills, & Special Events. Register the first night you attend.	Grades 7-12	Report Card w/ school ID	TBA	7:00-9:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	Free	55532-13
	Co-Ed Volleyball (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted)	A program of pick-up games for adults 18 years of age and older. 7:00- 9:00PM is Recreational Play; 9:00-10:00PM is more competitive play.	18 Years+	Drivers License	Tuesdays 9/24-6/3 (No Class: 10/15, 12/24, 12/31, 4/15)	7:00-10:00 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$55	66532-VB
	Total Body Works	Low impact aerobics and light weight work that gives your body a total work-out. Instructed by Carol Bender.	16 Years+		Mon. & Wed. 9/23-11/20 (No Class: 10/16, 11/11)	6:30-7:30 pm	Community Center	\$50	26043-01
	Adult Zumba	An 8-session class that's a fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system. Instructors: Robin McCoy (Th) and Vidhu Goyal (F)	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Thursdays 9/19-11/7 Fridays 9/20-11/15 (No Class: 9/27)	7:30-8:30 pm 7:00-8:00 pm	Community Center	\$30 \$30	26044-01 26044-02
	Adult Evening Ceramics	Participants will work with slab clay, and paint/glaze/fire their pieces, under the direction of Joana Peralta, BOE Ceramics teacher.	16 Years+	Drivers License	Fridays 10/18-1/24 (No Class: 11/8, 11/29, 12/27)	6:00-8:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$125	67512-01
	Franklin In Technology	Learning Computing Internet/Email (must possess basic computing skills) Word Intermediate/Advanced Excel Intermediate/Advanced	18 Years+	Drivers License	Thursdays	10:00am-11:00am 11:30am-12:30pm 1:00pm-2:00pm 2:30pm-3:30pm	Community Center	\$65/Res \$130/ Non-Res.	67711-26 67711-25 67711-27 67711-28

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

		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	Register w/ the County Office on Aging 908-704-6339	60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon:12:45-2:30pm, Fri: 10:11:45 am, and Fri 12 pm-1:45 pm.	Senior Center	County	
	Spanish for Beginners	55 Years +	TBA - Sign up at Recreation	Wednesdays	2:00-3:00 pm	Senior Center	\$10/residents	
	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	
	Pokero	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	Thursdays	10:00-11:00 am	Senior Center	\$40	
	Sr. Yoga	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	9:30-10:30 am	Senior Center	\$35/residents	
	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 or 1:00 - 2:00pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents	
	Hi-Steppers Dance Troupe	55 Years +	Year-Round	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 call 732-873-1991, option 4.



# Department of Parks & Recreation Fall 2013 Information & Registration



**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2013**  
**1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**\$5.00/CHILD ADMISSION**

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

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

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

**S.E.E. Program**  
 Saturday Enrichment Experiences are monthly, one day, hands-on programs focusing on a variety of topics in the science, art and environmental education fields. Open to children ages 7-12 & held at the Franklin Park School Cafeteria 9AM-12PM  
 Fall Dates:  
 October 19  
 November 16  
 December 21

Please call the Recreation Department (732) 873-1991, Option 4 or e-mail franklinrec@twp.frnklin.nj.us for Program Topics & Registration Information

**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 monthly on:  
 September 15 (Sunday)  
 October 12  
 November 9  
 December 14

**\*\*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, Option 4 or sue.vanaken@twp.frnklin.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.

**Franklin Township Baseball League** 732/828-1233  
[www.FTLBaseball.com](http://www.FTLBaseball.com)

**Franklin Township Soccer League** 732/699-0002  
[www.ftsconline.org](http://www.ftsconline.org)

**Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading** [www.ftpw.org](http://www.ftpw.org)  
**South Bound Brook/Somerset Little League** 732/469-7761  
[www.sbsll.com/sbsll@yahoo.com](http://www.sbsll.com/sbsll@yahoo.com)

**Franklin Township Wrestling** [www.franklinwrestlingclub.com](http://www.franklinwrestlingclub.com)  
**Hershey Track & Field** 732/425-3520  
**Adult Slo-Pitch Softball** 609/395-9167

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** with a postmark of **SEPTEMBER 9** 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 16, 2013 (unless otherwise noted)**

**\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*\*\*\*** **NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:** **\*\*\*\*PLEASE READ CAREFULLY\*\*\*\***

We will be accepting mail-in registrations with **postmark** dates of **SEPTEMBER 9** 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 16, 2013**

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 16, 2013. 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 16, 2013**

**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.

**HOLIDAYS:** Regular activities will not be held on the following days:  
**September 5 & 6:** Rosh Hashanah **September 14:** Yom Kippur **October 15:** Eid  
**November 7-8:** Teacher's Convention **November 11:** Veterans Day  
**November 28-December 1:** Thanksgiving Weekend


**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.

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

**FEE 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.

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						CASH	CHECK #		
 <b>ADULT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION</b>			LAST NAME				FIRST NAME				
			ADDRESS								
			CITY		STATE	ZIP		E-MAIL			
			HOME		WORK		CELL				
			EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME/RELATIONSHIP						EMERGENCY PHONE		
<b>PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION</b>											
My child will be picked up by (Mothers Name) _____ (Fathers Name) _____											
(Other) _____ (Relationship) _____ My child has permission to walk/bike home (circle one) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No.											
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.											
<input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I WILL allow <input type="checkbox"/> 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		<input type="checkbox"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN <input type="checkbox"/> PARTICIPANT			

## How much do you know about Franklin Township? Here's some trivia you may find interesting:

- There are three Senior Citizen clubs with 22 scheduled activities per week.
- Franklin is served by volunteers from ten fire companies and five rescue squads, with assistance from Robert Wood Johnson during peak periods.
- The Fire Prevention Bureau made 5,850 inspections in 2012. There are 29,000 newsletters printed three times a year; the cost is \$5,466 for printing and design of an 8-page newsletter and \$4,543.45 to mail to all residents and businesses.
- Cable franchise fees paid to Township for 2013 included \$52,910.57 from Comcast and \$126,207.79 from Verizon.
- At the Animal Shelter on July 3, 2013 (night of annual fireworks show), 19 dogs were relocated to offsite locations; 4 pet pigs remained and relaxed with music and 20+ cats remained and slept through the fireworks.
- From January to June, 2013, the Township website had 89,455 visitors making 146,210 visits. The average visitor viewed 4.99 pages. Of those visits, 82,302 were from outside the United States.
- Over 250 miles of public roadway are maintained by the Township, with an average of 4,200 tons of salt applied each season from the Township's 800-ton salt dome.
- The Clerk's office registered 2,596 dogs in 2012, including one seeing eye dog and two service dogs (a State Police dog and a therapy dog).
- There were 129 deer-related car incidents reported in 2012.

### Construction

- In 2012, the Construction Department issued 3,419 new permits and 711 updates.
- Over \$123,180,000 was invested in construction, with more than 1,076,269 square feet of new construction. This included 27 new commercial buildings, 217 new residential buildings and 166 new apartments.

### Township Library statistics for 2012

- The cost to operate the library was \$3,164,726.
- There were 456,400 items circulated, 299,298 visitors to the library, 59,340 sessions of public computer use, 27,050 reference questions answered and 22,103 people who attended special library programs.
- There are three library branches: Municipal complex on DeMott Lane, 3391 Rt. 27 South in Franklin Towne Center, and 935 Hamilton Street (plus downloadable e-books and audio-books available on line 24/7).

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

### CONVENIENCE CENTER DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

<i>Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.</i>	<i>Mondays, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</i>
September 7, 21	September 9
October 5, 19	October 7, 21
November 2, 16, 30	
December 14, 28	

### 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 is charged 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 and Construction Materials (sheet rock, tile, concrete, brick, asphalt, rock, etc.), grass, tree stumps, tree trunks or tree parts from below ground level, railroad ties, treated wood, household garbage, food waste, or cooking oil Hazardous Materials, pesticides, oil paint, chemicals, driveway sealer, etc, or propane tanks (these items can be dropped off at Somerset County's Hazardous Waste Drop Off collections)

### 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.

### ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION - CURBSIDE 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. 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. 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. Leaf collection dates are on Mondays. If Monday is a holiday, leaves will be collected the following day. October 28, November 4, 12, 18, 25

### SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING – 732-469-3363

<http://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.

### FRANKLIN TWP/SOUTH BOUND BROOK COLLECTION DATES

September 5, 19 • October 3, 17, 31 • November

### FRANKLIN PARK/GRIGGSTOWN COLLECTION DATES

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

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. • September 14 • Branchburg Township Public Works Garage, 34 Kenbury Road, Branchburg, NJ 08876 • October 26 South County Public Garage, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

### SOMERSET RECYCLING CENTER

40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater • 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. • 1st Saturday of the Month  
September 7, October 5, November 2

### RECYCLE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

Newtech Recycling, 600A Apgar Drive, Somerset • Call 732-564-3110 for more information • Monday through Friday • 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saturdays, September 7, October 5, November 2 and December 7 • 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

### 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. 7 - Franklin Township Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane
- Sept. 21 - Bound Brook Commuter Parking Lot, 100 West Main Street
- Sept. 28 - Branchburg Municipal Building, 1077 US Highway 202 North
- Oct. 12 - Bernards Twp Engineering Services Bldg., 277 S. Maple Rd., Basking Ridge
- Oct. 19 - Green Brook Municipal Building, 111 Green Brook Rd.

### MEDICINE DROP-OFF

Residents can dispose of unwanted, expired or unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs in three permanent prescription drop-off boxes:

- Somerset County Sheriff's Office, County Administration Building Lower Level, 20 Grove Street, Somerville, 24 hours a day
- Hillsborough Police Department, 379 S. Branch Rd., Hillsborough, 24 hours a day
- Bernards Township Police Department, 1 Collyer Lane, Basking Ridge, 6:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. or after hours via phone located in station.

### 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. For details, see Somerset County's Talking Trash newsletter, <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/pdf/TTTrashweb.pdf>.