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'Local Government 101'



'Local Government 101' is an insider's view of Franklin Township in action. Various aspects of municipal government are the focus of articles in each issue of the Franklin Times. If you find these articles helpful and have ideas and suggestions for future articles, call 732-873-2500, ext. 6239, or e-mail joyce.miller@twp.franklin.nj.us

Do you ever wish that you could have the world at your fingertips? Well, we can't quite give you the world, but we can certainly give you Franklin Township! The Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org, is one of the easiest ways to get information about the Township in which you live. Last year alone the site received close to 260,000 visits and was viewed over 1.6 million times!

Don't have time to continuously check the website for new information? Not a problem. Simply register for automatic updates and tag www.franklintwpnj.org as one of your favorites. Be informed about everything from police alerts and road closures to free monthly blood pressure clinics and county bus schedules. Residents can register their cell phone numbers and e-mails to receive alerts from Franklin Township and Somerset County.

The website, managed by City Connections, LLC, was redesigned to provide the visitor with quick access to information—news they can use. There are four areas which highlight what the site has to offer: outbound and inbound functions, recreation and, most importantly, postings and links to provide transparency and let you know exactly what's going on in your Township.

Outbound Information

The goal is to provide up-to-date information. Included are:

- Road closures, weather alerts, and flood warnings. Also available are numerous notices and items of general interest, such as:
- Free monthly blood pressure clinic
- County bus schedules
- Links to state sites to assist during the winter and tough economic times.

Periodically surveys on important topics are posted to help residents provide their input on where to best spend their tax dollar or feedback on the quality of Township services. Past surveys included:

- Public access TV channels use and programming
- Recreation facilities and programs
- Preservation and Recreation Needs Assessment and Action Plan.

Inbound Communication

A Citizen Request Portal, supported by Spatial Data Logic, integrates the Township's Geographic Information System (GIS) with residents' inquiries and requests.

Need to tell us something or to check the status of an application? Not a problem. By creating an account and logging on, residents can:

- Enter complaints
- Make requests
- Check the status of a property or a permit application
- Report fallen trees blocking roadways, potholes, and low water pressure
- Check status of a construction or fire prevention permit
- Inquire about a license request

There are also numerous forms available on Departments' web pages. Some examples include:

- Revenue—pay your taxes and water bills on line; check property's assessment data
- Vital Statistics--marriage license application; domestic partnership registration
- Fire Prevention—certificate of smoke detector, carbon monoxide alarm and portable fire extinguisher compliance
- Police—update for alarm systems
- Community Development Block Grant—application for grants
- Township Manager—customer service response form
- Tax Assessor—claim for real property tax deduction for seniors, disabled, veterans and surviving spouses; farmland assessment application; local property tax forms from the State of New Jersey
- Construction—construction permit applications; application for administrative approval of a site plan
- Municipal Clerk—citizen leadership form for those interested in volunteering to serve on a Township committee or commission; open public records request
- Planning and Zoning—zoning permit applications; application for a temporary use permit; waiver of a minor site plan application

Recreation

The Recreation section has important information on community special events, summer camps for the kids, educational programs, sports and activities and more. The site also includes programs sponsored by the Recreation Department and information about outside sports organizations.

On the "Things to Do and See" page visitors can find information on the Township's history, links to the Eco-Heritage Tourism and preserved open space maps, and listing of the Township parks and facilities.

Open Government

But the site's main goal is the transparency of government. This is just a brief sampling of what is available:

- Name and contact information for their Council representative
- Draft agendas for the Township Council
- Audio recording of the Council meetings
- Directories and a 'Which Department Do I Need?' listing
- Minutes of the Council and various committees and boards, copies of resolutions
- Proposed ordinances and budgets
- The Township's Code Book
- Calendar of all the Township meetings
- Access Channels program schedules
- Links to the Board of Education, Somerset County, library, local fire companies, numerous New Jersey State sites and other local volunteer organizations that serve Franklin

So log onto www.franklintwpnj.org today and see what great information is available to you.

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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
 Vital Statistics (Marriage and Death Certificates) 6375
 Health Complaint 24/7 6370
 Historic Preservation 6274
 Housing Rehabilitation 6259
 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

TO CALL TOWN HALL

732-873-2500

E-MAIL

Township Manager:

craig.novick@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

Options for Tax and Water Payments

After-Hour Payments

There is a new 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. There is a 2.5% fee for payments by credit cards, and 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.

2012 PRIMARY ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES

April 8, 2012 Change of Party Affiliation Declaration Deadline for Primary Election.
 May 15, 2012 Voter Registration deadline to be able to vote in the Primary Election.
 May 29, 2012 Deadline for filing Mail-In Applications by mail for Primary Election.
 June 4, 2012 Deadline for filing Mail-In Application in person with County Clerk for Primary Election.
 June 5, 2012 Primary Election Day
 General Election Independent Candidate Petition Filing Deadline at 4 p.m.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY 2012 PRIMARY/GENERAL ELECTION POLLING PLACES

Polling Location	Polling District(s)
Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4565 Route 27, Kingston	1
Griggstown Firehouse, 1037 Canal Road, South of Bunker Hill, Princeton	2, 3, 4
Wynnefield Clubhouse, 31 DeSoto Drive, Franklin Park	5, 6
Beacon Hill Clubhouse, 1 Beaconhill Way, Franklin Park	7
Society Hill III Clubhouse, 2 Bethany Court	8
Society Hill II Clubhouse, 111 Fisher Drive, Franklin Park	9
Society Hill I Clubhouse, 137 Pear Tree Lane, Franklin Park	10
Elizabeth Avenue Volunteer Fire Co., 2 Wiley Drive, Somerset	11, 12, 13, 16, 17
Somerset Volunteer Fire Co., 14 Hollywood Avenue, Somerset	14, 22, 23
Quailbrook Senior Citizens Center 625 New Brunswick Road, Somerset	15, 21
Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset	18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 28, 29
Millstone Valley Firehouse, 2365 Amwell Road, East Millstone	26, 27
Consolata Missions, 2301 Route 27, Somerset	30, 31, 32, 33, 34
Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset	35, 36, 37, 38, 42
Parkside Community Center, 3 Parkside Street, Somerset	39, 40, 41, 43
East Franklin Firehouse, 121 Pine Grove Avenue, Somerset	44, 45, 46, 47
Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 JFK Blvd, Somerset	48, 49, 50, 51

ATTENTION VOTERS ELECTION WARDS HAVE BEEN REALIGNED

As a result of the implementation of the Adopted Ward Realignment Plan for Franklin Township, effective January 1, 2012, the following Election Districts have been realigned into different Wards:

Election District 23 has been realigned from Ward 2 to Ward 5 - Polling location will remain at the Somerset Volunteer Fire Company, 14 Hollywood Avenue, Somerset. Ward 5 Councilman James Vassanella can be contacted at 732-873-2500, ext. 6238 or by email at councilman.vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us.

Election District 25 has been realigned from Ward 3 to Ward 4 - Polling location will remain at Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset. Ward 4 Councilman Carl Wright can be contacted at 732-873-2500 ext. 6297 or by email at councilman.wright@twp.franklin.nj.us.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the Office of the Township Clerk at 732-873-2500 ext. 6208.

School Board Election Moves to November

The Franklin Township Board of Education adopted a resolution that moves the School Election from the third Tuesday in April to the General Election in November. This change in election date shall remain in effect until at least November, 2015. The law also eliminates the vote on the annual school budget when the base budget is at or below the statutory levy cap.

The Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator. It also believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of its members at the General Election, and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in the Township's public schools.

The annual organization meeting of the Franklin Township Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election. The next organization meeting will take place during the first week of January, 2013. The members of the Franklin Township Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January, 2013 organization meeting.

Franklin Township Council

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Brian Levine – Mayor 732-873-5454 or 732-873-2500, ext. 6396	12/31/15
Mayor.Levine@twp.franklin.nj.us	
Phillip Kramer – Deputy Mayor and Councilman, 3rd Ward . . . 732-873-2500, ext. 6327	12/31/13
Councilman.Kramer@twp.franklin.nj.us	
Kimberly Francois – Councilwoman-at-Large 732-873-2500, ext. 6385	12/31/15
Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us	
Rajiv Prasad – Councilman-at-Large 732-873-2500, ext. 6319	12/31/15
Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us	
Brian Regan – Councilman-at-Large 732-873-2500, ext. 6329	12/31/15
Councilman.Regan@twp.franklin.nj.us	
Theodore Chase – Councilman, 1st Ward 732-873-2500, ext. 6318	12/31/13
Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us	
Rozalyn Sherman – Councilman, 2nd Ward 732-873-2500, ext. 6316	12/31/13
Councilwoman.Sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us	
Carl R. A. Wright – Councilman, 4th Ward 732-873-2500, ext. 6397	12/31/13
Councilman.Wright@twp.franklin.nj.us	
James Vassanella – Councilman, 4th Ward 732-873-2500, ext. 6328	12/31/13
Councilman.Vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us	

Frequently Asked Questions?

When a car approaches with a blue flashing light, do we have to pull over like we do for police or fire vehicles?

It is the law to pull over for flashing blue lights which are used by active volunteers of local emergency services organizations. Failure to yield could lead to a fine and points on your license.

What do I need to know about having a Garage Sale?

You do not need a permit. You do need to abide by the Township's sign ordinance. Garage sale signs cannot be attached to poles, posts, or be in any right of way. Signs should be placed on a person's property only with their permission and removed immediately after the sale.

My neighbor said all pools need to be fenced in? Ours is a blow-up pool designed for little children. I don't need a fence, do I?

Any outdoor swimming pool, including an in-ground, above-ground or on-ground pool, hot tub or spa shall be surrounded by a barrier that is code compliant. Blow-up style pools that are emptied every night are exempt. Call the Construction Department if you have any questions, 732-873-7283.

How do I replace a lost or stolen recycling bucket?

Go to Public Works at 40 Churchill Avenue between 7 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. to get the buckets. Each residence is entitled to one original bucket and one extra bucket.

Where does the money from the license fees for cats and dogs go?

The majority of the license fees remain in Franklin to be used for animal and rabies control activities. Additionally, \$1.00 for each dog licensed is forwarded to the New Jersey for the Rabies Trust Fund to support State rabies and animal control programs; \$3.00 for unneutered dogs is forwarded to the Animal Population Control Program to fund the New Jersey low cost spay and neuter program; and \$0.20 for each dog licensed is forwarded to The People for Animals, Inc. low cost spay and neuter clinic located in Hillside, NJ. These fees were enacted into law by the State in 1983.

Is there a problem with feeding the deer?

It is illegal in Franklin to feed deer. Code 115-1(B) states "No person shall within the Township of Franklin, purposefully or knowingly feed deer, Canada geese or wild turkey through ground level feeding stations, salt licks or other established and permanent means by which to feed wildlife, except in accordance with New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife provisions."

A neighbor saw a coyote. Is this something new we have to worry about?

Spotting of coyote in Franklin are becoming more prevalent but should not cause alarm. Coyotes are obsessive feeders, so remove potential food sources such as garbage and pet food. Keep yards well manicured to keep down the rodent population, one of the coyotes' main food source. If the animal appears to be ill or acting in an aggressive manner, call the police.

In and Around the Township

HAMILTON STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT CONTINUES GROWTH

The Hamilton Street Business District was established to promote and improve the oldest and most diverse commercial area within the Township of Franklin. Several dozen local business owners and residents volunteer their time to do so. The organization's agenda for 2012 includes the following:

- Emphasis on addressing property maintenance concerns
- Renewed interaction with Police Department regarding public safety
- Assist existing businesses with challenges they face
- Help acquaint new businesses into the community
- Update web site to improve communication with stakeholders and the community

Recent accomplishments include:

- Expansion of Somerset County bus route with two additional bus stops within the Business District
- Repair of damaged or malfunctioning street lights
- Improved efficiencies of the organization with a smaller budget
- Retaining of new executive director, Michael Pappas

Additional volunteers are needed to assist in the Marketing Committee and other efforts. Those interested in participating in the activities of the Business District can call 732-873-2500, ext. 6400 or send an e-mail to exdirhsbd@aol.com

Annual Food Bank's Tour de Franklin April 29, 2012

The annual Tour de Franklin bicycle ride fundraiser will be held on Sunday, April 29, to benefit the Franklin Township Food Bank.

Riders can choose from six organized bike rides through scenic and historic Franklin Township designed for cyclists of all levels – from beginner to serious cyclist. Routes range from a one- to five-mile bike/walk to a 62-mile "metric century". There is also an off road event on the Delaware & Raritan Canal tow path. Start times range from 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m. All riders receive a free lunch and official Tour de Franklin T-Shirt and are automatically entered to win fantastic prizes including bicycles, gift certificates and more!

The Franklin Township Food Bank supplies free emergency food assistance to residents in need. In 2011, the Food Bank served more than 5,000 individuals.

For more information and to register, visit <https://ftfb.dojiggy.com/registration2/index.cfm>, or email events@ftfb.org.

Annual Reassessment Program Underway

Inspectors from the Township's Tax Assessor's office have started calling on residents to inspect their properties as part of the 2013 reassessment program. Residents are encouraged to ask to see the inspector's Township-issued identification before letting anyone into their home.

The 2012 property tax assessment notification postcards have been mailed to all property owners. It is important to carefully check the card to insure the accuracy of your assessment. If you disagree with your assessment or it appears to be in error, an appeal should be filed with the Somerset County Board of Taxation no later than May 1, 2012. Instructions on filing an appeal appear on the card. If you have any questions with respect to the reassessment program or filing a tax assessment appeal, please call 732-873-2500, ext. 6320.

Girls to Pearls Program Trip



In January, the Franklin Girls to Pearls youth visited Atlanta, Georgia on an educational tour, spending a few minutes with Secretary of State Brian R. Kemp. Pictured left to right: Brianna Rodrigues, Avery Dickie, Anyeai Gainer, Director of the Township's Community Resource and Services Department Diane Leach-Thompson,, and Audra Hill/chaperone & mentor, Secretary Kemp, Porschia Boyd, Jordyn Williams, Lorna Osley, Kayla Hill, & Shadeera Riddick. Not pictured: Nichole Vinson/chaperone & mentor; Camille Lark/chaperone & mentor.

DECEMBER, JANUARY
FEBRUARY AND MARCH

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Regular meetings:

April 10, 24 • May 8, 22 •
June 12, 26 • July 10 • August 14

Planning Board

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
April 4, 18, 25 • May 2, 16, 23
June 6, 20, 27 • July 11, 18, 25
August 1

Board of Adjustment

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
April 5, 19 • May 3, 17 • June 7, 21
July 12, 19 • August 2

Advisory Board of Health
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
April 4 • May 2 • June 6
August 1

Agricultural Advisory Committee
Municipal Building 8 p.m.
April 19 • May 17 • June 21
July 19 • August 16

Cable TV Advisory Committee
Municipal Building 7 p.m.
April 2 • May 7 • June 4
July 2 • August 6

Emergency Life Support
Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.
May 7 • July 2

Environmental Commission
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
April 2, 16 • May 7, 21 • June 4, 18
July 16 • August 6, 20

Fire Prevention Board
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
April 12 • May 10 • June 14
July 12 (meet at 14 Hollywood Ave
Hamilton Street

Business Community Board
Location changes 6:30 p.m.
Contact Board for location
April 4 • May 2 • June 6 • August 1

**Historic Preservation
Commission**
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
April 11 • May 9 • June 13
July 11 • August 8

Human Relations Commission
Township Library 7:00 p.m.
April 23 • June 25 • July 23
August 27

**Municipal Alliance for the Preven-
tion of Substance Abuse**
Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.
April 25 • May 23 • June 27
July 25 • August 22

Open Space Advisory Committee
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
April 17 • May 15 • June 19
July 17 • August 21

Recreation Advisory Council
Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.
April 11 • May 9 • June 13
July 11 • August 8

Redevelopment Agency
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
April 16 • May 21 • June 18
July 16

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

Senior Advisory Committee
Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.
April 27 • May 25 • June 29

Sewerage Authority
70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.
April 3 • May 1 • June 6 • July 3
August 7

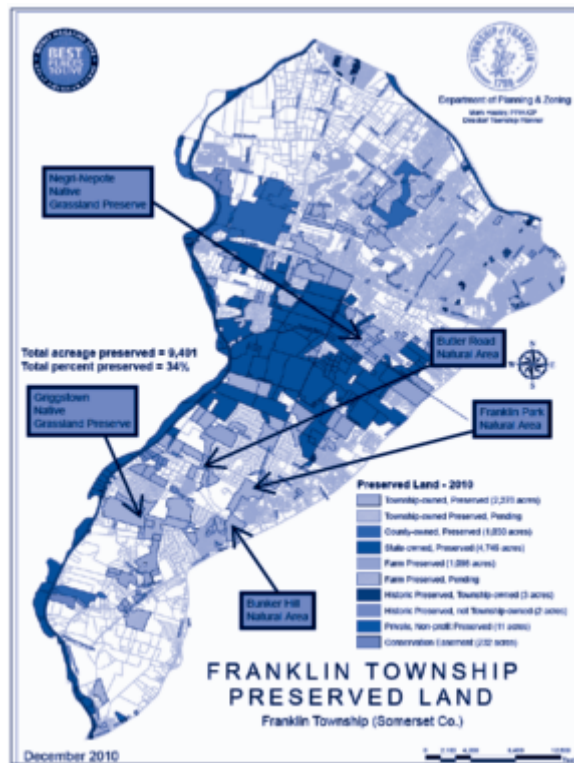
Shade Tree Commission
Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
April 26 • May 24 • June 28
July 26

Trails Advisory Committee
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
May 9 • July 11

Youth Service Commission
Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.
April 25 • May 23 • June 27
July 25 • August 22

Detailed trails maps now available on the web

Detailed trails maps of four major open space tracts are available on the Township's website:
http://www.franklintwpnj.org/detailed_trail_maps.html and at the information kiosks located at the beginning of each trail head.



The maps are for the following areas:

- The Bunker Hill Natural Area
50 Bunker Hill Road
- Franklin Park Natural Area
15 Old Vliet Road
- The Butler Road Natural Area
134 Butler Road
- The Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve
1091 Canal Road
- The Negri-Nepote Native Grassland Preserve, 260 Skillman Lane

Copies of the trails maps are also available from the Township Engineer's office by calling 732 873-2500, extension 6230.

Trails Advisory Committee: Trail-Use Promotion Plan

With Franklin Township having over 60 miles of trails crisscrossing its 46 square miles, the Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) is promoting trail use by Township residents. Toward that end, the TAC is sponsoring the following two programs:

- Take-a-Photo-from-a-Trail contest
- Travel-the-Franklin Trails program

Information about both of these projects, including deadlines, awards and rules, can be found on the Township website at www.franklintwpnj.org/Trail_Promotion_programs.pdf, or by contacting Karen Buckley in the Township Engineering Office at Karen.buckley@twp.franklin.nj.us.

Volunteers needed to remove invasive species and to plant native species at Franklin Township's Negri Nepote Native Grassland Preserve!

Attention green thumbs! If you are interested in either the task of removing invasives or helping to plant natives we need you!

Volunteer days are currently bring coordinated and will be held on a Saturday or Sunday morning in April. For more details, please contact the Township's Land Preservation & Management Consultant, Fran Varacalli, frances.varacalli@gmail.com or 732-690-7750.

Cleanup Event Saturday Morning, April 28, 2012

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission, in partnership with the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association (SBMWA), has scheduled an environmental stream clean-up event for Saturday morning, April 28 (9 a.m. to Noon) at the Delaware & Raritan Canal Towpath between East Millstone and the Weston Causeway. The event is planned to continue the annual clean-up of valuable natural areas in the Township begun in 2007.

Volunteers should meet at the D&R Crossing of Amwell Road in East Millstone. Parking is available at the park on Market Street.

Trash bags, gloves, water and granola bars will be provided for all volunteers. Details regarding the meeting location and time will be posted on the Comcast Channel 29 and Verizon Channel 33 and the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org/environmental-commission.html. Please reserve this morning to join us in this important endeavor. If you have any questions, please contact John Clyde at 732-846-9013 or jmclcyde@aol.com.

Welcome and Congratulations to Franklin Employees

Promotions:

Lawrence Roberts promoted to Chief of Police effective 11/14/11

Retirements:

James McDonnell, Sr. Patrolman, retirement effective 2/01/12

Kenneth Williams, Lieutenant, retirement effective 4/01/12

Robert Vornlocker, Sr. Lieutenant, retirement effective 4/01/12

New Hires:

Hondgar (Howard) Chi, Water Utility Operator/Asst. Public Works

Manager, hired 11/14/11

Joseph Dellaragione, Helpdesk Technician, hired 10/31/11

WHAT DEPARTMENT DO I NEED?

Main Number 732-873-2500		
	RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT	EXTENSION
ABANDONED CARS ON STREET	POLICE	732-873-2300
ABANDONED CARS OFF STREET	ZONING	6277
ABANDONED STRUCTURES	HEALTH	908-231-7155
ACCIDENT REPORTS	POLICE	732-873-5533 ext 1020
ADDITIONS (NEW)	ZONING	6274
	CONSTRUCTION	6220 or 732-873-7283
ADDITIONS - INSPECTIONS	CONSTRUCTION CODE DEPARTMENT	6220 or 732-873-7283
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	CENTRAL JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER (CJHRC)	cjhrc@verizon.net
	PLANNING	6255
ANIMAL SERVICE (DEAD OR STRAY) WEEK-DAYS	ANIMAL CONTROL	6255
ANIMAL SERVICE (DEAD OR STRAY) WEEK-ENDS AND EVENINGS	POLICE	732-873-2300
APARTMENT REGISTRATION	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
APPLIANCE PICK-UP	TOWNSHIP CLERK OR PUBLIC WORKS	6208 OR 732-249-7800
BIRTH CERTIFICATES	ISSUED IN TOWN WHERE BORN; IF BORN IN FRANKLIN, HEALTH DEPARTMENT	6375
BLOCK & LOT	TAX ASSESSOR	6320
Board of Public Utilities	www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance	800-624-0241
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE, HOME OCCUPATION, BUSINESS ZONING	PLANNING / ZONING	6274
CABLE TV	Verizon http://www22.verizon.com/residentialhelp/ 1-800-837-4966 Comcast www.comcast.com 1-800-266-2278 Board of Public Utilities www.state.nj.us/bpu/assistance 1-800-624-0241	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	ENGINEERING	6230
COMPLAINTS - PROPERTY	ZONING - 732-873-2500 EXT 6277 HEALTH DEPT. 908-231-7155	
CONDO ASSOCIATIONS	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
CONSTRUCTION PERMITS	CONSTRUCTION	6220 OR 732-873-7283
CONVENIENCE CENTER PASSES	TOWNSHIP CLERK OR PUBLIC WORKS	6208 OR 732-249-7800
COURT		732-873-7265 OR 6260, 6261, 6262
DEATH CERTIFICATES	VITAL STATISTICS	6375 OR 6213
DECKS (NEW)	ZONING	6274
	CONSTRUCTION	6220 OR 732-873-7283
DECKS - INSPECTION	CONSTRUCTION	6220 OR 732-873-7283
DEED INQUIRIES	TAX ASSESSOR	6320
DEMOLITIONS	ZONING	6320
	CONSTRUCTION	6220 OR 732-873-7283
DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS	ZONING / PLANNING / ENGINEERING	6274, 6230, 6271
DOG AND CAT LICENSES	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
DRIVEWAYS	ZONING	6274
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ASSISTANT MANAGER	6235
FARMLAND APPLICATION / INFORMATION	TAX ASSESSOR	6320
FARMLAND PRESERVATION	TOWNSHIP MANAGER	6201
FENCES	ZONING	6274
FIRE DISTRICT INFORMATION	FIRE PREVENTION	6303
FLOOD ZONES - MAPS	ENGINEERING	6230
GRASS NOT CUT, PROPERTY MAINTENANCE	HEALTH	908-231-7155
HEALTH EDUCATION	HEALTH	908-231-7155
HEALTH EMERGENCIES WEEKDAYS	HEALTH	908-231-7155
HEALTH EMERGENCIES WEEKENDS AND EVENINGS	POLICE	732-873-2300
HOMESTEAD REBATES	STATE	800-323-4400
HYDRANT - FLOW TEST	FIRE PREVENTION	6303
LEAF BAGS	TOWNSHIP CLERK OR PUBLIC WORKS	6208 OR 732-249-7800
LIMOUSINE CERTS	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
MARRIAGE LICENSES	VITAL STATISTICS	6375 OR 6213

WHAT DEPARTMENT DO I NEED?

NOISE COMPLAINTS WEEKDAYS	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	908-231-7155
NOISE COMPLAINTS WEEKENDS AND EVENINGS	POLICE	732-873-2300
NOTARY PUBLIC	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION	TOWNSHIP MANAGER	6201
OVERCROWDING, ILLEGAL MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS	ZONING	6277
ORDINANCES	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
PARK MAINTENANCE	PUBLIC WORKS	732-249-7800
PERC TESTS (PERMEABILITY TEST)	HEALTH DEPT	908-231-7155
PET ADOPTION	ANIMAL SHELTER	6255
POOL (NEW)	ZONING	6220
	CONSTRUCTION	6220 OR 732-873-7283
POOL - INSPECTION	CONSTRUCTION	6220
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE (E.G. TRASH, LITTER, WEEDS, GRASS NOT CUT)	HEALTH DEPT	908-231-7155
PSE&G	http://www.pseg.com/customer/home/overview.jsp	800-436-7734
PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE	HEALTH DEPT	908-231-7155
PUBLIC POOLS	HEALTH DEPT	908-231-7155
RECREATION PROGRAMS REGISTRATION & INFORMATION	PARKS & RECREATION DEPT	732-873-1991
RECYCLING BUCKETS	PUBLIC WORKS	732-249-7800
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS	PUBLIC WORKS	732-249-7800
RODENT COMPLAINTS	HEALTH	908-231-7155
SCHOOL INFORMATION		732-873-2400
SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS	PARKS AND RECREATION	732-873-1991
SENIOR CITIZEN TAXES	TAX ASSESSOR	6320
SEPTIC SYSTEM (ABANDONMENT)	HEALTH DEPT.	908-231-7155
SEWER AVAILABILITY	SEWER AUTHORITY	732-873-2121
SEWERAGE BILLS	SEWERAGE AUTHORITY	732-873-2121
SHEDS	ZONING	6274
SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	908-231-7155
SITE PLAN COPIES	ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	6230
SMOKE DETECTORS - RESALE OR LEASE	FIRE PREVENTION	6303
SNOW REMOVAL	PUBLIC WORKS	732-249-7800
SNOW NOT REMOVED FROM SIDEWALKS	POLICE	732-873-5533 ext 1002
SOIL DISTURBANCE PERMITS	ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	6230
SOIL IMPORTATION PERMITS	ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	6230
SOIL REMOVAL PERMITS	ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	6230
STREET MAPS	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
STREET OPENINGS (INCLUDING CURBS & SIDEWALKS)	ENGINEERING	6230
SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS	ZONING / PLANNING	6274
SURVEYS - COPY	CONSTRUCTION	6220 OR 732-873-7283
SURVEY - PROPERTY	TOWNSHIP DOES NOT PERFORM SURVEYS	
SURVEY - GENERAL QUESTIONS	ENGINEERING	6230
TANKS (FUEL OIL) - INSTALLATION	CONSTRUCTION	6220 OR 732-873-7283
TANKS (FUEL OIL) - REMOVAL	CONSTRUCTION	6220 OR 732-873-7283
TAX BILLS	TAX COLLECTOR	6330 OR 732-873-7284
TAX MAP - COPIES - TO PURCHASE	ENGINEERING	6230
TAXI LICENSES	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
TREES OVERHANGING SIDEWALKS, ROADS	PUBLIC WORKS	732-249-7800
TREE REMOVAL ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY	PUBLIC WORKS	732-249-7800
TREE REMOVAL PERMITS	ENGINEERING	6230
VETERAN TAXES	TAX ASSESSOR	6320
VOTER REGISTRATION	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
WATER AVAILABILITY	WATER DIVISION	732-249-7800
WATER-BILLING & METER READING	Maintenance ONLY 732-873-2500, ext. 6291 Billing 732-873-2500, ext. 6335	
WATER-FLUORIDE, LEAKS, DIRTY WATER, NEW METER	PUBLIC WORKS	732-249-7800
WELLS - INSTALLATION	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	908-231-7155
WELLS ABANDONED	HEALTH DEPARTMENT	908-231-7155
WETLANDS MAP	ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT	6230
ZONE MAPS - TO PURCHASE	TOWNSHIP CLERK	6208
ZONING QUESTIONS	ZONING	6274, 6271

Photography Contest Winners

The Franklin Township Public Library extends thanks to all of the photographers who submitted work for the “Picturing Franklin” photography contest. The Library received 43 eligible entries. The winners were announced during a reception at the Library on January 29. All entries are currently on display in the Library’s Historical Room display case and will become part of the library’s historical collection. First and second place prize winners were announced in each of five categories. First place entries are pictured here.

Architecture/Landmark 1st – Lynda Sudah, Colonial Park Cottage
2nd – Sondra Siegel, East Millstone Flood

Judges’ Choice 1st – Elizabeth Breedlove, Sunrise at Van Liew/Suydam House
2nd – Christine Henry, Colonial Park Magnolia

Landscape 1st – Kristel Tan, D&R Canal Towpath near Colonial Park
2nd – Ed Snell, D&R Canal behind Van Wickle House

Nature/Animals 1st – Sara Jewell, Luna Moth (Nob Hill, Franklin Park)
2nd – Barbara Lawrence, Light in the Woods (Somerset)

People 1st – Sidney Lentz, End of Day Rainbow (Somerset)
2nd – Vera Tarantino, Paul at Window after October Snow (Somerset)



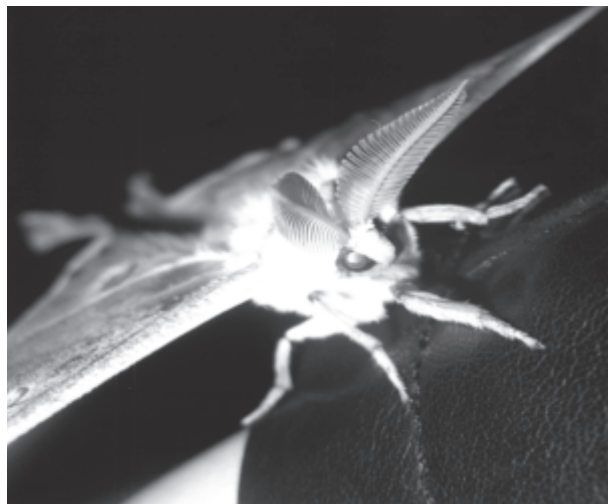
Colonial Park Cottage



Sunrise at Van Liew/Suydam House



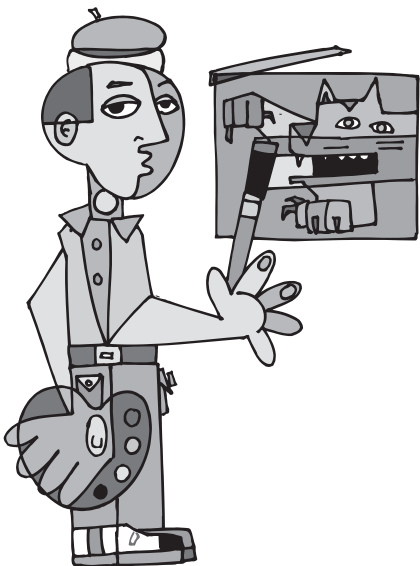
D&R Canal Towpath near Colonial Park



Luna Moth

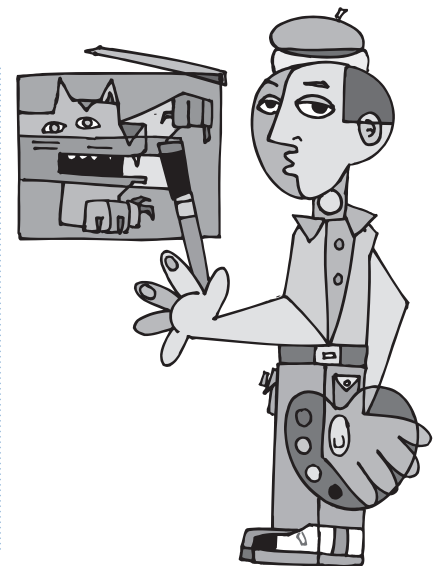


End of Day Rainbow



NEW EXHIBITION OPPORTUNITY FOR FRANKLIN ARTISTS

The newly formed Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council will be initiating a program of exhibitions for fine artists, photographers, sculptors and crafts people to display their works at the Franklin Library. The Visual Arts Sub-committee under the chairmanship of Helene Roth is compiling a list of those residents interested in participating. Ms Roth encourages those interested in learning the details of the program to email her at: franklincac@gmail.com



Cultural Arts Council Is Looking For Members

The Franklin Cultural Arts Council (CAC) is growing its membership and invites you to learn more about the exciting new opportunities that exist and to join our expanding network of artists. The CAC was created to help strengthen the Franklin community by promoting and encouraging the expression and appreciation of the visual, literary and performing arts.

Still in its formative stages, the Arts Council is looking for members for their Steering Committee as well as for their Sub-Committees, Advisory Committee and Registry.

The Steering Committee is responsible for overseeing the development of programs and events promoted by the Council and the sub-committees. In addition they provide business support, working on such issues as By-Laws and Fund Raising.

There are three Sub-Committees: Visual, Performing and Literary Arts.

Each Sub-Committee will have its own chair and will work with their artist members to come up with their overall goals and objectives which will include programming, membership and ideas for fund raising and venues.

The Artist Registry will be a listing of artists that can be accessed by anyone who comes to Cultural Arts website looking for artists for programs they may be initiating or other artists looking for people to work with.

The Council also plans on establishing an Advisory Committee that will work with the Steering Committee to help foster advocacy of the Visual, Literary and Performing arts throughout Franklin.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact Councilwoman Rozalyn Sherman at councilwoman.sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us or 732-873-2500, ext. 6316.

Affordable Housing Available

Condos available Apartments available
\$107,000 - \$195,000 \$690 - \$1,409

Based on income.
Must meet credit and program criteria.
CALL: 908-203-4560.

LIVE WHERE YOU WORK PROGRAM

Live Where You Work-Franklin is a special homebuyer incentive program that provides low-interest mortgage loans to homebuyers who work in and who are looking to purchase a home in Franklin Township.

The Benefits of the program include:

Low-interest mortgages for homebuyers

- Down payment and closing cost assistance for the purchase of a home
- More flexible underwriting criteria for the loan qualification process
- Additional savings offered by local businesses in partnership with the Township of Franklin

Live Where You Work is sponsored by the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (HMFA) in partnership with individual cities, boroughs and townships throughout New Jersey.

For more information, maximum income limits and maximum purchase price limits visit <http://www.franklintwpnj.org/lwyw.pdf> or call 1-800-njhouse.

Street Name Change

Effective March 13, 2012, Matilda Avenue West's name was renamed Koolidge Court, and Pine Street was renamed Matilda Avenue.A

CAT RABIES CLINICS

Location: Animal Shelter, 475 DeMott Lane
Time: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Dates: March 10, 2012 and September 8, 2012

PILOT PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE HOUSING FUNDS

A pilot program has been approved by the Township Council and New Jersey Department of Community Affairs to help low and moderate income households. The Local Affordability Assistance program will utilize up to \$1.5 million of the \$7 million of the Township Housing Trust Fund. This Trust fund is a result of fees paid by developers over a 20 year time period.

There are two main goals of the Local Affordability Assistance Program. The first is to help households trying to purchase deed-restricted low and moderate income affordable condominiums in Franklin.

The second is to help struggling Franklin homeowners of low and moderate income housing with an interest-free loan to help them remain in their affordable housing unit.

The Homeowner Affordability Assistance Program is a deferred payment loan, with the amount (no interest) to be repaid either upon the sale of the unit (if less than five years) or forgiven upon the expiration of five years from the date of the execution of the recording documents that will need to be recorded upon grant distribution.

For more information, contact The Central Jersey Housing Resource Center (CJHRC) at 908-203-4560 mailbox #2 or email cjhrc@verizon.net.

Technical Review Committee (TRC) Exceeds Expectations

Residents looking for approval on minor site plans will benefit from the Township's Technical Review Committee (TRC). While other municipalities have review committees, Franklin's TRC is unique in that it has been given the power to grant approvals, cutting down on approval time from three months to two weeks.

The TRC was established by ordinance to review and approve or disapprove minor site plans that are exempt from the Planning Board's site plan approval. These minor plans are for proposals of less than 5,000 square feet or ten (10%) percent of the gross lot area.

Attending the meeting are staff members from planning and zoning, engineering, health, construction, fire prevention and police. The TRC reviews the plans to determine that no adverse impact will occur and that the application does not require any new relief from any provision of the Land Development Regulations.

Special Events Permits Also 1-2-3

The Township also brings together departments on a regular basis to review special event permits. Replacing applications being forwarded back and forth, departments come together to discuss applications requiring approvals from fire prevention, health, police, code enforcement and recreation.

2012 Cat Licensing Requirements

2012 Cat Licensing began March 1, 2012. The renewal applications were mailed in February, 2012. Proof of valid rabies inoculation is required at the time of licensing.

Effective March 1, 2012, the annual fee for a cat license shall be \$15.00 for each cat up to two cats, and \$2.00 for each additional cat. On addition, there is fee of \$1.00 for the registration tag for each cat. However, if the cat is properly chipped, the license tag requirement may be waived. All other cats shall be required to have a registration tag which shall be attached to a collar.

	License Fee	Tag Fee	Total w/Tag	Tag Exempt	Total w/o Tag
Cat #1	\$15.00	\$1.00	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Cat #2	\$15.00	\$1.00	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Cat #3	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$2.00
Cat #4	\$2.00	\$1.00	\$3.00	\$0.00	\$2.00

Proof of Microchip is required to waive the tag fee. The owners need to provide the documents regarding the Microchip's Number, Company and Company's phone number.

Late fees for 2012 Cat Licensing will begin April 1, 2012.

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>LATE FEES</u>
<u>April – June</u>	<u>\$5</u>
<u>July – September</u>	<u>\$10</u>
<u>October – December</u>	<u>\$15</u>
<u>January - February</u>	<u>\$20</u>

There are two exemptions to the Cat licensing requirement.

1. Cats maintained entirely indoors during its life; and when taken outdoors for transport, is contained in a cage or a carrier. This exemption does not apply to an animal that is walked on a leash or allowed outside in a fence-in area or to any animal that has escaped.
2. Cats maintained on a farm.

Franklin Parks & Recreation Program Information

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

Franklin Youth Initiative Boys Council Summer Challenge Program Receives Award

The New Jersey Recreation & Park Association has recognized the Franklin Youth Initiative Boys Council Program with the 2011-2012 Daniel M. Gasalberti Award, for Excellence in Recreation Programming. Boys Council is a curriculum guided, strength-based group approach to promoting boys' and young men's safe, strong and healthy passage through pre-teen and adolescent years. The program encourages boys and young men to: act safely, show respect in their relationships, to develop a healthy perspective, to see other's points of view, to use good judgment and to find their goals and dreams and go for them. In this healthy and structured environment, boys and young men gain the vital opportunity to address masculine definitions and behaviors and build their capacities to find their innate value and create good lives, individually and collectively.

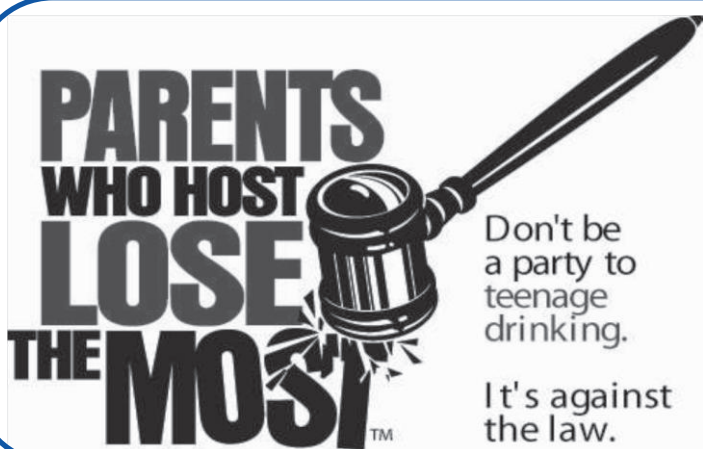
Franklin Recreation has taken a leadership role in juvenile delinquency prevention in the community and the Department strives to develop unique programs that will appeal to at-risk teens. Many parents are crying out for help with their teenage children with problem behaviors and they are looking for male mentor programs that can have a positive impact on their children. This program responded to the community need for positive male role models, mentoring opportunities, increased recreation and increased educational opportunities. Throughout the course of the past year approximately 84 students participated in Boys Council.

The Recreation Department received a \$15,000 Summer Expansion grant from the NJ Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention to run the Boys Council Summer Challenge Program. The Summer Program funding gave the Department the ability to expand upon the general group sessions to give students a unique experience and a broader base of skills. This five-week

sessions, recreation team building activities, educational and employment readiness workshops, and leadership development through community service projects. Involving teens in Community Service projects helps to connect them with people in the community and gives students ownership over projects. The teens were involved in developing flower and vegetable gardens at the Spring Hills Assisted Living Facility, coordinating recreation activities for summer camp programs and they spent countless hours weeding and planting at the Williams Park Community Garden. Students leave the program with a greater sense of self worth, skills to help them land that first job, an appreciation of the importance of a good education, a sense of achievement through their community service projects, and strong bonds of friendship.

Boys Council operates throughout the year with the support of additional grant funding obtained through the Somerset County Youth Services Commission, the Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and the Community Development Block Grant program. Throughout the school year Boys Council sessions are held in the new Drop in Center at Franklin Middle School where program graduates volunteer as mentors for new students and are involved in group activities.

Students, parents, teachers and school administrators have all expressed the importance of this program, and the impact it has on the participants. For more information you can contact the Franklin Township Recreation Department at (732) 873-1991 option # 4, or Boys Council Facilitator: Bruce Medley at (732) 873-1991 ext: 6348.



Parents Who Host, Lose the Most

The Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse reminds parents about the price they will have to pay for their kids under-aged drinking.

Drinking alcohol under the age of 21 is illegal New Jersey and will result in a \$500 fine, community service, and loss of one's driver's license. Moreover, it is also a disorderly persons offense for adults to provide alcohol to any person under the age of 21, other than their own child in the privacy of their own home, i.e. a parent may give his or her children alcohol in their home for a religious occasion.

The penalties for an adult providing alcohol to their children's under aged friends is a fine of up to \$1,000 and /or up to six months imprisonment.

Hop the NIGHT away at

BUNNY JAMBOREE!!



Thursday, April 5, 2012

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Community/Senior Center

505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ

There's no school the next day, so come join us for a special nighttime

Bunny Jamboree! See Mr. & Mrs. Bunny! Games!

Music! Eggcellent Prizes!

Food! Fun! All Ages Welcome!

\$5 per child

Contact Franklin Recreation for info:

(732) 873-1991



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH CAREER EXPO



Thursday, April 19, 2012

Open to General Public - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Franklin Township Community/Senior Center

505 DeMott Lane, Somerset NJ

Talk to representatives of local businesses and private non-profit organizations about future career and volunteer opportunities. **The event is free, however, registration is required in advance and will be limited!! Please RSVP by Monday, April 16, 2012.** This is a youth event open to **Teens 14-19 ONLY.**

RSVP by calling or emailing the Franklin Recreation Department at: 732-873-1991 (Option 4) or FranklinRec@twp.franklin.nj.us. Use the subject line "Youth Career Expo" and include your name, address, phone, grade, and age.





Franklin Recreation Summer Camps 2012



Franklin Recreation is offering several summer camps, choose the program that best fits your family's needs this summer! Need a full day camp with aftercare? Want an outdoor program that only runs for half the day? Looking for a playground with a pool? Look no further, Franklin Recreation has the perfect summer program for you! Children will engage in a variety of activities including sports, games, crafts, special events, and trips. Please read through the details for each camp carefully below, as the dates and times as well as pricing for each camp vary. **Registration is required prior to participation.** Registration is limited to Franklin Township residents or children attending school in Franklin Township and is accepted on a first come first serve basis. **No Camps held on July 4, 2012!**

FULL DAY CAMPS: June 27- August 3, 2012 (NO CAMP 7/4/12) Fees reflect \$25 Early Bird Discount. Discount void after 5/18/12.

Williams Park & Pool, Matilda & Mark Street, Somerset

Williams Park offers open swim and swim instruction by certified pool staff. Tennis, basketball courts, and ball fields are also available. Park is fully outdoor except for park shelter, therefore inclement weather closes this site. Children must bring their own lunch and snacks. A major trip is planned for each week. Trips are optional and require an additional fee.

CAMP DATES: Mon-Fri June 25- Aug 3, 2012	CAMP HOURS: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Camp opens at NOON on trip days. Camp closed for inclement weather.	ELIGIBLE: Entering Grades 1-7. Report Card Required, children finishing K must also present a copy of their Birth Certificate (Child must turn 6 by 10/31/12).	CAMP FEES: \$275 (\$250 for 2nd child, \$225 for 3rd child) Trips are optional and require additional fee. Rates increase after 5/18/12.
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Sampson G. Smith, 1649 Amwell Road, Somerset

Participants will engage in a variety of activities including: Arts & crafts, Sports and Games, educational activities, tennis, swimming, computer, and dance. A swim trip is also included in the weekly fee. Children must bring their own lunch and snacks. A major trip is planned for each week, which are optional and require an additional fee.

CAMP DATES: Mon-Fri June 25- Aug 3, 2012	CAMP HOURS: Three options available: * Full Day: 8:30am- 4:30pm * AM Half Day: 8:30-12:30 * PM Half Day: 12:30-4:30 Before/AfterCare for at an add'l cost	ELIGIBLE: Entering Grades 1-7. Report Card Required, children finishing K must also present a copy of their Birth Certificate (Child must turn 6 by October 31, 2012)	WEEKLY CAMP FEES: \$200/week, full day. \$100/week, half day. BeforeCare \$30/week. AfterCare \$30/week. Trips are optional and require an additional fee. Rates increase after 5/18/12. SEASONAL CAMP FEES: \$600/6 weeks, full day. \$325/6 weeks, half day. BeforeCare \$180/week. AfterCare \$180/week. Trips are optional and require an additional fee. Rates increase after 5/18/12.
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Franklin Park School, Eden Street off Claremont Rd, Franklin Park

Full Day & Half day camps are available, as are early am (7:30-8:30am) and late pm (4:30-6pm) care. Children must bring their own lunch and snacks. A major trip is planned for each week, which are optional and require an additional fee. Half day sessions available are: AM 8:30- 12:30; or PM 12:30- 4:30.

CAMP DATES: Mon-Fri June 25- Aug 3, 2012	CAMP HOURS: Three options available: * Full Day: 8:30am- 4:30pm * AM Half Day: 8:30-12:30 * PM Half Day: 12:30-4:30 Pre/After care available at an add'l cost	ELIGIBLE: Entering Grades 1-7. Report Card Required, children finishing K must also present a copy of their Birth Certificate (Child must turn 6 by October 31, 2012)	CAMP FEES: \$600 for Full Day. \$325 for half day. Before or AfterCare is \$180. Trips are optional and require an additional fee. Rates increase after 5/18/12.
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MORNING ONLY PLAYGROUNDS: June 25- July 27 Fees reflect \$25 Early Bird Discount. Discount void after 5/18/12.

Option 1: Dunham-Lebed Playground Willow & 15th St, Somerset	Option 2: Inman Park Playground Leupp Lane, Somerset
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The playgrounds program offers families a half day camp option which runs for 5 weeks from June 25-July 27. The camps are fully outdoor except for a park shelter, therefore inclement weather closes these sites. A major trip is planned for each week, which are optional and require an additional fee.

CAMP DATES: Mon-Fri June 25- July 27	CAMP HOURS: 9:00am- noon Camp closed for inclement weather AND on trip days!	ELIGIBLE: Entering Grades 1-7. Report Card Required, children finishing K must also present a copy of their Birth Certificate (Child must turn 6 by October 31, 2012)	CAMP FEES: \$125 (\$100 for 2nd child, \$95 for 3rd child) Trips are optional and require additional fee.
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INDIVIDUAL TRIPS: Individual weekly trips are optional and can be added to each of the above camp packages at an additional cost (Trips are Non-Refundable)

Movie Day June 28th (PAY BY 6/22/12) \$20	The Funplex July 19th (PAY BY 7/12/12) \$33
Roller Skating July 5th (PAY BY 6/28/12) \$20	Bowling Trip July 26th (PAY BY 7/19/12) \$20
CoCo Key Water July 11th (PAY BY 7/5/12) \$38	Bowcraft* August 2nd (PAY BY 7/26/12) \$30 *(SGS/FPS/Williams ONLY)

DESTINATION DISCOVERY THEME CAMPS AT SGS: Individual Weekly programs from June 25 - Aug 10, 2012 (NO CAMP 7/4/12)

PLEASE NOTE: You can add the Sampson G. Smith Half Day option to the half-day AM sessions/PM sessions to make it a FULL Day Camp!

Harry Potter	June 25 - June 29	Ages 6-11	AM SESSION: 9:00 am- 12 noon	PM SESSION 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
All aboard for lots of hands-on fun. Join in the escapades of Harry and his friends. Play quidditch. Make an edible wand and brew some fantastic potions to drink. Let's create and watch some amazing chemical reactions. Watch a mirage appear - you won't believe it! Wonder where the sorting hat will place you? Make cool crystals, experiment with colored magic sand, and see a mysterious glowing ball. Come join us where the magic of science, art and literature meet. Harry, Ron and Hermione are waiting for your arrival!				
Art 2-All	NO CAMP 7/4/12 July 2 - July 6	Ages 5-12	AM SESSION: 9:00 am- 12 noon	PM SESSION 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Working in a small group setting, student-artists are encouraged to unleash their creativity. Student artists will be guided through a variety of projects while learning to develop a personal style and enhancing their creativity and imagination. Media will include: watercolors, pastels, oil pastels, aluminum foil, markers, collage materials, and crayons.				
CHESS CHAMPS	NO CAMP 7/4/12 July 2 - July 6		AM SESSION: 9:00 am- 12 noon	PM SESSION 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Miguel Iniguez, former head chess coach of Princeton Day School, will teach your child technique, enhanced problem-solving, increased patience and persistence, logic and reasoning skills, increased self-confidence and respect for others, and organized work habits in a super friendly, enjoyable atmosphere. Beginner to advanced levels available.				
PHYSICS, FLIGHT, & ROCKETRY	July 9 - July 13	Ages 7-12	AM SESSION: 9:00 am- 12 noon	PM SESSION 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Blast off into a fun-filled week of flight, rocketry, and physics as you build and launch scale model rockets, planes, and other flying gadgets. Students will also build balloon vehicles, solar cars, experiment with robotic flying insects and much more. Learn the physics behind flight in a fun-filled, hands-on environment. All students will take home a rocket, Sling-Wing glider, balloon car, and other projects which will be made in the program.				
Diggin up Dinosaurs, Rockin Rocks & Crystal Creations	July 16 - July 20	Ages 7-12	AM SESSION: 9:00 am- 12 noon	PM SESSION 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Young scientists will discover the exciting sciences of archaeology and paleontology as they excavate and assemble complete skeletal replicas from "simulated" fossilized rock. Dig for T-Rex, triceratops, stegosaurus, velociraptors, brachiosaurus and more. Make fossilized plaster replicas of dinosaurs, claws, trilobites, and ancient snails. Sort, classify and take home a wide variety of shark teeth. Unearth some fascinating facts about rocks, minerals, and crystals. Break open geodes and discover crystals inside. Grow beautiful crystals. Take home a unique rock and mineral collection that you prepare in the workshop, a rock and mineral book, unearthed treasures, fossilized shark teeth and crystals.				
LEGO STAR WARS & MOTORIZED MACHINES	July 23 - July 27	Ages 7-12	AM SESSION: 9:00 am- 12 noon	PM SESSION 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Lego enthusiasts, have fun building your favorite adventure from a galaxy that is far, far away. Star Wars projects will vary depending on the availability from the Lego Headquarters, but will most likely include most age-appropriate NEW Models and the best older models which will vary by age level. Students will also build a wide assortment of (non-Star Wars) motorized Lego Education machines and create their own projects that illustrate science concepts. This is a stimulating enrichment program and not geared as a teacher driven class. All students will take home a Lego Star Wars project. Projects offered will depend on availability from Lego HQ and students will not build all projects listed.				
BATTLE BOTS BUILD-A-THON	July 30 - August 3	Ages 7-12	AM SESSION: 9:00 am- 12 noon	PM SESSION 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Have fun building and creating using your imagination. You will construct a complex Battle Bot Robot from our huge ROBOTIX modular collection. Students will enjoy working together to build a robot that can clobber its opponent in our sumo-style ring. Make your robot as huge and destructive as you'd like as the goal of this competition is to flip your opponent over, pull its pieces off or ram it right out of the arena. Students will also build a wide assortment of complex robots including the Commander Robot, Robo-Dog and more. There will also be a robotic Olympics, tractor pull, and other events that encourage team building! All participants will build and take home a Robotix Robot.				
MULTI-SPORTS CAMP	August 6 - August 10	Ages 6-14	FULL: 9:00-4:00 pm	AM: 9:00 -12:30 pm
An opportunity for sports minded youngsters to experience 15 different sports from around the world in a fun, safe, environment. Campers will receive technical instruction in each sport and will then experience the sport in a realistic game situation. After lunch all campers will participate in the USSI Olympic Games and World Cup competitions. Sports include: Flag Football, Lacrosse, Rugby, Cricket, Field Hockey, Handball, Pillo Polo, Badminton and Bocce. Sponsored by Franklin Recreation and US Sports Institute.			PM: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	
SPORTS SQUITS CAMP	August 6 - August 10	Ages 3-5	4:30 pm- 5:30 pm	
Introduces 3 to 5 year olds to a variety of sports such as Soccer, T-ball, Basketball, Lacrosse & Hockey. Promotes hand-eye coordination, movement and balance and FUN, FUN, FUN! Sponsored by Franklin Recreation and US Sports Institute.				

Franklin Skate Park

Register for 2012!
Middlebush Park on DeMott Lane.
Annual fee \$10 valid 1/1/12- 12/31/12.
Register in person at the Recreation Office, with birth certificate or drivers license, skateboard and all safety equipment for Safety Check. **Please call ahead to make sure that someone is available to administer the Safety Check.** A parent/guardian must be present at the park with participants 12 years old and under.
For more information call: 732-873-1991.

Got questions about summer? Not sure what to do with the kids once school is out? Look no further for your answers. Franklin Recreation is offering a slew of all new camps and activities to make your child's summer AMAZING!

camp? night

Wednesday, May 2, 2012
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Franklin Community/Senior Center
505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ
Call to Register: 732.873.1991

*Door Prizes
Giveaways
Great Info
...and more!!*

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 Twp. Little League 732/828-1233
www.FTLBaseball.com

Franklin Township Soccer 732/699-000 www.ftsonline.org

Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading www.ftpw.org

South Bound Brook/Somerset Little League 732/469-7761
www.sbbsll.com or sbbsll@yahoo.com

The following sports organizations are co-sponsored by Franklin Recreation:

Franklin Township Wrestling www.franklinwrestlingclub.com

Hershey Track & Field 732/425-3520

Adult Slo-Pitch Softball 609/395-9167

Summer Camp 2012 Registration

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

Please complete this registration worksheet. Carefully SELECT the program for which you are interested in signing up your child. Please total your selection for each program and complete the grand total at the end. As noted, the \$25 Early Bird Discount is void after 5/18/12. You must add to your total \$25 after that date.

FULL DAY CAMPS: June 25- August 3 (no camp 7/4) \$25 Early Bird Discount void after 5/18/12.

Williams Park & Pool (9AM - 4:30PM)

Activity #	Program	Dates	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3+	Add amt. after 5/18	SUBTOTAL
From same immediate family							
<input type="checkbox"/> 12021-WP	Full Day	June 25- August 3	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$

Franklin Park School Full Day (8:30-4:30) sessions or half day sessions (AM Camp - 8:30-12:30 or PM Camp - 12:30-4:30)

Activity #	Program	Dates	Full Day	AM Camp	PM Camp	BeforeCare	AfterCare	Add amt. after 5/18	SUBTOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> 12021-DP	Full Day	June 25- August 3	\$600			<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12021-D1	AM Half Day	June 25- August 3		\$325		<input type="checkbox"/> \$180		<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12021-D2	PM Half Day	June 25- August 3			\$325		<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$

Sampson G. Smith Seasonal Camp Full Day (8:30-4:30) sessions or half day sessions (AM Camp - 8:30-12:30 or PM Camp - 12:30-4:30)

Activity #	Program	Dates	Full Season	AM Care	PM Care	AM TENNIS	PM SWIM	Add amt. after 5/18	SUBTOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-07	Full Day	June 25- August 3	\$600	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-08	AM Half Day	June 25- August 3	\$325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180		<input type="checkbox"/> \$180		<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-09	PM Half Day	June 25- August 3	\$325		<input type="checkbox"/> \$180		<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$

Sampson G. Smith Weekly Camp Full Day (8:30-4:30) sessions or half day sessions (AM 8:30-12:30 or PM 12:30-4:30)

Activity #	Program Week	Dates	Full Day	AM only	PM only	AM Care	PM Care	Add amt. after 5/18	SUBTOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-01	Week 1	June 25- June 29	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-02	Week 2	July 2- July 6 (No camp 7/4!)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-03	Week 3	July 9- July 13	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-04	Week 4	July 16- July 20	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-05	Week 5	July 23- July 27	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 13411-06	Week 6	July 30- August 3	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$

MORNING ONLY PLAYGROUNDS: June 25- July 27 (no camp 7/4) 9AM - NOON \$25 Early Bird Discount void after 5/18/12.

Activity #	Program	Dates	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3+	Add amt. after 5/18	SUBTOTAL
From same immediate family							
<input type="checkbox"/> 12021-IP	Inman Park	June 25- July 27	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12021-UP	Dunham Lebed Park	June 25- July 27	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$95	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$

INDIVIDUAL TRIPS: Individual trips are optional and can be added to each of the above camp packages

TRIP	Payment Due Date	Trip Date	FEE	SUBTOTAL
Movie Day	June 22, 2012	June 28, 2012	\$20	\$
Roller-Skating	June 28, 2012	July 5, 2012	\$20	\$
CoCo Key Water Pk	July 5, 2012	July 11, 2012	\$38	\$
The Funplex	July 12, 2012	July 19, 2012	\$33	\$
Bowling Trip	July 19, 2012	July 26, 2012	\$20	\$
*Bowcraft	July 26, 2012	August 2, 2012	\$30	\$
* For Franklin Park / SGS / Williams Park Only!!				

DESTINATION DISCOVERY@SGS: Individual Weekly programs from June 25- Aug 10, 2012 (no camp 7/4) \$25 Early Bird Discount void after 5/18/12.

Activity #	Program	Date/Time	Full Day	AM Camp 9a-12p	PM Camp 1:30-4:30p	SGS Half Day	AM Care	PM Care	Add amt. after 5/18	SUBTOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-11	Harry Potter	June 25 - June 29	-	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145	<input type="checkbox"/> \$145	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-12	ART-4-ALL	July 2 - July 6 [NO CAMP 7/4]	-	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 42011-A2/P2	Beginner Chess	July 2 - July 6 [NO CAMP 7/4]	AM or PM	<input type="checkbox"/> \$170	<input type="checkbox"/> \$170	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 42011-V2	Advanced Chess	July 2 - July 6 [NO CAMP 7/4]	PM only		<input type="checkbox"/> \$295	<input type="checkbox"/> \$80		<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-13	Physic/Flight/Rocket	July 9 - July 13	-	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-14	Dino/Rock/Crystals	July 16 - July 20	-	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-15	Lego Star Wars	July 23 - July 27	-	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-16	Battle Bots	July 30 - August 3	-	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-17	Multi-Sports FULL DAY	Aug. 6 - Aug. 10 (9AM-4PM)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$239						<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-A7	Multi-Sports AM Camp	Aug. 6 - Aug. 10 (9AM-12:30PM)		<input type="checkbox"/> \$199					<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-P7	Multi-Sports PM Camp	Aug. 6 - Aug. 10 (1PM-4PM)			<input type="checkbox"/> \$149				<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> 12011-18	Sports Squirts Camp	Aug. 6 - Aug. 10 (4:30PM-5:30PM)			<input type="checkbox"/> \$89				<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	\$
GRAND TOTAL \$										

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: Please include a copy of child's birth certificate or a copy of a current year report card where noted. Registration is incomplete without proper identification and will not be processed.

Participant Name						PAYMENT		
LAST	FIRST	AGE	GENDER	BIRTH DATE	GRADE 6/2012	ACTIVITY NAME	CASH	CHECK #

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL _____

HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME/RELATIONSHIP _____ EMERGENCY PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

My child will be picked up by (Mother's Name) _____ (Father's Name) _____

(Other) _____ (Relationship) _____ My child has permission to walk/bike home 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 on the policy page.

Health Plan Provider _____ Group ID # _____

Subscriber Name _____ Subscriber ID # _____

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 (Failure to select an option will indicate consent.):
 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




Franklin Recreation Summer 2012 Programs

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




YOUTH PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number	
Paperwork needed for ALL Youth program registration: Copy of current year report card and Birth Certificate									
	3 Year Old Play & Learn	Child-independent pre-school age program that includes: music, crafts, and indoor/outdoor play. (Must be 3 by 6/25/12) 1 session per child ONLY.	3 Years	Call Rec. Dept. for Special Packet	Mon & Wed June 25-July 25 (No class on 7/4)	9:15-11:15am	MacAfee Road School	\$70	10511-P7
					Tue & Thur June 26- July 26	9:15-11:15am		\$70	10511-P8
	4, 5, & 6 Year Old Safety Town	Child-independent pre-school age program that includes: music, crafts, safety instruction/practice and indoor/outdoor play. (Must be 4 by 10/31/12)	4, 5, & 6 Years	Call Rec. Dept. for Special Packet	Full Week Mon-Fri June 25- July 27 (No class on 7/4)	9am- noon	MacAfee Road School	\$200	10511-K5
	Sports Squirts	Introduces 3 to 5 year olds to a variety of sports such as Soccer, T-ball, Basketball, Lacrosse & Hockey. Promotes hand-eye coordination, movement and balance and Fun, Fun, Fun!	3-5 Years	Birth Certificate	Monday-Friday August 6-10	4:30-5:30PM	Sampson G. Smith School	\$89	12011-07




TENNIS PROGRAMS: Youth/Teen/Adult

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number	
YOUTH :									
	MORNING INSTRUCTION	Quick Start	7 & 8 Years	Birth Certificate	T, TH, & Fri June 26-July 27	9-10am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$75	13521-N1
		Quick Start	9 & 10 Years	Birth Certificate		10-11am		\$75	13521-N2
		Tennis Instruction	11-15 Years	Birth Certificate		11-noon		\$75	13521-N3
	EVENING INSTRUCTION	Rallyball	5 & 6 Years	Birth Certificate	Mon & Wed June 25-July 25 (No class on 7/4)	5-6pm	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$70	13521-N4
		Quick Start	7 & 8 Years	Birth Certificate		6-7pm		\$70	13521-N5
		Quick Start	9 & 10 Years	Birth Certificate		7-8pm		\$70	13521-N6
		Tennis Instruction	11-12 Years	Birth Certificate	Tue & Thur June 28-July 28	5-6pm	\$70	13521-11	
TEEN/ADULT:									
	EVENING LESSONS	Teen Tennis Instruction	13-15 Years	Birth Certificate/ Drivers License	Tue & Thur June 26-July 26	5-6pm	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$70	13542-N7
		Beginner/ Advanced Beginner	16 Years +			6-7pm		\$70	13542-N8
		Intermediate	16 Years +			7-8pm		\$70	13542-N9

Teen/ Adult Programs

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number	
	Teen Summer Recreation	Open Play Basketball; Arts & Crafts; Game Room	Grades 7-12	Report Card or School ID	Mon & Wed June 25 - July 25	6:30-9:30pm	Franklin Middle School	Free	15532-FM
		League Basketball and Open Swim			Tue & Thur June 26 - July 26	6:30-8:30pm	Williams Park	Free	15532-WP
	Aerobics	12-session class that includes hi/low impact aerobics, ab work, kick boxing & more! Instructed by Carol Bender.	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Mon & Wed June 18 - July 30 (No Class 7/4)	7:30-8:30pm	Community Center	\$40	16043-1
	Zumba	A 6-week session class with Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness workout! (Only 1 Class Per Person)	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Thursdays June 21 - July 26	6:10-7:10pm	Community Center	\$25	16044-01
						7:30-8:30pm		\$25	16044-02

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

Program	Age	Dates	Program Days	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
Please call the Recreation Department at (732) 873-1991 (Option 4) or stop by the Community/Senior Center at 505 DeMott Lane to inquire about registering for any Senior Citizen Program. Limited enrollments for some programs. Best available time for walk-ins and appointments to discuss senior activities and programs with the Senior Citizen Program Coordinator are Thursdays, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm and 3:45 pm – 4:15 pm.							
	Parkside Club Meeting	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	10:30am	Senior Center	Dues
	Franklin Twp Seniors Meeting	60 Years +	Year-Round	Tuesdays	10:00am	Senior Center	Dues
	Franklin Park Club Meeting	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wednesdays	12:30pm	Senior Center	Dues
	Healthy Bones- register with the County Office on Aging 908-704-6339	60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon: 1-2:30pm; Fri: 10-11:30am; and Fri: 11:45-1pm		Senior Center	County
	Sit & Fit Exercise	60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon & Thurs	10:30	Senior Center	Free
	Sr. Aerobics	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thurs	10:30-11:30am	Senior Center	\$30/ residents
	Sr. Yoga	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	9:30-10:30am	Senior Center	\$35/ residents
	Bridge	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	12:30-1:30pm	Senior Center	Free
	Tai Chi	55 Years +	TBA	Fridays	12-1pm	Senior Center	\$60/ residents
	Zumba Gold	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	1:00-2:00pm	Senior Center	\$40/ residents
	Zumba Gold	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	11:30am-12:30pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents
	Hi-Steppers Dance Troupe	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon & Wed	9:30am	Senior Center	Free
	Swingin' Singin' Seniors	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	1:30pm	Senior Center	Free

The Community/ Senior Center is open Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:15pm 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 program information and more is available at the Community/ Senior Center or online at www.franklintwpnj.org. For further information, please contact Shonda Sanchez, Senior Citizen Coordinator, at shonda.sanchez@twp.franklin.nj.us



Calling ALL 50+ Softball Players!

The Franklin Twp. Recreation Department is looking to get more teams to join their 50+ Softball League.


The League will run from April – July.


Any interested resident age 50+ who would like to play should call the Recreation Department at (732) 873-1991.



SWIMMING INSTRUCTION: Youth/Teen/Adult

Please read the "Red Cross Swim Level Information" section below before registering your child. All Red Cross Level classes are for 6 year olds and up. Students should advance to the next level only if they passed and received a card for the previous level.

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/Grade	Required	Program Days	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number	
SWIMMING INSTRUCTION: Ages 6 months to 5 years. Classes run from June 25- July 27. (NO CLASS ON 7/4!)									
	Tiny Tots/Splashers: Must be accompanied in the water by a parent or swimming aide. Turtles & Dolphins: Must be able to stand in shallow water without assistance and a parent should be available but will not necessarily be required to be in the water with the child.	Tiny Tots	6-23 Months	Birth Certificate	Friday	9:30-10am	Doubletree Hotel INDOOR POOL (off Davidson Avenue)	\$25	13011-T1
		Tiny Tots	6-23 Months		Friday	10-10:30am		\$25	13011-T2
		Tiny Tots	6-23 Months		Friday	10:30-11am		\$25	13011-T3
		Splashers	2-3 Years	Birth Certificate	M & W	10:30-11am		\$50	13011-S1
		Splashers	2-3 Years		Tu & TH	9-9:30am		\$50	13011-S2
		Splashers	2-3 Years		Tu & TH	10:30-11am		\$50	13011-S3
		Turtles	4 Years	Birth Certificate	M & W	9-9:30am		\$50	13021-U1
		Turtles	4 Years		M & W	10-10:30am		\$50	13021-U2
		Turtles	4 Years		Tu & TH	10-10:30am		\$50	13021-U3
		Dolphins	5 Years	Birth Certificate	M & W	9:30-10am		\$50	13021-D1
		Dolphins	5 Years		Tu & Th	8:30-9am		\$50	13021-D2
		Dolphins	5 Years		Tu & Th	9:30-10am		\$50	13021-D3

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION: Ages 6 years+. Classes run from June 25- July 27. (NO CLASS ON 7/4!)									
	Please refer to the Red Cross Swim Level Explanation Chart below to determine the appropriate class level for your child	Level 1	6 years +	Birth Certificate	M & W	8-8:45am	Doubletree Hotel OUTDOOR POOL (off Davidson Avenue) *(This class only meets at the Indoor Pool.)	\$55	13021-R1*
		Level 1	6 years +		M & W	9:30-10:15am		\$55	13021-R2
		Level 1	6 years +		Tu & Th	9:30-10:15am		\$55	13021-R3
		Level 2	6 years +	Birth Certificate	M & W	8:45-9:30am		\$55	13021-B1
		Level 2	6 years +		M & W	9:30-10:15am		\$55	13021-B2
		Level 2	6 years +		Tu & Th	8:45-9:30am		\$55	13021-B3
		Level 2	6 years +	Birth Certificate	Tu & Th	10:15-11am		\$55	13021-B4
		Level 3	6 years +		M & W	8:45-9:30am		\$55	13022-A1
		Level 3	6 years +		M & W	10:15-11am		\$55	13022-A2
		Level 3	6 years +	Birth Certificate	Tu & Th	10:15-11am		\$55	13022-A3
		Level 4	6 years +		M & W	8-8:45am		\$55	13023-I1
		Level 4	6 years +		Tu & Th	8:45-9:30am		\$55	13023-I2
		Level 5/6	6 years +	Birth Certificate/ Drivers Lic.	Tu & Th	8-8:45am		\$55	13023-C1
		Adult Beginners	15 years +		Fri	8-9:30am		\$55	13021-A1
		Adult Beginners	15 years +		Fri	9:30-11am		\$55	13021-A2

RED CROSS SWIM LEVEL EXPLANATIONS

Level 1: NO Water Experience	Level 4: Must have completed level 3 and/or be able to: * Tread water in DEEP water * Butterfly kick and body motion * Front Crawl & Back Crawl
Level 2: Must have completed Level 1 and/or be able to: * Submerge mouth, nose, and eyes * Float in a front position * Show comfort maintaining a back float position	Level 5: Must have completed level 4 and/or be able to: *Front & Back Crawl for 25 yards * Breaststroke & Butterfly for 15 yards * Elementary Backstroke for 15 yards
Level 3: Must have completed level 2 and/or be able to: * Tread Water * Front AND Backstroke for 15 Feet	Level 6: Must have completed level 5 and/or be able to: * Master all strokes



Senior NEWS



LOOKING FOR GREAT LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT? INVITE THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HI-STEPPERS TO PERFORM FOR YOUR GROUP!

The Franklin Township Hi-Steppers Tap Dance Troupe has entertained audiences for over 22 years. They are a group of volunteers ranging in age from 67 years young to 87 years young who have danced their way into the hearts of many at local Assisted Living Centers, Churches, Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Centers, Senior Citizen Centers, Schools and other locations. The dancers consist of members who come from Franklin Township, Monroe, Sayreville, Kendall Park, North Brunswick, East Brunswick, and New Brunswick to practice at the Franklin Township Community/Senior Center on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 9:30 a.m. They perform a variety of Broadway style dances, jazz, seasonal and modern musical selections and wear costumes befitting a Broadway show. If your group is interested in having the Hi-Steppers perform for you, please contact Shonda Sanchez at 732-873-1991 Option #4.

The Hi-Steppers have an open invitation for choreographers and seniors 55 and older to join their group or to teach them new dances. Maybe you have always dreamed of choreographing for a group or perhaps you've always wanted to travel to different places and dance in front of a live audience. If this is the case, stop by the Center at 505 DeMott Lane in Somerset on Monday or Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Realize your dream and join the Hi-Steppers!

TAI CHI QI GONG STYLE FOR INDIVIDUALS 55 AND OLDER

Our Center is proud to offer a Tai Chi class that provides an excellent method of exercise for the mind and body of seniors 55 and older. Our instructor, Brian Coffey, uses the peaceful and graceful movements of the Tai Chi martial art to teach seniors how to reap the benefits of well-being, balance and inner peace.

Among his multiple certifications, Brian is trained in Qi Gong and Qi Healing by Dr. Tzu Kuo Shih in his methods. He is also trained in Tai Chi - focusing on energy flow in proper structural (internal & external) alignment by William Ting.

Classes are only \$60/person for an 8 week class and are held every Friday at 12 noon at the Franklin Township Community/Senior Center located at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ. You may check the Township Website at www.franklintwpnj.org under the Senior Department for the current Tai Chi schedule and upcoming free demo class. Or, call the Recreation Department at 732-873-1991 Option #4.

His students thoroughly enjoy his classes which are all geared toward helping seniors maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. They rave that everyone gets something out of every class which keeps them coming back for more. Join

Franklin Recreation Policy & Registration Info

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Registration for **Summer Camps, Destination Discovery, Teen Recreation, Sports Squirts, Play & Learn, and SafetyTown** can begin immediately. Registration for **Aerobics, Zumba, Tennis, and Swimming** will be accepted via **MAIL** starting **April 20 ONLY**. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registrations MUST be mailed in, no walk-ins accepted until the evening of May 2nd (unless otherwise noted)

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

We will be accepting registrations with postmark dates of April 20 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 WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012 AT 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

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. If you do not hear from the Recreation Dept., your registration was accepted. 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 May 2nd 6:00-8:00PM

IMPORTANT: 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 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 the Recreation Office when weather is questionable at 732-873-1991. **HOLIDAYS:** Regular activities will not be held on July 4th: Independence Day

INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING: The Recreation Department 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.

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 will be given after a program begins. Refunds 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.

FEE REDUCTION POLICY: Income guidelines are established for fee exemption for outdoor camps. Call the Recreation Office for information. Trips are excluded.

SUMMER CAMP POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Camp Registration and payment are required in advance of participation. The completed camp registration form, program fees, and appropriate paperwork must be received in the Recreation Office prior to your child's participation at a camp site. Mail-in and walk-in registration at the office is acceptable. No confirmations will be made. **REFUND POLICY:**

Refund requests must be made in writing before the start of the program (Received at Rec. Office by June 22). **There are NO refunds for trips.** **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** In case of inclement weather, you may contact the Recreation office at 732-873-1991 after 8:30am. A sign will be posted at your local park in the leader feels it is unsafe to conduct their program. **DROP OFF /PICK UP:** Please park in designated slot and walk your child to and from the assembly area. Children should not walk through parking areas unaccompanied. Upon departure, check your child out with their leader. Leaders must have written permission from the parent/guardian for a child to walk home after a trip. **LATE PICK-UPS:** Please be prompt in picking up your child. There will be a \$5 minimum late fee for up to the first 5 minutes after the designated park closing/trip return and \$1/min thereafter. Parents will sign a late acknowledgement form on each occasion of lateness and late fees must be paid, in cash, at the Recreation Office prior to the child's return to their program site. **Please note the preceding is only a condensed version of the Summer Camp Policies & Procedures. PLEASE GO ONLINE TO VIEW THE FULL DOCUMENT or pick them up at the Franklin Recreation Office. Online Website: www.franklintwpnj.org or visit us at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset NJ.**

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 6/2012	ACTIVITY NAME	PAYMENT		
	LAST	FIRST									CASH	CHECK #	
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION		LAST NAME			FIRST NAME								
		ADDRESS											
		CITY			STATE	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

SPRING 2012 RECREATION PROGRAM INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

Please note that Franklin Twp. will only be sending one combined Spring/Summer newsletter, therefore, this newsletter has only listed the **SUMMER 2012** Recreation programs.

Available Spring Programs: Youth/Adult Tennis, Chess, Aerobics, Zumba, Sport Squirts, Toddler Adventures, Environmental Education Programs, Cricket Clinic, and (S.E.E.)Saturday Enrichment Experiences.

For Spring registration and postmark dates, please either visit the Franklin Recreation office (505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ), call 732-873-1991, or visit us online at the Recreation page of www.FranklinTwpNJ.org.

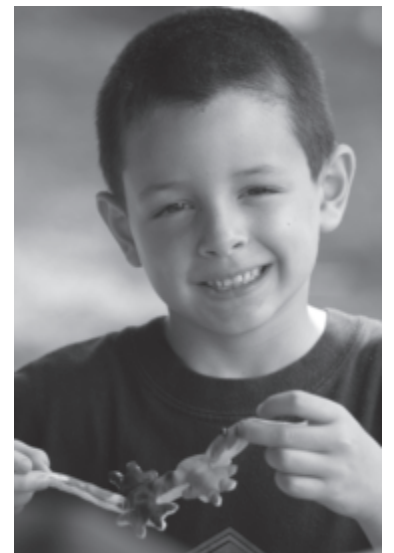
Come Join the Fun at the Senior Center

If you are Young at Heart, you can find a friendly atmosphere, lots to do and people to meet at the Franklin Township Community/Senior Center. No matter what your speed, you can find an activity that you will enjoy. Whether you are a social butterfly or you want to join an exercise program you can find a match at the center. Three clubs meet: Monday at 10:30am, Tuesday at 10am and Wednesday at 12:30pm. Keep up to date on senior news, local news and sign up for great trips.

If that's not your cup of tea but would like to try one of the other activities, you could try aerobics, tai chi, yoga, zumba or line dancing. Still not what you are looking for, feel free to check out the billiards room, play a game of cards, or join a singing group. Need some help learning how to navigate a computer and the internet, take one of our classes. For a calendar of activities, call 732-873-1991 or visit 'Senior Services' under 'Departments' on the Township website www.franklintwpnj.org.



Recreation Department Serves All Ages



Summer fun for Pre-schoolers at Safety Town and Play & Learn

The Franklin Township Recreation Department offers a licensed summer pre-school program for children 3, 4, 5, and 6 years of age at MacAfee Road School from June 25 through July 27.

- "Play & Learn" is for 3 year-olds and is held on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:15-11:15 a.m. (\$70.00 registration fee)
- "Safety Town" is for children 4, 5 and 6 years old and is offered 5 days/week, from 9 a.m. – Noon. (\$200.00 registration fee)

Both programs include arts & crafts, music, outside play, and creative indoor play. In addition, "Safety Town" focuses on road safety, fire safety, stranger safety, bike safety, and water safety. Special visits from the police and fire department add to what the children learn in the program. To the children's delight, they put driving skills and safety awareness to the test on a daily basis as they drive "big wheels" through the miniature town in the gymnasium.

"Over three thousand children have attended Safety Town over the last 30 years. It's remarkable," stated Alice Osipowitz. "My daughter is now in college, and I can't tell you how many times she told me while she was growing up, 'I learned about that at safety town,' she absolutely loved that experience."

Register early for this popular summer recreation program. Contact the Recreation Department at (732) 873-1991 for further information or to receive a registration packet.

NOTICE WINTER NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

The Franklin Times which was to reach residents December 1, 2011 was mailed on time. Unfortunately, there were problems at the post office which the Township could not control. This resulted in some residents not receiving this issue.

The Local 101 article was an update on the franchise agreements with Comcast and Verizon. The newsletter is available on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org and in hard copy at the Municipal Building.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Franklin Township Convenience Center

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

Every OTHER Saturday, all year long
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Every OTHER week, April to October
7:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

April 14, 16, 28, and 30

May 12, 14 and 26

June 9, 11, 23 and 25

July 7, 9, 21 and 23

August 4, 6, 18, and 20

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.

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. The curbside collection program is now

accepting plastics marked  through  (check the bottom of the container for these markings), as well as corrugated cardboard, chipboard, newspapers, glass bottles, steel, bimetal and aluminum cans, paper, magazines and junk mail.

Items that should be recycled: bottles (water, soda, milk, juice, soap, shampoo); containers (peanut butter, yogurt, baby wipe containers, margarine tubs, clear plastic

clamshell containers from salad bars), empty pizza boxes (with no food waste).

Items that should not be recycled: #6 polystyrene (Styrofoam®), plastics without numbers, plastic bags, motor oil or antifreeze bottled, plastic cups or plates or tableware, plastic flower pots, pesticide containers, t-gallon paint buckets, plastic coat hangers.

To increase the efficiency of plastics recycling, rinse all plastics, remove the caps and crush all bottled to save space.

FRANKLIN TWP/SOUTH BOUND BROOK COLLECTION DATES

April 5, 19

May 3, 17, 31

June 14, 28

July 12, 26

August 9, 23

FRANKLIN PARK/GRIGGSTOWN COLLECTION DATES

April 6, 20

May 4, 18

June 1, 15, 29

July 13, 27

August 10, 24

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 28 Warren Township Garage,
1 Bardy Road, Warren

June 9 South County Public Works Garage, 410
Roycefield Road, Hillsborough

August 4 Franklin Township Sewerage
Authority, 70 Commerce Drive, Somerset

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

SOMERSET RECYCLING CENTER
40 POLHEMUS LANE, BRIDGEWATER
1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH DROP-OFF
8 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

APRIL 7, MAY 5, JUNE 2, JULY 14*, AUGUST 4,
SEPTEMBER 8*

*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

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Newtech Recycling, 600A Apgar Drive,
Somerset

Call 732-564-3110 for more information

RECYCLE BATTERIES AND CELL PHONES

Call2Recycle®, a free and easy battery and cell phone recycling program. To find the nearest drop off location to recycle used rechargeable batteries and cell phones call 1-877-2-RECYCLE or visit call2recycle.org.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

The next Operation Secure Shred will be held in April. The date of the free service will be posted on the County website, <http://www.co.somerset.nj.us/ongoing/shredform.html>, or residents can register to be notified of the date.

BACKYARD COMPOSTING WORKSHOPS

Call 908-231-7109 for more information

Pre-registration Required--Open to Somerset County Residents & Employees Only

\$50 registration fee includes compost bin and backyard composting literature

April 4 - 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Somerset County 4-H Center

310 Milltown Road, Bridgewater

NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

April 28, 2012
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) National Prescription Drug Take Back Day will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Residents can safely dispose of their unwanted, unused prescription drugs at the Public Safety Building, 495 DeMott Lane.

Hydrant Flushing

April 16 to 28 - Hours 8 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The Franklin Township Public Works Water Division will be flushing hydrants throughout the entire Township. Customers may notice a slight discoloration in the water in the morning after flushing, but this will disappear within a few hours and will not affect water potability. If there are questions, call Public Works, 732-249-7800.

Arsenic and Wells in Franklin Township

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element and can be found in trace amounts throughout the environment. Arsenic that exists in soil may be part of the natural geology of the ground or possibly from past human activities. Arsenic was used as a pesticide several decades ago, but today it is mostly used as a wood preservative.

Arsenic can exist in ground water and is colorless, odorless and tasteless. The only way to determine its presence in water is to have it specifically tested for arsenic. Since 2008, 221 homes in Franklin Township have tested the water in their home well systems and 25% of those homes have tested high for arsenic. Arsenic has been classified as a human carcinogen and has been known to cause cancer in the skin, lung, liver, kidney, and bladder.

The Somerset County Department of Health is recommending homeowners who use a private well system to have the well water tested by a NJDEP-certified laboratory. A complete list is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/oqa/certlabs.htm>.

The State of New Jersey has suggested that all residents on potable well water monitor their water quality on a regular basis. A full spectrum water analysis would include total coliform bacteria, pH levels, volatile organic compounds, and inorganic compounds such as lead, and nitrates. For more information on arsenic in ground water, water quality standards, and well testing, visit the "Water Quality" section on the Somerset County Health Department's website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/health.



Annual 4th of July Celebration

Friday, June 29, 2012 - Celebrate Our Youth



Come celebrate the Youth of Franklin Township at the annual 4th of July celebration. Before the fireworks show, youth groups are invited to set up a table to showcase their organization, its members and the role they play in Franklin.

The 2012 celebration and fireworks show will again, like last year, be funded only through donations.

For more information about reserving a table or making a donation, e-mail Councilman Carl Wright, carl.wright@twp.franklin.nj.us.