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FIRE PREVENTION & EDUCATION

The Franklin Township Fire Prevention Department is responsible for the enforcement of the International Fire Code, New Jersey Fire Code Statutes, other national standards and Franklin Township ordinances in all our business properties. The Fire Code has very limited scope in one and two family owner occupied residences which include the inspection of smoke detector/carbon monoxide/ fire extinguishers. These inspections only occur in owner occupied one and two family properties each time they are sold or rented. We are responsible investigating the origin and cause of all fires. We work closely with our police detectives to determine if a criminal prosecution follows. We also have personnel dedicated to public fire education and housing inspections. We respond to all fire calls in most areas of the township to assist the volunteer fire departments during the daytime/weekday hours. Most of our inspectors hold multiple licenses and certifications in the fire code, housing code and firefighting fields and have college degrees.

Through the inspection process we educate the business owner about the fire code and what they need to do to maintain a level of fire safety for their employees, customers, neighboring businesses and firefighters. We also have a Fire Prevention Officer whose assignment is deliver fire education to the public. He is also responsible for the inspection of our many apartment complexes in the township. This close contact with the public is very important, since most fires occur in the home.

Business owners can protect their employees, business properties, customers and firefighters by following a few simple steps:

- Make sure your fire safety systems are up to date and tested (Fire alarm systems, sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, emergency lighting)
- Keep your place of business neat and orderly
- Limit the use of extension cords
- Obtain building code permits for any building alterations or additions
- Keep fire exits clear and usable
- Call 9-1-1 as soon as you become aware of a fire, do not delay the 9-1-1 call attempting to fight the fire.

Common fire code violations we see regularly are:

- Extension cord use in place of permanent wiring
- Building construction/alteration without permits
- Excessive/disorderly storage
- Keeping a safe distance (36"minimum) between any combustible storage and electrical panels, water heaters or furnaces.
- Non-working smoke alarms and/or Carbon Monoxide alarms
- Holes in walls and ceilings or ceiling tiles missing

Keeping a functioning portable fire extinguisher in your business or home can keep a small fire from becoming a disaster. As stated earlier, call 9-1-1 first before attempting to use a fire extinguisher. There are many good training videos on-line that demonstrate proper fire extinguisher selection and usage. Fire extinguishers are broken into classes by their intended use:

- Class A – Paper, wood, natural material
- Class B – Flammable/Combustible liquids
- Class C – Energized electrical equipment
- Class D – Combustible metals
- Class K – Vegetable based oil frying fires (primarily commercial kitchen use)

Stopping the spread of fire is best achieved by:

- Maintaining the walls and ceilings in your home and business free from holes
- Keeping storage neat and orderly
- If a fire occurs, shutting the door to the room where the fire is will limit fire spread (This includes the front or back door after you evacuate the structure)



As the holidays approach, you can ensure a safe holiday season by adhering to these simple steps:

- Use LED lights for jack-o-lanterns, never use candles
- Keep holiday decorations away from open flames
- Water live holiday vegetation daily. (There are specific requirements for live vegetation in businesses, please contact us for assistance)
- Follow manufacturers recommendations when using holiday lights, specifically the amount of lights that can be strung together and proper use of indoor and outdoor lights

The most common causes of fires are cooking related. Preventing cooking fires is very easy with these simple tips:

- Keep your stovetop and oven clean (This includes oven mitts and dish towels)
- Never wear loose clothing while cooking
- Never leave an active stove unattended
- If a fire occurs on your stove top, place a lid or baking tray over the pot or pan and turn off the flame. The cover will cut off the oxygen to the fire and smother it
- Never throw water on a grease fire and never try to move the pot or pan to the sink you will splash flaming oil on yourself and on the floor or countertops
- If you store items in your oven when not in use, remove these items before pre-heating your oven
- If a fire occurs in your oven, shut the oven off and allow the fire to go out. Only open the oven after the fire is completely out
- Never leave candles unattended
- Always call 9-1-1 to have the Fire Department check it out even if you are confident the fire is out

We can answer any of your fire safety questions, please call us 732-873-2500 x 6303



Fire safety presentation to Canal Walk Seniors.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP APPOINTS NEWEST COUNCILPERSON: Meet Crystal Pruitt

In 2019, the Franklin Township Council welcomed its newest council member, Crystal Pruitt. Pruitt was one of the many interviewed after submitting her resume.

"I was chosen as one of the names to be presented to the Franklin Township Council to vote on and they picked me! It was so nerve-racking, because you don't know you are chosen until the exact moment the council votes," stated Councilwoman Pruitt.

Pruitt will be filling in the one-year unexpired term of Councilwoman Shanel Robinson. Robinson has accepted her new role Somerset County Freeholder following November elections.

Councilwoman Pruitt looks forward to working with her Franklin Township constituents. Upon her appointment to the Council, she was assigned to the Public Safety and Financial Oversight Committees where she will make social justice, public safety, and the Franklin Township budget her primary focus. Pruitt brings a fresh perspective to the Council as a Franklin resident, a woman of color, and as the youngest council member. She brings her educational background in Forensic Psychology and Criminal Justice, as well as her work experience in both the Legislative and Executive Branches of Government to the Council. Currently, she serves as the chief of staff to Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker from the 16th Legislative District which represents parts of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties.



Councilwoman
Crystal Pruitt

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Non-Emergencies

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in 609 area code.....732-821-1800

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For Residents

in 609 area code.....732-821-1888

Tips Hotline (Pass along the

information).....732-873-PASS (7277)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Main732-873-2500

Extensions

Animal Control.....6255

Assessor.....6320

Clerk (Elections, Dog Licenses,

Voter Registration).....6208

Construction Code

Enforcement .. 6220 or 732-873-7283

Collector

(Tax, Water)6330 or 732-873-7284

Community Resource6310

Court6262 or 732-873-7285

Economic Development.....6274

Engineering6230

Finance.....6330

Fire Prevention6303

Health Complaint 24/76370

Historic Preservation6274

Human Resources.....6202

Municipal Alliance.....6353

Open Space.....6279

Planning Board.....6215

Public Works.....732-249-7800

Purchasing.....6239

Recreation ...6266 or 732-873-1991

Redevelopment Agency.....6271

Rent Leveling Board6274

Senior Advisory6347

Special Projects.....6427

Township Manager6201

Vital Statistics (Marriage and

Death Certificates)6375

Zoning Officer6271

Zoning Bd. of Adj.6215

WEBSITE

www.franklintwpnj.org

TOWN HALL

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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Board of Education

732-873-2400

www.franklinboe.org

Library

732-873-8700

www.franklintwp.org

Sewerage Authority

732-873-2121

Ftsa-nj.org

Health Department/Education

908-231-7155

NEW – SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

[Facebook.com/townshipoffranklin](https://www.facebook.com/townshipoffranklin)

[Facebook.com/FTPDSomersetNJ](https://www.facebook.com/FTPDSomersetNJ)

[Twitter.com/twpoffranklin](https://twitter.com/twpoffranklin)

[Twitter.com/FTPDSomersetNJ](https://twitter.com/FTPDSomersetNJ)

welcome NEW HIRES

James Boylan	Police Officer
Lewis DeMeo Jr.	Class 3 Special Police Officer
Kathleen Murphy	Clerical, Police Department
Adam Tuvel	Police Officer
Windy White	Special Events Coordinator

congratulations TO OUR PROMOTEES

Franklin Township Police Department

Ariel Almora	Sergeant
Kenneth W. Daly	Sergeant
Kevin Fitzharris	Sergeant

thank you TO OUR RETIREES

Amin Brodie	Sr. Police Officer 27 years of service
Mark Evans	Sr. Parks Maintenance Worker 29 years of service
John Kuzemchak	Sr. Police Officer 29 years of service

Mark Your Calendar

April 12, June 28, & September 6	Franklin Twp. Blood Drive
April 6	Care, Share, Aware
April 13	Earth Day Clean Up Bunny Jamboree
April 23	Drive Electric Earth Day
April 27	Shade Tree Commission's Arbor Day
April 28	Franklin Twp. Food Bank Tour de Franklin
May 19, July 14, August 11	Canal Walk & Roll
May 27	Memorial Day Parade
June 1-Sept. 28 [SATURDAYS]	Community Farmers Market
June 4	Primary Election Day
July 3	Franklin's Independence Day Fireworks
July 15	Food Bank's Golf/Gathering for Groceries
August 4	Week of the People
September 28	Franklin Day Festival

2019 ELECTION INFORMATION

Important Election Dates

Primary Election Day: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Voter Registration Deadline – May 14, 2019

Mail-In Ballot Application Request Deadline – May 28, 2019

Mail-In Ballot Return Deadline – In-Person – June 3, 2019 at 3 p.m.

Mail-In Ballot Return Deadline – Mail – Postmarked – June 4, 2019

Voter Registration

You must be a citizen of the United States; you must be 18 years of age on or before the day of the election & you must be a resident of your present address for at least 30 days before the election. Voter Registration Forms can be printed from the Township's website: www.franklintwpnj.org and must be received by the Township Clerk's Office or the Somerset County Board of Elections 21 days prior to Election Day.

Voting by Mail-In Ballot

You may vote by Mail-In-Ballot for any election. You do not need a reason. You must apply for a mail-in ballot by completing a *Mail-In Ballot Application*. Forms can also be obtained from the Somerset County Clerk's Office and the Franklin Township's Clerk Office. You must mail this to the County Clerk's Office up to seven (7) days prior to the election. The County Clerk cannot accept faxes or electronic copies, as an original signature is required. You may apply in person at the County Clerk's office up to 3:00 p.m. on the day before the election.

District(s)	Location
1	Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4565 Route 27, Kingston
2, 3, & 4	Griggstown Firehouse, 1037 Canal Road, Princeton
5 & 6	Wynnefield Clubhouse, 31 DeSoto Drive, Franklin Park
7	Beacon Hill Clubhouse, 1 Beacon Hill Way, Franklin Park
8	Society Hill III Clubhouse, 2 Bethany Court, Franklin Park
9	Society Hill II Clubhouse, 111 Fisher Drive, Franklin Park
10	Society Hill I Clubhouse, 137 Pear Tree Lane, Franklin Park
11, 12, & 13	Zarephath Children's Ministry Center, 595 Weston Canal Rd, Somerset
14, 15, & 16	Masjid-E-Ali, 47 Cedar Grove Lane, Somerset*
17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 28, & 29	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
20, 21 & 22	Quailbrook Senior Citizens Ctr, 625 New Brunswick Rd., Somerset**
23, 49, 50 & 51	Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 JFK Blvd., Somerset
26 & 27	Millstone Valley Firehouse, 2365 Amwell Road, East Millstone
30, 31, 32, 33, & 34	Oak Crest Day Camp, 92 Cortelyous Lane, Somerset
35, 36, 37, 38, & 42	Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset
39, 40, 41, & 43	Parkside Community Center, 3 Parkside Street, Somerset
44, 45, 46, 47, & 48	East Franklin Firehouse,, 121 Pine Grove Avenue, Somerset

Memorial Day PARADE

Monday, May 27, 2019
11:00 a.m. Parade
Memorial Service to Follow

Parade Route: New Brunswick Road to Municipal Building
Organizations interested in participating,
please contact Bob LaCorte at 732.991.1710

COMING SOON!



2019 Franklin Township Community Farmers Market

Saturdays, June 1 - September 21*
*September 28th Market held at Franklin Day Festival

10AM – 2PM

Franklin Township Municipal Complex
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset

For More Information:
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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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Crystal Pruitt, Councilwoman, At-Large councilwoman.pruitt@franklinnj.gov	12/31/2019 732-873-2500 ext. 6329
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Theodore Chase, Councilman, 1st Ward councilman.chase@franklinnj.gov	12/31/2021 732-873-2500 ext. 6318
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BLASTING ICE ON THE RARITAN RIVER (1936)

Elton Wade, the Middlebush photographer, took several pictures on February 21, 1936, of men setting off explosions on the ice on the Raritan River. We do not know why Elton was present to take this photo of the two men. One of the two men is seen operating the detonator on a sled. The fuse to the blast is visible. This photograph was taken looking west, near a place known as Martin's Dock located on the Raritan River in New Brunswick, NJ.

A bridge built in 1929 is seen in the background was once called the College Bridge. Later, it was renamed Morris Goodkind Bridge after an engineer who designed the 1,902-foot span. Today it carries the three lanes of Route 1 North in New Brunswick.



PROGRAMS FOR LITTLE ONES AT THE LIBRARY

It is never too early to bring young children to the library, and Franklin Township Library offers a number of programs especially designed for babies and toddlers accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

NIGHT RHYMES is held on Thursday nights at the main library for ages 0 – 5 years. The 15 minute program helps little ones build attention spans with the use of nursery rhymes and children's songs that feature props, puppets and lots of interaction like clapping, marching, and fingerplays. The same format is used for Morning Rhymes held on Monday mornings at the Franklin Park branch and on most Friday mornings at the main library.



SCRIBBLE TIME introduces simple art materials to toddlers aged 12 – 36 months. After a short story and a few rhymes or songs, children and parents or grandparents move to one of the tables in the Children's Program Room to experiment with using crayons, or paint, or gluesticks. Scribble Time is offered once each month at the Franklin Park branch on Tuesday mornings, and at the main library on designated Monday mornings and Tuesday evenings.

DANCE PARTY is a half-hour freestyle dance program that will have little ones, parents, and grandparents dancing together to a selection of musical styles. This program is held twice a month at the main library on either a Friday morning, Tuesday evening, or Sunday afternoon.

Please check the library's website (franklintwp.org), call the library at 732-873-8700, or stop by for a calendar of Children's Events.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP 2019 CANAL ROAD WALK & ROLL

SUNDAYS, 10AM - 4PM

North **MAY 19TH & SEPTEMBER 15**
CANAL ROAD CLOSED FROM EAST MILLSTONE TO BUTLER ROAD

South **JULY 14TH & AUGUST 11TH**
CANAL ROAD CLOSED FROM GRIGGSTOWN CAUSEWAY TO ROUTE 518

TAKE YOUR FEET TO THE STREETS!
ENJOY THE DAY WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS ALONG THE SCENIC D&R CANAL



The Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council is actively seeking members and volunteers to help fulfill our mission of "bringing the community together through the arts." The Arts Council is organizing future events in visual, literary, and performing arts. Interested residents are encouraged to contact Saffie Kallon at Saffie.Kallon@franklinnj.gov or come to our public meetings at 6:30PM on the first Thursday of the month in the large conference room of the Franklin Township Municipal building.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL ALLIANCE PRESENTS:


Historic Homecoming

Saturday, May 4, 2019
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Explore the rich, vibrant history of Franklin Township with a day FREE activities, events, movies and more at historical sites throughout Franklin Township.

For More info, log on to: www.franklintwpnj.org

Franklin Township - Where History Comes Home



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APRIL 12, 2019
JUNE 28, 2019
SEPTEMBER 6, 2019
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April to August 2019 PUBLIC MEETINGS

2019 Public Meeting Dates are subject to change as they have not been officially adopted by their respective boards as of printing.

Township Council*

April 9, 23 • May 14, 28 • June 11, 25
July 9 • August 13

Planning Board*

Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m.
April 3, 17 • May 1, 15 • June 5, 19
July 3, 17 • August 7

Zoning Board of Adjustment*

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

Advisory Board of Health

Municipal Bldg, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
April 3 • May 1 • June 5 • July 3 • August 7

Advisory Recreation Council

Community Senior Center, 6:00 p.m.
April 10 • May 8 • June 12 • July 10 • August 14

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Municipal Bldg, Large Conference Room, 8:00 p.m.
April 18 • May 16 • June 20 • July 18
August 15

Board of Health

Municipal Bldg, Council Chambers, 6:00 p.m.
June 25

Cable Television Advisory Committee

Meetings As Needed

Emergency Life Support

Public Safety Building, 7:00 p.m.
April 2 • June 5

Environmental Commission

Municipal Building, 7:00 p.m.
April 1, 15 • May 6, 20 • June 3, 17 • July 15
August 5, 19

Fire Prevention Board

Municipal Building, 7:30 p.m.
April 11 • May 9 • June 13 • July 11
August – No Meeting

Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council

Municipal Bldg, Large Conference Room, 6:30 p.m.
April 4 • May 2 • June 6 • July 11*
August 1 • September 5*
*Meeting held at Franklin Township Community/Senior Center

Hamilton Street Advisory Board

Municipal Bldg, Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.
May 7

Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

Municipal Bldg, Large Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
April 2 • May 7 • June 4 • July 2 • August 6

Housing Authority

25 Parkside Street, 7:00 p.m.
April 10 • May 8 • June 12 • July 10
August – No Meeting

Human Relations Commission

Municipal Bldg, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
April 23 • May – No Meeting • June 24
July 22 • August 26

Library Board of Trustees

Municipal Library, 5:30 p.m.
April 24 • May 22 • June 26
July – No Meeting • August 28

Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse Youth Services Commission

Community Senior Center, 4:30 p.m.
April 24 • May 22 • June 26 • July 24
August 28

Open Space Advisory Committee

Municipal Building, 7:00 p.m.
April 16 • May 21 • June 18 • July 16 • August 20

Redevelopment Agency

Municipal Bldg, Large Conference Room, 7:30 p.m.
April 15 • May 20 • June 17 • July 15 • August 19

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

Community Senior Center, 10:00 a.m.
April 26 • May 24 • June 28
July & August – No Meetings

Sewerage Authority

70 Commerce Drive, 6:30 p.m.
April 2 • May 7 • June 4 • July 2 • August 6

Shade Tree Commission

Municipal Bldg, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
April 25 • May 23 • June 27 • July 25 • August 22

Trails Advisory Committee

Municipal Bldg, Large Conference Room, 7:00 p.m.
April 10 • May 8 • June 12 • July 10 • August 14

Be a Central Jersey Environmental Defender: Help Save Our Township, Our Health, & Our Environment!

Compressor Station 206 and the NESE Project Updates: We have delayed the potential construction of the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project that includes Compressor Station 206 (CS206). But Williams-Transco still plans to have it built and operational by December 1, 2020.

We are focused on the NJ Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and their review of water permit applications which, if denied, can prevent Williams/Transco from constructing the compressor station. Folks in New York are also focusing efforts on having the permit applications submitted to their Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) denied. If NY or NJ denies the permits, Williams/Transco can't do the construction.

Federal Actions: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued their Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on 1/25/19. Their next step is issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity which would allow Williams/Transco to cut down trees. However, they need permits from NJ and NY for water quality before they can start any real earth-disturbing construction. Getting these Permits denied is where our energy is now focused.

State Actions: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) already issued an air pollution permit for CS206 (9/7/17), and they received new applications for water permits (6/19/18). The NJDEP hearings on the Water Permit applications (11/5/18) at Franklin High School (F.H.S) and (3/18/19) in East Brunswick. Over 300 local residents and elected officials were at F.H.S. and over 200 were at the March 18 hearing to show opposition to the NESE Project. The NJDEP has until May 6, 2019 to make a decision about issuing or denying water permit.

Legislative Actions: : Assemblyman Danielsen's resolution opposing the NESE Project, AR164, passed out of committee (1/28/19) and now needs to be scheduled for a vote by the entire State Assembly.

Senator Kip Bateman's resolution that mirrors Assemblyman Danielsen's, SR94, is still in Senator Smith's Energy & Environment Committee waiting for a hearing.

Help Stop this Project: See www.Scrap-NESE.org for talking points & contact information for Comments & Calls (center page "click here"):

- Send comments to NJDEP about the water permits by April 17
- Call Governor Murphy to have him tell the NJDEP to deny the water permits for the NESE Project. 609-292-6000
- Call NJDEP's Commissioner Catherine McCabe to have the NJDEP deny the water permits. 609-292-2885
- Join us at Task Force/ Central Jersey Environmental Defenders meetings –Monday at 8 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building 475 DeMott Lane: Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Aug 5, Oct 7, Nov 4, and Dec 2.
- Mar 4, Apr 1, May 6, Jun 3, Aug 5, Oct 7, Nov 4, and Dec 2.



TREE CITY USA®



Celebrate Arbor Day at Naaman Williams Park

Join us at 10:00 am on Saturday April 27th at Naaman Williams Park on Matilda Avenue in Somerset for the Franklin Township Shade Tree Commission's Arbor Day Celebration.

The highlight of the event will be a ceremonial tree planting that marks the completion of a recent re-greening of Naaman Williams Park. We will also have information about our other tree planting projects throughout the Township. Residents who join the festivities will receive free tree seedlings from the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign (on a first-come-first-served basis). The free seedlings are 6 to 24 inches in height and are ready for planting. This is the last year of the New Jersey Tree Recovery Campaign so come get your free seedlings while supplies last.

Our Annual Tree Sale also wraps up in April. The tree sale started in December and the order window closed March 31st with pick-up scheduled for April 13th. Trees may still be available - please check our website! This year we are offering four new varieties and one returning favorite. Trees are approximately 4 to 6 feet tall and are sold as bare root stock. Each tree includes a deer guard.

For more information about the Arbor Day event, the annual tree sale, and to learn about the Commission's other activities including our hazardous tree assessment and ash tree inventory visit the Shade Tree Commission's website at www.franklintwpnj.org/shadetree.

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April 23, 2019
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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Open Space
2019 SPRING & SUMMER NATURE WALKS

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP'S OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:

MAY 18TH - "BREEDING BIRDS & MIGRANTS"
Griggstown Grasslands Preserve

JUNE 8TH - "NESTING BIRDS"
Negri-Nepote Grasslands for Nesting Birds

All walks are led by a Naturalist from the NJ
Audubon Society. Please dress appropriately for
the weather, and take precautions against ticks.

To RSVP for one of both of these Nature Walks, please
contact Tara Kenyon, AICP/PP, Land Preservation and
Management Consultant, at 732.873.2500 x6279 or
Tara.Kenyon@franklinnj.gov

Hello Franklin!

Join us as we explore some of the wonderful places and faces that make up our community of Franklin Township. New Restaurants bring exotic flavors to Franklin.

New Franklin Restaurants Serve Up an International Cuisine



Franklin Township is well known for its diversity. According to the 2017 United States Census Bureau, approximately 66,000 people reside in the Township. Among each of these groups contain a variety of cultures that contribute their customs, religions, and cuisine. In recent years, restaurateurs have brought a variety of Middle Eastern, Mediterranean, Asian, American, Hispanic, and Caribbean foods to the community. In the last two years alone, Flame Kabob House, Pasha Mediterranean Restaurant and Banquet, Crazy 4 Falafel, Kabab Culture, Kurry Zone, Spice Rack, Indian Hut, Maharaja Express II, N Thai Palace, Dimple's Bombay Talk, Zoup, BAM Desserts, PJs Pancake House & Bakery, Burger King, Eli's Fish & Grill, Frutta Bowls, Pierce Street Bagel Café Deli & Grill, Mayas Restaurant & Pizzeria, and Positive Vybe Island Grill have opened for business in Franklin.

Abdul Karim, owner of Flame Kabob House, offers an Afghan cuisine to the community. For people interested in chicken, lamb, and beef kabob, they can get it with side order of Kabuli Pulao, Afghan rice, along with a wide range of Middle Eastern dishes and sandwich options. Each dish is prepared by Karim's brother who developed an interest in cooking while growing up in Afghanistan. Karim's brother manages the restaurant while Karim works as an investment banker in North Jersey. Together, they provide Halal food to meet the needs of the Muslim community, aficionados of Middle Eastern food, and residents looking to try something new.

Azim Uddin, chief financial officer (CFO) of Pasha Mediterranean Restaurant and Banquet and financier on Wall Street, also offers cuisine Halal and Kosher food to his patrons. Pasha Mediterranean Restaurant and Banquet opened up last year as a Lebanese restaurant, but also offers

dishes popular in Turkey, Egypt, and the Mediterranean. Uddin also owns a cigar shop close to his restaurant in Franklin Park. Uddin previously ran a small, open-grilled restaurant in northern New Jersey which further sparked his interest in opening an upscale restaurant. As a Franklin Township resident for 15 years, Uddin saw great potential in the business complex where his restaurant and cigar shop now sit.

Rajiv Agrawal, financial advisor and owner of Kurry Zone, a North Indochinese restaurant located in the Cedar Grove section of Somerset, provides an atmosphere reminiscent of his casual dining experience at an Indian Diner in Jackson Heights. As part of the Asian community, Agrawal appeals to the Pakistani and Indian community by making sure his restaurant was Halal certified. He also designed a menu that would meet the needs of families and their children.

"We have a very kid-friendly menu for even the pickiest of eaters, we keep them in mind, just so they can enjoy the food," stated Agrawal.

The husband and wife duo, Clinton and Charmayne Fleming opened up Zoup, an American soup and sandwich franchise, because they liked the idea of opening up a fast-casual dining establishment to serve not only local businesses, but to provide a great dining experience for the Franklin Township community to enjoy. They also wanted to provide patrons with a delicious variety of soup options with a side order of salad or a sandwich. Their future plans are to change their restaurant name to Zoup Eatery and provide several dinner options to the community as well. The Zoup Eatery will continue to provide over 100 soup options, which originated from some of the most exotic places in the world.

"We offer a large variety of soups that appeal to different customers. We provide over 100 soups with 12 rotations daily that are globally inspired from places like Asia and South America," said Charmayne Fleming.

For more information about restaurants featured in this article, please visit or call the following: (Flame Kabob House) <http://flamekabobhouse.com>, (Pasha Mediterranean Restaurant and Banquet) <http://www.pashamediterranean.com>, (Kurry Zone) <http://www.kurryzone.com>, and (Zoup) <http://www.zoup.com>.

Celebrate Earth Day by Cleaning Up a Stream Near You!

Since its inception in 1970, Earth Day has brought millions of people together to celebrate our world's environment. The day has also focused our attention on environmental problems such as pollution, flooding and littering. To commemorate Earth Day in 2019, Franklin Township Environmental Commission has joined with New Brunswick Environmental Commission (NBEC), Lower Raritan Watershed Partnership (LRWP), The Watershed Institute (TWI), Friends of Mile Run Brook (FMRB) and the New Jersey AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador Program to host a stream cleanup event on Saturday, April 13th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.



We can't do it without you! Over the years and with the help of hundreds of volunteers, we have removed over 15,000 pounds of garbage from our town since 2007. There are two major watersheds in the town: Millstone and Raritan. This year, we will be cleaning in highly populated area of Mile Run Brook that forms a border between Franklin Township and New Brunswick. Volunteers can park their vehicles at the St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 285 Hamilton St, Somerset, NJ 08873. We will kick off the clean up from the intersection of Hamilton and Woodbridge Streets at 9:30 AM. Stream Clean-up coordinators will meet you there and get you started.

To register:

<http://lowerraritanwatershed.org/event/clean-up-of-mile-run-brook-with-franklin-new-brunswick-environmental-commissions/>

For more information contact Stan Jaracz, Franklin Environmental Commission member, jaracz@yahoo.com or Von Sully, AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador, wsamb@raritanbasin.org.

All supplies (gloves, garbage bags, pickers) will be provided. Light refreshments and water will be available, but in the spirit of sustainability, volunteers should bring their own reusable bottles.

Boys and Girls Clubs, Schools, Environmental Clubs, Businesses, Corporations and individuals, young and old, are invited to participate in this community event. Businesses are encouraged to provide monetary support, <http://lowerraritanwatershed.org/support/>. <https://thewatershed.org/membership/>

You may wonder why it is so important to keep our waterways clean. Streams, rivers and other water bodies make up the watershed where we all live. Watersheds are areas of land where runoff from rain and snow drains into a lake, stream, river or wetland. These watersheds are full of life. They provide habitat for fish, birds and wildlife. They are also a source of drinking water for homes and businesses. Our joint mission is to keep water clean, safe and healthy through conservation, advocacy, science and education. Visit LRWP at <http://lowerraritanwatershed.org/> and TWI at <https://thewatershed.org/> to learn what we are doing to protect water.



We're Here When You Need Us

The Franklin Food Bank has been providing food assistance to Franklin Township residents in need for almost 40 years. If you need assistance or know of someone that does, please call the Franklin Food Bank at 732-246-0009 or visit www.FranklinFoodBank.org.

April 28, 2019 – 30th Annual Tour de Franklin

The 30th annual Tour de Franklin Charity Bike Ride on Sunday, April 28, 2019 has been a spring tradition in Somerset for many years.

The Tour de Franklin brings avid cyclists and the community together for a common cause – to fight local hunger. It is the Franklin Food Bank's largest annual fundraising event, and the funds raised are a critical part of the Food Bank's annual budget. Last year almost 800 riders joined our sponsors to raise over \$70,000 in one day. \$70,000 equals 140,000 meals for our neighbors in need!



This year our goal is \$100,000 which equals 200,000 meals. We need your help to achieve this goal. Every extra dollar you can fundraise counts and makes a difference.

July 15, 2019: One Day – Two Great Events

The day begins with golf on Royce Brook Golf Club's exclusive course for our 5th annual Golf for Groceries. Golfers enjoy 18 holes, golf contests, food, and of course – tons of fun.

Our evening ends with our 5th annual gala – Gathering for Groceries. Hosted by The Palace, the night includes a bountiful cocktail reception and dinner fit for a king, silent auction, and live entertainment!



2019 FRANKLIN DAY FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 28, 2019
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Colonial Park, Lot C -
Franklin Township Somerset County New Jersey
FOR MORE INFO: www.FranklinTwpNJ.org/FranklinDay
Franklin.Day@franklinnj.gov (732) 873-2500, ext. 6428
#FranklinDayFestival TEXT FranklinDay to 888777

FAQ

How long does it take for a construction permit to be approved?

Depending on the project, if prior approvals (Zoning, Engineering, Health etc.) are not required, a minimum of twenty (20) business days should be planned for processing applications.

If such prior approval is required, your application review may take longer. The twenty (20) business day period begins on the date the complete construction permit application arrives at the **CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT**.

Also if, during the review of your application, it is determined that additional information is required, this may result in a longer review time.

How will I know when my construction permit is ready?

Once your application is approved, a Construction Office representative will contact the responsible person by phone and let them know that the permit is ready for pick-up and the cost.

Permit payments are processed Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 am and 2:30 pm.

When do I need a construction permit?

A construction permit is required for everything that is not considered an ordinary repair or maintenance.

Permits are required for finishing basements, decks, raised patios, swimming pools, renovating bathrooms & kitchens, water heaters, sheds, gazebos, new electrical wiring and new plumbing installations.

Please keep in mind that this list is not all inclusive and is meant to provide general information only. For more specific information please contact the Construction Office at 732-873-7283.

When I schedule a construction inspection can I get an appointment time?

No. Every inspection is unique and some take longer than others. When we schedule the inspections we give you the next available day. Inspections are conducted Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am-3:00pm.

For your convenience we also want everyone to be aware that we currently offer early AM inspections on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. Please remember to request an early AM inspection if that is more convenient for you.

ART WALK

FRANKLIN DAY FESTIVAL

@the Franklin Day Festival is calling all artists!
Submit your two-dimensional art for display and sale in our juried exhibit on September 28, 2019
2019 Theme: Celebrate New Jersey

Submission Deadline

Submissions must be received by **August 9, 2019**
Notification of acceptance will be e-mailed **August 16, 2019**
franklintwp.seamlessdocs.com/f/ArtWalkCall4Art

Accepted artwork is to be hand-delivered between September 9th and September 26th from 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM to:

Franklin Township Community Senior Center
Department Parks & Recreation
505 DeMott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873

Please provide 2 copies of the submission form when turning in the artwork to the Recreation office. All artwork must be picked up at the above address NO LATER THAN Friday, October 11th.

INFO: Franklin.Day@franklinnj.gov OR 732.873.2500, ext. 6428

2019 WEEK OF THE PEOPLE

Back-to-School Event

WHEN

Saturday, August 24th
2pm – 7pm

WHERE

Naaman Williams Park

1 Matilda Avenue, Somerset, NJ

FEATURING • Live Music • Games • Activities for Children • Food • Retail Vendors • Pony Rides • Prizes • And more!

Help us give our children a better start to school with results that last all year long by supporting this event!

WWW.WEEKOFTHEPEOPLE.ORG

48TH YEAR CELEBRATION

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

SPONSORS



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call: 732.910.1280 – Percy Sanders

Email: WeekofthePeople@gmail.com

WeekofthePeople@gmail.com

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<http://www.franklintwpnj.org>

News, Events, Surveys, Forms, Maps, Staff Directory, and much more



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<http://www.youtube.com/TownshipofFranklin>

Recorded Township Council, Planning Board, & Board of Adjustment Meetings



Public Access Channel—Comcast-Channel 29/Verizon— Channel 33

Online Stream <http://www.franklintwpnj.org/stream>

Bulletin Board of Community News and Events

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<http://www.franklintwpnj.org/enotification>

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News, Events, Job Postings, RFP



<http://www.franklintwpnj.org/sdlportal>

Citizen Service Request Portal SDL | PORTAL

Permit Inquiries, Water Service Request

<http://www.franklintwpnj.org/potholes>

Citizen Service Request Form

Potholes/Street Maintenance Requests such as tall grass, graffiti, etc.



<http://www.franklintwpnj.org/cns>

Customizable location based advisories/alerts via text, email, phone and TTY

<http://www.nixle.com/township-of-franklin> nixle

Advisories/alerts via text and email from Franklin Twp & surrounding towns

Road Closures, Community Advisories, Weather related emergencies, long term road closures, optional Community Advisories, etc



WRBX AM 1630

Community broadcast to inform and protect residents that may affect the community

Department of Information Technology—Justin Heyman— Director (732) 873-2500 x6273

Justin.Heyman@FranklinNJ.gov

THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

We would like to inform you about the recent changes to the building codes. Permits are no longer required to replace or repair existing roofing on detached one and two-family dwellings. Also, no permit is required for replacement of existing siding other than polypropylene siding on one and two-family dwellings.



PLEASE REMEMBER THESE REGULATIONS APPLY ONLY TO ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS.

As part of our concern for the safety of the all residents of Franklin Township, please confirm that your roofing and/or siding contractor is licensed and insured before allowing them to start the project. Though permits are not required, all work must also comply with the Uniform Construction Code.

The Construction Department has in the past offered an Amnesty Day for Franklin Township residents at the Franklin Township Festival Day held in September 28th 12 pm-5 pm. We had a wonderful response from our community and we are now going to be offering an Amnesty Day for all our commercial businesses. No dates have been set yet. Please check our website for details. We want our business friends to take advantage of this opportunity for the health and safety of everyone in Franklin Township.

For your convenience we also want everyone to be aware that we currently offer early AM inspections on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 7:00 am to 8:30 am. Please remember to request an early AM inspection if that is more convenient for you. This program has been very successful and we are considering extending this service to 5 mornings a week.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PAYS TRIBUTE TO JOHN CLYDE

(NOVEMBER 28, 1955 - JANUARY 24, 2019)



John Clyde, father, father-in-law, politician, and community leader, passed away on Thursday, January 24, at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. He was the proud father of Beth Ann Mayer and Michael Clyde. He was predeceased by his sons, Thomas and John Clyde.

He was also the father-in-law to Peter, Beth Ann's husband. In 1979, at age 24, Clyde ran for Franklin Township Ward 3 Council Seat. Then he successfully won the council seat in 1981, 1985, and ran unopposed in 1989. He served as a councilman for almost two decades. Clyde took a break soon after his first heart transplant in 1993. He later served as mayor for Franklin Township. Clyde also worked for the Department of Corrections as a Parole Violations Hearing Officer for New Jersey State Parole Board. He served as Regional Chair of the Somerset County Democratic Organization and was a member of the executive committee. He also served as the Chair of the Township Trails Advisory Committee, Township Planning Board, and the Open Space Advisory Committee. His dedication to the Franklin Township community will be greatly missed.

Franklin's INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION
Wed, July 3, 2019 @6:00pm
FIREWORKS @9:15PM
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ
For more info, contact Franklin Recreation @732.873.1991, option 4 or visit www.franklintwpnj.org

2019 SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAMS

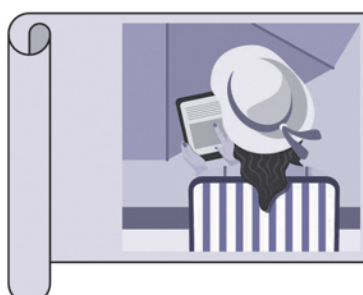
Franklin Recreation: For the Health of It!

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

YOUTH PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	FEE	PLACE
	FLAG RUGBY Boys and girls will learn to run, pass, and score with a rugby ball. Players will be separated into age groups for drills and games of flag rugby. Offered by New Jersey Rugby	5-14 Years	Wednesday June 12- July 17 * NO PRACTICE 7/3	PRACTICE 6:30-7:30pm	\$80	Middlebush Park
			Saturday June 15- July 13	GAMES 9:00AM - 12:00PM		Locations TBD
	DUTCH TOTAL SUMMER SOCCER Learn and improve your soccer skills! Participants will take part in warm-ups, individual skills; attacking & defending; small sided scrimmages and end of day recap. All participants receive a DTS camp shirt. Offered by Soccer Centers	5-14 Years	Monday-Friday July 29 - August 2	5:30 - 8:00PM	\$110	Middlebush Park
	ZUMBA KIDS Come get fit to rockin', high energy, choreographed Latin & international music routines in a kid friendly class! Offered by Somerset County YMCA	7-12 Years	Wednesday June 26- Aug. 28 (NO CLASS 7/3)	6:00 - 7:00PM	\$56	Community Center
	YOGA KIDS Kids develop balance, strength, and flexibility for body and mind. Concentration, self esteem and confidence improve while feeling a sense of community by using a dynamic sequence of Yoga and playing games.	7-12 Years	Wednesday June 26- Aug. 28 (NO CLASS 7/3)	7:00 - 8:00PM	\$56	Community Center
	HOOP IT UP! Basketball skills, drills & guest speakers	8-11 Years	Monday-Friday August 5 - August 9	7:00-9:00PM	\$75	Franklin High School Gym
	RALLY RACQUETS SUPER SERVERS AMAZING ACES TENNIS TITANS This youth tennis developmental program is designed to provide fundamental instruction and low level competitive tennis for youth. You must provide your own racquet and sneakers are required.	5 & 6 Years	Monday June 24 - July 22	6:00 - 7:00PM	\$55	Inman Park Tennis Courts
		5 & 6 Years	Saturday June 22 - July 20	10:00 - 11:00AM	\$55	
		7-9 Years	Monday June 24 - July 22	7:00 - 8:00PM	\$55	
		7-9 Years	Saturday June 22 - July 20	11:00AM - 12:00PM	\$55	
		10-12 Years	Wednesday June 26 - July 24 (NO CLASS 7/3)	6:00 - 7:00PM	\$44	
		10-12 Years	Saturday June 22 - July 20	12:00 - 1:00PM	\$55	
		13-15 Years	Wednesday June 26 - July 24 (NO CLASS 7/3)	7:00 - 8:00PM	\$44	
	CARDIO TENNIS A fun, group activity featuring drills to give players of all abilities an ultimate, high-energy workout.	13-15 Years	Saturday June 22 - July 20	8:30 - 10:00AM	\$90	

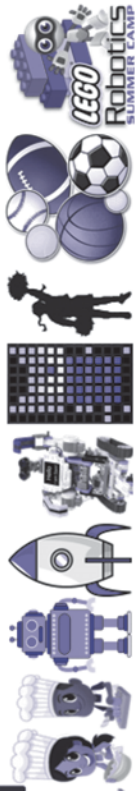
* FIRST TIME TEEN/ADULT PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS MUST SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY WITH A COPY OF A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE OR UTILITY BILL OR SCHOOL ID *

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	FEE	PLACE
	BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE TENNIS Classes focus on fundamentals including scoring, volleying & game play strategies.	16 Years +	Wednesday June 26 - July 24 (NO CLASS 7/3)	7:00 - 8:00PM	\$44	Inman Park Tennis Courts
	CARDIO TENNIS Teen/Adult tennis classes focus on fundamentals including scoring, volleying, and game play.	16 Years +	Saturday June 22 - July 20	8:30 - 10:00AM	\$90	Inman Park Tennis Courts
	TEEN SUMMER RECREATION Outdoor basketball and guest speakers	12-18 Years	Tues. & Thurs. July 2 - Aug. 1 (NO CLASS 7/4)	6:00-8:00PM	FREE	Williams Park
	FYI OPEN BASKETBALL Open Basketball	12-18 Years	Mon. & Fri. July 1 - Aug. 2	6:00-8:00PM	\$10	Middlebush Park
	PILATES This mat based exercise class strengthens and tones muscles, improves posture, provides flexibility, balance, and unites body and mind. Offered by Somerset County YMCA	16 Years +	Monday June 24- Aug. 26	7:00-8:00PM	\$60	Community Center
	CARDIO STRENGTH INTERVAL TRAINING Challenge your muscles and kick start your metabolism. By lifting weights, you will build muscle and help prevent bone loss. Offered by Somerset County YMCA	16 Years +	Monday June 24- Aug. 26	6:00-7:00PM	\$60	Community Center
			Wednesday June 26- Aug. 28 (NO CLASS 7/3)		\$56	
	YOGA Instructors will lead you through a series of poses that build strength, flexibility, & lengthen muscles. Offered by Somerset County YMCA	16 Years +	Wednesday June 26- Aug. 28 (NO CLASS 7/3)	7:00-8:00PM	\$56	Community Center
			Saturday June 29- Aug. 31	10:00AM - 11:00AM	\$60	Community Center
	ZUMBA TONING Blend specific Zumba moves and body sculpting techniques using maraca-like Zumba toning sticks for an intense strength-training experience.	16 Years+	Tuesday June 4- August 13	7:30-8:30PM	\$66	Community Center
	ZUMBA A fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, fun & effective fitness system.	16 Years+	Thursday June 6 -August 15 (NO CLASS 7/4)	7:30-8:30PM	\$60	Community Center



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FOR UP TO DATE NEWS, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS!

DESTINATION DISCOVERY



LEARN SOMETHING AMAZING THIS SUMMER WITH DESTINATION DISCOVERY PROGRAMS AT THE SGS CAMPUS OF FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL. ADD A HALF DAY OPTION TO YOUR CHILD'S DESTINATION DISCOVERY TO MAKE IT A FULL DAY! BEFORE/AFTERCARE AVAILABLE (RESTRICTIONS APPLY). BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED. LUNCH & TRANSPORTATION ARE NOT PROVIDED.

JUNIOR CHEF USA CULINARY ARTS CAMP	July 8 - July 12	Ages 6-12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120
PUT ON YOUR CHEF HATS AND APRONS! LEARN TO CREATE SOME DELICIOUS SNACKS, DELIGHTFUL DESSERTS AND HEALTHY MEALS. KITCHEN SAFETY IS OUR FIRST LESSON, BUT COOKING PROGRAMS PROVIDE MULTIPLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES. READING RECIPES, MATH TO DOUBLE OR HALF A RECIPE, COOPERATIVE LEARNING, TEAMWORK AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT.				
ROBOT FACTORY	July 15 - July 19	Ages 5-8	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120
CAMPER'S ARE CHALLENGED TO BUILD A NEW ROBOT USING RIVETS, PLATES, WHEELS AND AN ACTUATOR (MOTOR) TO BRING THEIR CREATIONS TO LIFE. AS CAMPER'S BECOME MORE AWARE OF ROBOTICS IN OUR WORLD THEY ARE INTRODUCED TO CODING WITH AWARD WINNING DASH & DOT ROBOTS. PROGRAM DASH TO PLAY THE XYLOPHONE, LAUNCH A BALL AT A HOOP AND MORE!				
TAKE FLIGHT!	July 22 - July 26	Ages 8-12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120
VISIT NASA'S JET PROPULSION LAB AND LEARN HOW TO ENGINEER ROVERS TO EXPLORE FARAWAY LANDS. BUILD A ROCKET THAT WILL BLAST OFF TO THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION, AND DESIGN MODELS OF FLYING TECHNOLOGIES THAT HELP NASA COLLECT AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS. LET YOUR IMAGINATIONS SOAR INTO THE GALAXIES IN THIS EXCITING, HANDS-ON GALACTIC EXPERIENCE.				
MOTORIZED LEGO MAKER MACHINES	July 29 - August 2	Ages 7-12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120
CAMPER'S WILL BE CHALLENGED TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT SOLUTIONS TO REAL-WORLD OR SIMULATED PROBLEMS USING A WIDE ASSORTMENT OF MOTORIZED LEGO MECHANISMS. AT THE SAME TIME, CAMPER'S WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT MACHINES, GEARS, ROBOTICS, FORCES AND MOTION, PHYSICS CONCEPTS AND MORE. TAKE HOME PROJECT INCLUDED.				
BLOXELS & LITTLE BITS MAKER STUDIO	August 5 - 9	Ages 8-12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120
CALLING ALL MAKERS AND GAMERS! WITH THE RIGHT TOOLS AND INSPIRATION, ANYONE CAN BECOME AN INVENTOR. INTRODUCING TWO AWARD-WINNING MAKER TOOLS FOR YOUNG INVENTORS TO EXPERIMENT, EXPLORE, BUILD, AND SHARE THEIR DIGITAL AND ELECTRONIC CREATIONS. BLOXELS ENABLES YOUNG MAKERS TO BUILD, CAPTURE, PLAY AND SHARE THEIR OWN VIDEO GAMES. YOUNG INNOVATORS WILL USE LITTLE BITS ELECTRONIC TOOLKITS TO INVENT AND SHOWCASE THEIR CREATIONS.				
CHEER CAMP	August 5 - 9	Ages 7-12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120
GAIN CONFIDENCE, DISCOVER TALENTS, AND LEARN DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CHEERLEADING. THIS CAMP WILL INCLUDE CHEERS, STUNTS AND DANCE. CAMPER'S WILL SHOWCASE THEIR SKILLS WITH A PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE WEEK.				
MULTI-SPORTS CAMP (NO ADD-ONS AVAILABLE)	August 12 - 16	Ages 5 - 11	9:00 AM - 12:30 PM	\$169
PLAYERS WILL LEARN AND PLAY A VARIETY OF SPORTS THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM INCLUDING LACROSSE, SOCCER, AND TRACK AND FIELD. KEY SKILLS WILL BE DEVELOPED THROUGH SMALL-SIDED SCRIMMAGES.				
INTRODUCTION TO LEGO EV3 ROBOTICS (NO ADD-ONS AVAILABLE)	August 12 - 16	Ages 9-12	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$120
BUILD, DESIGN AND PROGRAM ROBOTS WITH LEGO MINDSTORMS. YOUR ROBOT PROJECTS AND CREATIONS WILL USE WORKING SENSORS AND MOTORS. LEGO MINDSTORMS COMBINES THE UNLIMITED VERSATILITY OF THE LEGO BUILDING SYSTEM WITH AN INTELLIGENT MICROCOMPUTER BRICK AND INTUITIVE DRAG-AND-DROP PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE. CAMPER'S WILL ALSO BUILD AND PROGRAM WITH LEGO BOOST. ALL CAMPER'S WILL TAKE HOME A HEXBUG ROBOT.				
DESTINATION DISCOVERY ADD-ON OPTIONS @ SGS CAMPUS-FMS	PM Half Day Weekly Add-On*		12:00PM - 4:30PM	\$100
	Before Care Weekly Add-On*		7:30 - 9:00 AM	\$40
	After Care Weekly Add-On*		4:30 - 6:00 PM	\$40
* THESE ADD-ONS ARE USED WITH DESTINATION DISCOVERY CAMPS ONLY!				

SUMMER CAMP 2019

505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873
732-873-1991, Option 4 www.franklintwpnj.org/rec

YOUTH CAMPS RUN JULY 1ST - AUGUST 9TH. THERE IS NO CAMP ON JULY 4TH
JULY 5TH IS A TRIP DAY ONLY - ALL DROP OFFS AND PICKUPS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Registration (first-come, first-serve) is limited to Franklin Township residents

or children attending school in Franklin Township and entering the appropriate grades.

Birth Certificate is required for first time registrations. Current year report card required for all campers.

Fee reductions for camps may be available to qualified participants. Call for application information.

*** TRIPS ARE NOW INCLUDED WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE. TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

SCHEDULED TRIPS: Movie day, Funplex North, Liberty Science Center, Urban Air Trampoline, Crystd Springs, Bowling.

YOUTH CAMPS

CAMPERS MUST BE ENTERING GRADES 1-6

SGS CAMPUS-FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL OR CLAREMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1649 AMWELL ROAD, SOMERSET OR 175 CLAREMONT ROAD, FRANKLIN PARK

FULL DAY	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	\$950
AM Care	7:30 - 8:30 AM	\$140
PM Care	4:30 - 6:00 PM	\$210

Choose from our 2 school based camps. Campers are designed so your child can make new friends and have fun. Campers take part in arts & crafts, non-competitive sports, games, recreational play, themed activities and weekly trips. Under the guidance of caring, well-trained staff members, your child will have a great summer experience that lasts a lifetime!

WILLIAMS PARK & POOL MATILDA & MARK ST., SOMERSET

FULL DAY	9:00 AM - 4:30 PM	\$600
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This outdoor, all day camp is designed so your child can make new friends and have fun. Children take part in arts and crafts, non-competitive sports and games, recreational play, themed activities, swim lessons, open swim time and weekly trips. Under the guidance of caring, well-trained staff members, your children will have a great summer experience that lasts a lifetime! Williams Park features a lunch program for qualified participants.

PLEASE NOTE: If advance notice of inclement weather is available, campers will meet at SGS. If inclement weather occurs while camp is already in session, campers may be dismissed early.

Children must bring their own snacks and/or lunch. Transportation is not provided to/from camp.

Families are responsible for arranging appropriate options for care if their campers choose

NOT to participate in trips. Alternate programming/staffing will not be provided on site.

Children must have the ability to maintain personal hygiene functions, specifically toileting needs.

TEEN TRAVEL CAMP

CAMPERS MUST BE ENTERING GRADES 7-9

FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL-HAMILTON ST. CAMPUS, 415 FRANCIS ST., SOMERSET
SESSION 1: JULY 29-AUGUST 2; SESSION 2: AUGUST 5-9

FULL DAY	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	\$300/session
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Teen Travel camp combines some aspects of a traditional day camp with day trips, leadership training, life skills and team building. Teens will build friendships and lasting bonds through the summer while on new adventures, exploring and sight seeing. Trips may include: Top Golf, Urban Air, Dave & Buster's, Medieval Times, Camelbeach Mountain Waterpark, Fireball Mountain Laser Tag, and iPlay America. **Trips are subject to change.**

50% deposit due at registration. Final balance due no later than June 14th.

Payments accepted online @ franklinrec.activityreg.com with a debit/credit card or @ Recreation.

The office accepts exact cash, checks & money orders (payable to Franklin Township).



2019 RECREATION SUMMER SWIM LESSONS

Franklin Recreation: For the Health of It!



INFANT/TODDLER/YOUTH

CLASSES RUN FROM JULY 1 – AUGUST 9 (NO CLASS ON 7/4)

LOCATION: CLARION HOTEL INDOOR POOL 60 COTTONTAIL LANE, SOMERSET, NJ

	PROGRAM	AGE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	DAYS	TIME	FEE
	TINY TOTS	6-23 Months		Friday	9:30-10:00AM	\$36
				Friday	10:00-10:30AM	\$36
				Friday	10:30-11:00AM	\$36
	SPLASHERS	2-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be accompanied in the water by a parent or adult guardian 	Monday & Wednesday	10:30-11:00AM	\$72
				Monday & Wednesday	11:00-11:30AM	\$72
				Tuesday & Thursday	9:00-9:30AM	\$60
				Tuesday & Thursday	10:30-11:00AM	\$60
				Tuesday & Thursday	11:00-11:30AM	\$60
	TURTLES	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be able to stand in shallow water without assistance. A parent or guardian should be available but will not necessarily be required to be in the water with the child. 	Monday & Wednesday	8:30-9:00AM	\$72
				Monday & Wednesday	9:00-9:30AM	\$72
				Monday & Wednesday	10:00-10:30AM	\$72
				Tuesday & Thursday	10:00-10:30AM	\$60
				Monday & Wednesday	9:30-10:00AM	\$72
	DOLPHINS	5		Tuesday & Thursday	8:30-9:00AM	\$60
				Tuesday & Thursday	9:30-10:00AM	\$60
				Monday & Wednesday	10:45-11:30AM	\$84
	LEVEL 2	6-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have completed Level 1 and/or be able to submerge mouth, nose, eyes Float in a front and back position 	Tuesday & Thursday	10:45-11:30AM	\$70



Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

2017-2018 Opinion Survey Results

Do you consider underage drinking to be a right of passage?	Yes 3.9% 43 respondents	No 91.4% 1015 respondents	Not Sure 4.8% 53 respondents			
Choose the main way teens get access to alcoholic beverages?	Home 16.2% 178 respondents	Siblings & Friends 68.4% 752 respondents	Other 5.2% 57 respondents	Multiple Responses 10.2% 112 respondents		
Select the substance abused most by teens?	Alcohol 29.8% 320 respondents	Marijuana 28.4% 305 respondents	Prescription Drugs 12.1% 130 respondents	Opiates/Heroin 3.5% 38 respondents	Multiple Responses 26.2% 282 respondents	
Do you approve or disapprove of people under the age of 21 consuming alcoholic beverages?	Approve 4.0% 44 respondents	Disapprove 88.0% 974 respondents	Not Sure 7.8% 86 respondents			
Would you allow your teenage child to attend an adult supervised party where alcoholic beverages were made available for teenagers to consume?	Approve 7.7% 86 respondents	Disapprove 86.7% 965 respondents	Not Sure 5.2% 58 respondents			

The Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse would like to thank the 1,100 residents that participated in our 2018 opinion survey. As part of the Parents Who Host, Lose the Most campaign, the survey results helped us confirm that the majority of parents disapprove of underage drinking and that the majority of parents would not allow their children to consume alcohol at a party even with adult supervision. Furthermore the data helps to disprove the perception that many parents believe underage drinking to be a rite of passage. Alliance prevention initiatives have focused not only on underage drinking prevention, but, have also included opportunities to increase knowledge and skills related to mental health, leadership skill development, and peer mentorship. Workshops have also provided opportunities for parents, guardians and young people to obtain knowledge from experts on the latest trends in drug use and abuse in an effort to help prevent senseless tragedies. Please join us in encouraging young people to be part of the majority of their peers that do not abuse drugs and alcohol. For more information regarding prevention initiatives please feel free to contact the Municipal Alliance at 732-873-1991(option 4) or visit <https://www.franklintwpnj.org/government/boards-committees/municipal-alliance>.



- Snacks **\$25**
- Alcohol **\$100**
- Social Host Fines (up to) **\$1000**
- Endangering the Welfare of a Minor (fines up to) **\$15,000**

Saving Lives Priceless

Parents Who Host, Lose the Most
Don't be a party to teenage drinking.
It's against the law.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS 55 AND OLDER
Thurs., May 9 and Thurs., May 16, 2019
9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Classes held at the Franklin Township
Community/Senior Center
505 Demott Lane •Somerset

\$20.00 Non-AARP Members
\$15.00 for AARP Members

(Your fee will be collected on the first day of class.)

Please pay by check or money order and make them payable to A.A.R.P.

No Cash or Credit Cards Accepted.

Registration opens on Friday, March 8th.

Register on-line at www.franklintwpnj.org or in-person at the Franklin Township Community/Senior Center.

For class details, visit our website to access the complete flyer on the Senior Citizen Page.

Vaping safe?

Think again.

Think that's just water vapor? Here's what e-cig vapors can also carry into your lungs:

- Preservatives
- Flavorings
- Tiny particles of metals
- Additives
- Formaldehyde
- Solvents

Liquid Nicotine

If the e-cig contains liquid nicotine, it is highly addictive and can be toxic.

The Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

WALKING CLUB

FOR RESIDENTS 55 AND OVER
Thursdays throughout Spring and Summer
9:30 am

Please visit www.franklintwpnj.org/rec for specific dates and locations!

For more information call **Marianne Regan @ 732-873-2500 x6347**



SNEAKERS & WATER ARE A MUST!





FOREVER 55 SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMS

1 HOUR EXERCISE CLASSES		DAY	PROGRAM DATES	REGISTRATION	START TIME	FEES	
	YOGA FUSION	MONDAYS	3/4-5/20 6/3-8/26	ONGOING CHECK THE CLASS SCHEDULE FOR EXACT DATES	10:00AM	\$48 \$52	
	ZUMBA GOLD	MONDAYS	3/4-5/20 6/3-8/26		12:00PM 1:15PM	\$48 \$52	
		THURSDAYS	3/7-5/30 6/6-8/29		12:00PM 1:15PM	\$52 \$48	
	WALKING CLUB	THURSDAYS	YEAR ROUND			9:30AM	FREE
	TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS	FRIDAYS	3/1-5/31 6/7-7/21			10:30AM	\$31 \$36
	TAI CHI FOR BEYOND BEGINNERS		3/1-5/31 6/7-7/21			12:00PM	\$31 \$36
	GENTLE MAT YOGA	FRIDAYS	3/1-5/31 6/7-8/30			9:30AM	\$38 \$45
	CHAIR YOGA	FRIDAYS	3/1-5/31 6/7-8/30			11:00AM	\$38 \$45
	FUNCTIONAL FITNESS	FRIDAYS	3/1-5/31 6/7-8/30			9:00AM	\$45 \$52
SOCIAL CLUB MEETINGS		DAY	PROGRAM DATES		REGISTRATION	RUN TIME	FEES
	PARKSIDE CLUB MEETING	MONDAYS	YEAR ROUND	SEE CLUB REP	10:30AM - 12:30PM	DUES	
	FRANKLIN TWP SENIORS MEETING	TUESDAYS			10:00AM - 12:00PM		
	FRANKLIN PARK CLUB MEETING	WEDNESDAYS			12:00PM - 2:30PM		
OPEN PLAY PROGRAMS		DAY	PROGRAM DATES	REGISTRATION	RUN TIME	FEES	
	BID WHIST	MONDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	12:00PM - 2:00PM	FREE	
	BRIDGE: OPEN PLAY	MONDAYS			12:30PM - 1:30PM		
	LADIES BILLIARDS	MONDAYS			1:30PM - 2:30PM		
	POKENO	WED. & THURS.			10:00AM - 12:00PM		
	MAHJONG (WESTERN STYLE) BRING YOUR OWN SET	THURSDAYS		8:30AM - 4:00PM			
	PINOCHLE	THURSDAYS		10:00AM - 4:00PM			
	DOMINOES	THURSDAYS		11:45AM - 2:00PM			
	BRIDGE: OPEN PLAY	FRIDAYS		10:30AM - 11:30AM			
SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS		DAY	PROGRAM DATES	REGISTRATION	RUN TIME	FEES	
	HI-STEPPERS DANCE TROUPE (PRACTICE/JOIN)	MON. & WED.	FALL - SPRING	SEE TROUPE REP	9:30AM - 11:30AM	FREE	
	LINE DANCING	TUESDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	1:30PM - 2:30PM		
	SWINGIN' SINGIN' SENIORS (PRACTICE/JOIN)	FRIDAYS	FALL - SPRING	SEE INSTRUCTOR	1:30PM - 2:30PM	COUNTY FEE	
	HEALTHY BONES (COUNTY PROGRAM)	MONDAYS	YEAR ROUND	SEE INSTRUCTOR	12:45PM - 2:30PM		
	HEALTHY BONES (COUNTY PROGRAM)	FRIDAYS			10:00AM - 11:15AM 11:45AM - 1:00PM		

NON-RESIDENTS PAY DOUBLE THE LISTED FEE. FOR SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CALL SOMERSET COUNTY TRANSPORTATION: 1-800-246-0527

ALL ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER, 505 DeMOTT LANE, SOMERSET, NJ 08873

OPEN: MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8:30AM-4:30PM 732-873-1991#4

ALL PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A MONTHLY SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR WITH DETAILED PROGRAM INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER

OR ONLINE AT WWW.FRANKLINTWPNJ.ORG/REC



Forever 55 Film Series

CHECK OUT OUR SENIOR WEB PAGE FOR DETAILS!
www.franklintwpnj.org/rec



FOREVER 55 SOCIAL CLUBS

How do I join?

There are 3 social clubs that meet at the Center weekly. You need only be a Franklin Township resident and at least 55 years of age to join any club. You may join all three no matter where you live in town!

When do the clubs meet?

Parkside Club - Mondays @ 10:30 am
Franklin Township Club - Tuesdays @ 10:00 am
Franklin Park Club - Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm



Which club should I join?

Choosing a club mostly depends on which meeting day and time fits your schedule. All three provide a social and fun atmosphere. Members stay busy throughout the year with day trips, vacation trips, annual celebrations, live entertainment and informative presentations. Clubs often collaborate on activities so that every club member may participate.

Is there a fee to join?

Yes. There is a nominal annual fee for each club. Details regarding membership are provided by each club's new member representative.

Do I need to join one of the clubs to come to the Center?

No. The clubs run independent of the group exercise and regular day to day programs offered at the Center.



WHAT'S NEW WHAT'S NEXT

- Monthly Workshops!
- Lunch & Learn Sessions!
- Health Screenings!
- Special Presentations!
- Entertainment!

We offer new & exciting programs each month in addition to our regular activities. Stop in 8:30am - 4:30pm, Monday - Friday to pick up a monthly calendar of events or check our website for complete details!



SUMMER 2019 REGISTRATION INFO

Franklin Recreation: For the Health of It!



SPRING Registration is OPEN NOW! SUMMER Program Registration begins on 4/3/19



Online Registration is available at: franklinrec.activityreg.com payable with a debit or credit card. In person registration is at the Franklin Township Community/ Senior Center. All in person registrations require a registration form with participant name, address, home/work/cell phone, age, grade, & e-mail address. Birth Certificate, Report Card or Proof of Residency must accompany 1st time registrations. Recreation Office accepts exact cash, checks, and money orders, made payable to Township of Franklin.

PLEASE NOTE PROGRAM FEES ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.

CHECK YOUR INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS FOR DATES WHEN CLASSES WILL NOT BE HELD. PROGRAMS WITH LOW ENROLLMENT ARE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER 505 DEMOTT LANE, SOMERSET, NJ 08873

PHONE: 732-873-1991, OPTION #4

EMAIL: FRANKLINREC@FRANKLINNJ.GOV

OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

RECREATION POLICIES & PROCEDURES

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

INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING: We welcome individuals with or without disabilities to participate in all recreation programs and activities. In accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please contact us to discuss any modifications needed for you or your child's successful participation in programs.

MAKE-UPS: Make-ups are only offered for programs cancelled by the Recreation Dept. due to weather or other circumstances. In some instances, credits will be issued in lieu of makeup classes. Make-ups are not given for absences.

FEES: ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED UPON REGISTRATION. **Program fees are not prorated for late registrations.**

RESIDENCY: All fees listed are for Township residents. The Recreation Dept. reserves the right to limit registrations to Township residents for any programs. Non-residents may enroll in a program 7 days prior to program start date and at **double** the listed fee.

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

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

EMAIL: Email is used for program confirmations or communications. Please note that Franklin Recreation does not share e-mail addresses.

ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS!

At Franklin Recreation, "fun" is our business. To make it easier to sign up online for all of the fun, follow these helpful hints to use our new online registration site: franklinrec.activityreg.com

- Set up an easy to remember password, or even better, a pass phrase, for example: "ReclsFUN" or "FranklinRecRocks".
- Make sure you use the exact email address that you gave to Recreation. We use email for confirmation receipts and program communications.
- Your debit/credit card billing information should match the name and address that is on the account. You will get an error message if they don't.
- Make sure you select the correct participant for the correct program. The system will let you know if you don't.
- If you get an error message, check that all of your information is entered and spelled correctly. If you find a mistake, delete the information completely and then re-enter the correct information.



GOT SUMMER PLANS? BE A C.I.T.!

Are you looking for a great summer experience volunteering with children? The Franklin Township Recreation Department's C.I.T. (Counselor-in-Training) Program provides teens, entering 9th and 10th grades, with the opportunity to gain valuable experience as a volunteer member of our summer program. Participants will develop new skills (child development & nurturing children), practice leadership and group management, explore future career possibilities, selection of age appropriate games and have fun helping kids!

HURRY! APPLICATIONS ARE DUE: APRIL 26, 2019!
CALL 732-873-1991, #4 FOR MORE INFO!



SUMMER CAMP 19



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH COUNCIL

ELIGIBLE TO YOUTH IN GRADES 7-11

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

Smart? Energetic? Creative? Organized? Awesome?

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



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH COUNCIL...

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

If you are interested in being part of the Franklin Township Youth Council, simply complete an application and submit it by **4:00 pm on 5/24/19**.

Note: Youth Council meetings are typically held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 6:30-8:30pm at the Community/Senior Center.

For an application or more info, Call (732)873-1991, #4.



THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS

Franklin Township Parks & Recreation offers monthly programs specifically designed for individuals with special needs.

Friday Night Drop-In is a social program for teens and young adults ages 13-25. We offer a variety of theme nights such as: game nights, crafting, Zumba, martial arts, parties, and community service projects. Participants meet 7:00-9:00PM on select Fridays.

F.A.S.T. (Fitness and Social Time) is a program for adults ages 26+. Participants enjoy fitness related activities, crafts, and socializing. Participants meet select Saturdays once per month from 12:00-2:00PM.

Most programs take place at the Community/Senior Center.

Registration is required and available online @ franklinrec.activityreg.com

For more information: Call (732) 873-1991, Option #4

Care, Share, AWARE

FOR AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH!

**SAT. APRIL 6
2:00 - 5:00PM**

FREE

COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER @ 732-873-1991, #4

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Franklin Township
Convenience Center
(Corner of School Ave. & Berry St.)
732-249-7800 ext. 6290
Franklin Township Website:
<https://www.franklintwpnj.org>

CALENDAR

Saturday schedule

April 13, 20199:00am – 1:00pm
April 27, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
May 11, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
June 8, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
June 22, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
July 6, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
August 10, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
August 24, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
September 7, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
September 21, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
October 5, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
October 19, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
November 2, 20198:00am – 2:45pm
December 7, 20198:00am – 2:45pm

Monday Schedule

April 22, 20197:30am – 11:30am
May 20, 20197:30am – 11:30am
June 17, 20197:30am – 11:30am
July 15, 20197:30am – 11:30am
August 19, 20197:30am – 11:30am
September 16, 20197:30am – 11:30am
October 14, 20197:30am – 11:30am
November 25, 20197:30am – 11:30am
December 2, 20197:30am – 11:30am

TO PURCHASE A PASS:

You must be a resident of Franklin Township
Driver's license required for proof of residency

PLACES TO PURCHASE A PASS:

Public Works Building

40 Churchill Avenue
Monday thru Friday: 7:00am – 2:45pm

Township's Clerk's Office

475 DeMott Lane
Monday thru Friday: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Trip Pass Fees

Car - \$15.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$75.00
Description – has 1 or 2 seats with a trunk

Station Wagon/Small SUV/Small Crossover

\$20.00 per trip/6 trips for \$100
Description – **MUST** have 2 rows of seats, upright and in place at all times

SUV/Mini Van/Small ¼ Ton Pick Up

\$35.00 per trip/6 trips for \$175.00
MUST have 2 rows of seats, upright and in place at all times

Full Size Van/Cargo Van

\$55.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$275.00
Description – no seats behind driver

Trailer - \$75.00 per trip – PLUS Vehicle fee IF the vehicle has debris

\$75.00 per trip / 6 trips for \$375.00
Description – No longer than 8 feet; no closed in trailers

NOT ALLOWED

Rack Body / Flat Bed / Dump Truck / Cube Van / Closed in Trailers

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ALLOWED

TRIP PASS REQUIRED

FOR THE FOLLOWING ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Household items to include furniture, old toys, rugs, etc. appliances (refrigerators; freezers; air conditioners; dehumidifiers)

ADDITIONAL FEES

\$15.00 per Freon appliance (drop off)
\$7:00 per tire (ALL TIRES)

NO PASS REQUIRED

Newspaper
Cardboard
Metal Cans
Glass Bottles
Light Metal
Motor Oil
Appliances (washers; dryers; stoves; ovens; dishwashers; hot water heaters)
Recyclable Electronics
Brush – Shrub trimmings, hedge clippings
Branches – no larger than 4" in diameter and/or 4 feet in length
Leaves – must be in biodegradable bags (**leaves cannot be dumped out of bags**)

NOT ACCEPTED / NOT ALLOWED

Renovation / Construction Material / Debris – sheet-rock; tile; concrete; brick; asphalt; rocks, etc**
Railroad ties or treated wood
Household garbage; food waste; cooking oil
Hazardous Materials – pesticides; oil paint; chemicals; driveway sealer, etc.
Propane tanks**

****NOTE:** Somerset County holds five **Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off**.

Please refer to your 2019 Recycling Information Packet for details or call 732-469-3363 or log on at: www.co.somerset.nj.us

LARGE METAL APPLIANCE PICKUP

April 22, 2019
May 20, 2019
June 17, 2019
July 15, 2019
August 19, 2019
September 16, 2019
October 14, 2019
November 25, 2019
December 2, 2019

MEDICINE DROP OFF IN FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Residents can dispose of unwanted, expired or unused prescription and over-the counter drugs in the drop-off box located in the lobby of the Franklin Township Public Safety Building at 495 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING

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

Franklin Township & South Bound Brook

April 11, 25	Sept. 12, 26
May 9, 23	Oct. 10, 24
June 6, 20	Nov. 7, 21
July 5, 18	Dec. 5, 19

August 1, 15, 29

Franklin Park – Griggstown

April 12, 26	Sept. 13, 27
May 10, 24	Oct. 11, 25
June 7, 21	Nov. 8, 22
July 5, 19	Dec. 6, 20

August 2, 16, 30

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS/ MEDICINE DROP OFF

Medications should be dropped off in their original packages or bottles. **The name of the medication should be visible. Illegal drugs, liquid medications, needles and sharps should not be brought to the drop-off.**

April 13, 2019
Warren Township Public Works Garage

1 Bardy Road

Warren, NJ 07059

June 15, 2019

Franklin Township Sewerage Authority

70 Commerce Drive

Somerset, NJ 08873

Sept. 14, 2019

Branchburg Township Public Works Garage

34 Kenbury Road

Branchburg, NJ 08876

Oct. 19, 2019

South County Public Works Garage

410 Roycefield Road

Hillsborough, NJ 08844

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER

40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater

1st Saturday of each month

8:00am – 2:00pm

Electronic Waste is not accepted at the Center;

RECYCLE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

8:00AM – 2:00PM – 1st. Saturday Drop Off

April 6, 2019

May 4, 2019

June 1, 2019

July 13, 2019 (due to holiday)

August 3, 2019

September 7, 2019

October 5, 2019

November 2, 2019

December 7, 2019

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

Sharp needles and other similar medical waste should never be recycled.

Disposal containers and information is available. Call for hours and specific locations.

St. Peter's 732-742-8600, ext. 8282

RWJUH – 908-685-2200, ext. 3258

Hunterdon Medical Center – 908-237-6920

Center for Nutrition & Diabetes Management

Waste Management 1-877-WASTE-MD

*Additional information about the Safe Syringe Disposal

Program may be obtained by contacting: New Jersey

Hospital Association

760 Alexander Road

Princeton, NJ 08543 Tel: 609-275-4000

POLYSTYRENE

Packing Peanuts

Polystyrene packing peanuts can be taken to your local MAIL BOXES ETC., POSTNET OR UPS stores, where they will be reused in future packing shipments.

Packing Polystyrene Blocks

Polystyrene foam blocks, commonly used for the packaging of computers, laptops, kitchen appliances and televisions, can be taken to a specialist company – Foam Pack Industries – for recycling throughout New Jersey, Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:00pm Foam Pack Industries is the only company offering this option at this time.

Location:

72 Fadem Road

Springfield, NJ 07081

(973) 376-3700

www.foampackindustries.com



Familiar Face – New Position

Sean Thomas – Supervisor of Health and Physical Education

Sean Thomas may have begun this school year as Supervisor of Health and Physical Education, but he already knew his way around the “track” here in Franklin Township Public Schools. He has spent his 18 years in the education field right here in the district and has served the students of Franklin as a teacher, track coach, a Dean at Franklin Middle School and now a Supervisor.

In his new role he oversees 40 teachers in grades K-12 in the mandated area of Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. He refers to his staff as “outstanding” and “enjoys supporting and collaborating with them.” He stresses communication and collaboration in his department by encouraging his newer teachers to look to the more veteran staff for support and by highlighting the successes of his staff and students. Most of his staff utilize their district Twitter accounts which, “helps them celebrate student achievement and demonstrate a passion for the subject [Health and PE] in a way that the students can relate to.”

“Enthusiasm for the subject matter and positive relationship building with their students are two essential qualities that teachers should bring into their classrooms every day,” says Thomas. He continues, “The health of our students is so important. Quality health and physical education programs can be life-changing for today’s children. I want to see our kids making healthy life choices.”

Thomas believes that a physical education program that balances team sports and fitness-based activities best serves the needs of all students. He is excited to see individually based fitness activities like yoga, cardio and strength training expanded in order to expose and inform students to the many exercise options available to them. He believes that this will lead them to a lifelong passion for a healthy lifestyle and in turn a healthier, happier adult life.

Thomas is proud of the district and the choices that it gives to students. At the high school level his department offers Teen Rep, a comprehensive approach

to family life education; the One Warrior Program which partners general education and special needs students with the goal of developing a sense of pride, confidence, and self-identity through physical development and achievement; the JROTC program that teaches students (Cadets) character education, student achievement, wellness, leadership, and diversity and, finally, the Concepts of Fitness class that offers an in-depth opportunity for students to learn about various fitness, strength, conditioning, and nutrition concepts.

As for himself, he is proud to have built his career here in Franklin. He has enjoyed “building relationships with staff, students, and community members,” and credits these with helping him to grow in many personal and professional ways. For keeping him on track, so to speak.



The Health & PE Team uses Twitter to celebrate their students.

For More News on Our Schools

Check Out Our Video

News magazine



Available on Our District

Website www.franklinboe.org

Referendum Project Update – Elizabeth Avenue School By Superintendent John A. Ravally, Ed.D.

I am happy to report that after just a few finishing touches, the Elizabeth Avenue School (EAS), One Less Move Referendum projects, will be complete.

The work completed at Elizabeth Avenue School, which spanned the duration of the last few years was substantial. A new two-story wing was built to house 16 state-of-the-art classrooms. Another smaller addition was completed providing much needed improvements to the gymnasium/multipurpose area. The front entrance and main office were completely renovated, providing a larger, safer point of entry for students and staff. The media center was relocated and updated providing more space for students and additional areas for reading and academic enrichment. The parking lot has been expanded and included a redesigned bus loop helping to improve traffic flow in this busy area of town. Additional enhancements to playground equipment and play areas came to fruition as well.

The final piece of this project is the EAS kitchen. Work was done to expand the kitchen area, helping to accommodate the larger population of students now enrolled at EAS. Final installation and inspection of the kitchen equipment completes the process and we anticipate, by the release of this newsletter, that the EAS kitchen will be open.

In the interim, school meals for EAS students are prepared at Franklin High School, located approximately 2.5 miles from EAS. The meals are then loaded into a hot or cold container and sent to EAS. The food services staff there set up the food containers and use computers on carts to process the meals. The older students come to the carts and select their food while the cafeteria staff bring the food to the tables for our younger students.

“Everyone at Elizabeth Avenue School, staff, students and their families, have been very patient through the kitchen construction,” reports Food Services Director, Margaret DeBlasi. “We have streamlined the process in order to be able to serve EAS students hot and cold nutritious meals every day, but we are very much looking forward to opening the kitchen there.”

A ribbon cutting celebration will take place at EAS and further recognize all the work completed there to officially recognize the end of the One Less Move Referendum projects.

Once again, my thanks to the past and present Board of Education members, past and present staff members, school community and township as a whole for the support offered throughout this referendum process.



New main entrance.



New Main Office at EAS.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR

2018-2019

Annually school districts in New Jersey are invited to name their best and brightest teachers and educational services professionals for recognition at the district, county and ultimately the state level. In the past these programs were called Teacher of the Year Program and the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program. Today it is referred to as the Governor's Educator of the Year Program. The process for this recognition begins early in the school year. Staff are invited to nominate and then a committee chooses two individuals from each school, one a classroom teacher and the other a professional in a support area. These educational services personnel would include a school counselor, special education child study team member, or paraprofessional. Criteria for nomination include expertise in the field; the ability to collaborate with stakeholders to create a strong culture of respect and success, as well as leadership and innovation in educational activities.

We are proud to announce our 2018-2019 District Educators of the Year. Any awardees from this pool may go on to compete for the county Educator of the Year and if successful, the state level award. As district educators of the year, these individuals will receive a certificate and celebrate with each other at a district breakfast later this school year.

2018-2019 Franklin Township Public Schools (FTPS) - District Educators of the Year

Franklin High School FHS	Maggie Muir-Shylock, Spanish Teacher , has been a teacher for 13 years, six at FHS teaching all levels of Spanish. She says, the teaching profession, "found her" when she took a temp position at her local high school and loved it so much, she changed career paths.	Chance Summerer, School Counselor , has worked at FHS for three years and in youth development since 2006. He believes that it only takes one person believing in a student and providing them a solid object to lean on to change their lives.
Franklin Middle School @ Hamilton Street Campus FMS	Nicole Monfassani, Health & Physical Ed. Teacher , has been a teacher at FMS in this field for 12 years. She has a passion for health, fitness and sports. She enjoys teaching children the skills and knowledge they need to live a healthy, active lifestyle.	Thomas McLaughlin, Paraprofessional , has been in the education field for 12 years, briefly as a substitute teacher and now as a para. As a former coach, he had enjoyed working with children and became a para to contribute to the school system.
Franklin Middle School @ Smith Campus SGS	Carminda Bandeira, Science Teacher , says teaching was her "true calling". She has worked in FTPS at the middle school level for five years. She enjoys helping her students as they progress through their own, sometimes confusing, journey of self-discovery.	Barbara Kinck, Media Specialist , has been in the education field for 16 years. She calls her own children her first students. She says, "I see the future in my classroom and in our hallways, and it's an honor to be even a small part of that."
Claremont Elementary School CES	Beth Osipowitz, Special Ed. Teacher , has been with FTPS for six years. She is grateful that she can both teach, and learn from her students. Her class motto this year, "Let's root for each other and watch each other grow."	Theresa Ferrigno, Paraprofessional , has worked as a para in our district for 11 years. She hopes to make a positive impact on her students' growing lives. A favorite quote, "The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion." Paulo Coelho
Conely Road School CRS	Cyndy Normart, Special Ed. Teacher , has worked at CRS for 14 years. She tries to build a lifelong love of reading for her students. She was greatly influenced by her own 4 th grade teacher who was kind, cared about her students and made them feel valued.	Abbe Levine, Media Specialist , has been at FTPS for 14 years and has served our students at several elementary schools. She chose education as a career because, "learning leads a person to their future."
Elizabeth Avenue School EAS	Tina Wojtowicz, 4th Grade Teacher , began her career in the marketing field but now finds teaching rewarding. She loves making a difference in her students' lives. Having been at EAS for the last seven years, she thinks of that school as her "home away from home."	Teri Gioranni, School Nurse , has been with the district for 17 years, 14 of them at EAS. She has served all of our students as Lead Nurse, for the last two years. She has always had an interest in school nursing and loves working with children.
Franklin Park School FPS	Chelsie Baakman, Special Ed. Teacher , has been at FPS for seven years. She realized she wanted to become a teacher at a young age. She wants to be the positive impact that students need during the most impressionable time in their lives.	Disha Hinduja, Paraprofessional , began her career as a para in FTPS 17 years ago. As her own children were entering school, she realized she had a passion to teach others. This passion has continued to grow throughout her years as a para.
Hillcrest School HIL	Lindsay Shreffin, Resource Room Literacy Teacher , has taught in our district, and at Hillcrest School, for ten years. She chose a career in education because she loved working with children and wanted to inspire them the way her teachers had inspired her.	Cindy Jimenez, Literacy Coach , has been with FTPS for 13 years, as a teacher at MAC, then as the Literacy Coach at HIL. A favorite quote is "Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand." – Chinese Proverb
MacAfee Road School MAC	Wilma Rosikiewicz, 4th Grade Teacher , worked for a hotel chain before becoming a teacher. She has been with the district for 11 years, the last four at MAC. She credits the love she had for her teachers when she was growing up, with her career choice now.	Caroline Powell, Paraprofessional at MAC for the last three years, has always loved being in the education field. She has been a graduate teaching assistant and substitute teacher as well. She lives for the "lightbulb moments" when a struggling student finally understands.
Pine Grove Manor School PGM	Jillian Noble, Health & Physical Ed. Teacher , is in her eighth year at PGM. Prior to that, she was a teacher and coach at FHS. Her goal is to give students the tools to maintain a healthy body while helping them discover and develop their skills and talents.	Mayra Rivera, School Nurse , has been with the district for 13 years, and at PGM since 2017. A former oncology nurse, she says she knew at a young age that she was destined to help people for the rest of her life.



From the Board of Education President – Nancy LaCorte

On January 3rd the Board of Education held our annual reorganization meeting. We swore in three veteran Board members: Laurie Merris, Edward Potosnak III and Patricia Stanley. Ed served on the Board from 2014 until 2017; and Pat from 2015 until 2017. Laurie has continued on the Board since 2015. Congratulations and welcome back!

We also said goodbye to Rich Seamon and Margaret Steele. We thank Margaret and Rich for their dedication to our students and wish them well in their future endeavors.

In addition to our monthly Board meetings, Board members also serve on various committees and liaisons to other organizations. We enjoy attending as many district events as our schedules permit. Visiting our schools allows us to remember why we chose to serve; that is, to be here for the kids. When I ask people, "What is the best thing about Franklin?" They always say "diversity". Franklin Township Public Schools reflects and celebrates the diversity of our Township. We are very proud of our course offerings at the high school, ranging from AP Art History to Zoology and everything in between. In our schools, students are taught skills that will help them later in life. Community service opportunities help them build the skills necessary to become good citizens. Warriors Unite, a club made up of general and special education students at Franklin High School, promotes inclusion and acceptance. Morning Meeting in our elementary schools focuses on building a community and working through problems.

Our schools have something to spark every interest: our new morning clubs at the elementary level; student choice classes for our 4th and 5th graders; a variety of clubs and an expanded athletic program on our middle school campuses. At our high school athletics include football, track & field, wrestling, bowling, swimming, and I'm sure you've heard about our award-winning basketball teams. The list goes on and on.

Our Fine, Visual and Performing Arts opportunities are outstanding. Art classes are offered as early as Pre-K and continue to the AP level at Franklin High School. Music is introduced to our Pre-K students. Orchestra and band offerings begin in the 4th grade with Suzuki violin offered in 2nd and 3rd grade. Our dance program is offered at the elementary, middle and high school levels. At Franklin High School, dance is also included in the Career Technical Education Program. Our plays are epic and I think rival what you might see on Broadway. Students contribute to all phases of our productions, starting at the middle school level.

Franklin students are very involved in the community, making a difference every day. Our staff are among the most dedicated in the state. Some of whom, like me, are former graduates and have come back to be a part of the district. We are so proud of all that Franklin Township Public Schools have done, are doing, and will continue to do with your support. I have barely touched on all that we have accomplished. We invite you to visit our schools and see for yourself.

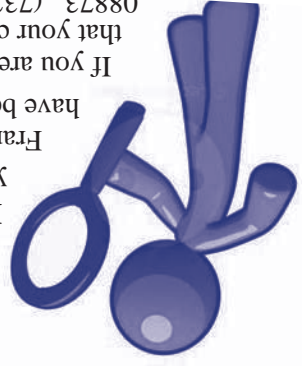
On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you for your support

Information for Parents/Guardians of Children Who Are

Experiencing Delays

Project CHILD FIND is a program from the NJ Department of Education to assist in the identification of unserved or underserved youth, from birth through age 21, with a delay or disability. Call 1-800-322-8174 for more information on Project CHILD FIND. Franklin Township Public Schools provides, through its Department of Pupil Personnel Services, educational services to students who have been identified as having educationally debilitating conditions.

If you are a resident of Franklin Township and suspect that your child is having learning difficulties or if a health care provider has indicated that your child should be evaluated, please contact the **Department of Pupil Personnel Services** 1755 Amwell Road, Somerset, New Jersey 08873. (732) 873-2400 Ext. 203.

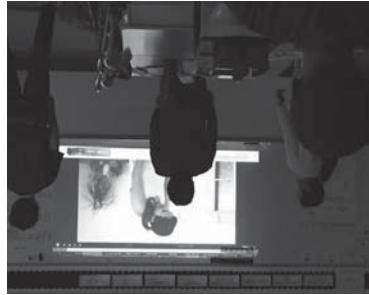


Student College: Giving Students a Chance to Explore

The district's Student College Program, available to elementary school children in the 4th and 5th grades, gives students the opportunity to further explore an existing interest or try something totally new. These classes are developed by district teachers and align with various NJ Student Learning Standards. One example is the CRS News Network, featuring broadcast news segments written by students on topics they have researched, which are then filmed in class and shared with the school. Another example is Fashion Forward, where students use what they have learned about the elements of design, color, lines, texture/textile and pattern, as well as fashion history, to create their own outfit that shows where fashion is going and what could be a future fashion trend.



Using the elements of design to create an outfit.



Practicing Yoga



Working on a broadcast script.

Yoga and Mindfulness, Ceramics, and Dances Around the World are just a few other choices. "These courses help us focus on educating the whole child, teaching them to find their own strengths and build on them," notes David Heras, Supervisor of Elementary Language Arts Literacy, Academic Support and Enrichment. As the second round of Student College begins this spring, students will be given another opportunity to explore new opportunities.

Morning Clubs at MacAfee Road School:

Something for Everyone

Over the course of four mornings at MacAfee Road School, one can observe students joining their voices in song; rehearsing a dance number; engineering a field goalpost and testing how far they can flick a "ball" over it; warming up their musical instruments; and playing math games – and all of this takes place before the school day starts.

Welcome to Morning Clubs at MacAfee Road School, part of a district initiative providing students at the elementary level, in the 3rd -5th grades, the opportunity to participate in a tree extracurricular activity.

"When we were working on the new elementary schedule, we thought it was important to provide opportunities that students could benefit from that were not necessarily so tightly aligned to the curriculum," said Claremont Road Elementary School Principal Nicole Bever.



Students practice dance moves in their morning club.



Students test their goal post.

Our teachers came up with ideas and the most subscribed clubs were implemented in each elementary school. At MacAfee Road, the STEM club is among the most popular. "As a Math and Science teacher I wanted to expose students to the principles of STEM learning. I like that students from 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are problem solving together," said teacher Sharon Seiwert. In the Fine, Visual and Performing Arts clubs teachers are excited about the ability for students to rehearse together. "My students are not only learning dance steps, but they are also developing a teamwork mentality and self-discipline," notes Melissa Denholtz. Isaiah Mason echoes that thought, "This club gives the students the consistent ensemble instruction to supplement the current curriculum. The entire orchestra program has benefited from this morning club!"

As for me, maybe next time I will stop by to see how the Architecture and Creative Coloring clubs start their morning.



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A Message from Dr. John A. Ravally,

Superintendent of Franklin Township Public Schools

As this issue is published we will be entering the final few months of this school year. Our staff and students have been working hard to realize the opportunities brought about by our grade reconfiguration and revised elementary school program of studies. In this issue you will read about some of our clubs from our new and popular Elementary Morning Club Program. In addition, we will update you on our new Student College Program, an exciting elective program for elementary students. We will also check in on our Elizabeth Avenue School as it receives the finishing touches to the Referendum work near completion there.

In this issue, you will also meet this year's talented Educators of the Year and you will read about one of our newer administrators, Sean Thomas, Supervisor of Health and Physical Education. Earlier this year, our Board of Education challenged district leadership to seek feedback on our district from former Franklin Warriors, so in this issue we provide direction on how to fill out the survey located on our website allowing us to gain that feedback. If you attended one of our district schools, please take the time to let us know what being a Franklin Warrior means to you.

Our current Warriors continue to excel in the classroom, in extracurricular activities and on the athletic playing field. To name a few... Franklin High School student Arnav Tolat, a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, serves as the New Jersey Future Business Leaders of America Central Region Vice President. Another FHS student, Johany Solano, has been elected to the State Board of the New Jersey Association of Student Councils as Secretary. Three FHS students have leadership positions on the NJ Junior Classical League State Board. They are Alex Pagnetti, Consul; Jordan Richards, Proconsul and Anna Merigala, Parliamentarian. Lady Warrior Diamond Miller was named a McDonald's High School Girls' Basketball All American. At the middle school level, the FMS Warrior Wrestling Team went undefeated this season, winning the Middle School League Championship.

We look forward to the continued success of all of our students and staff as we head toward the end of this school year. Next school year, 2019-2020, we will follow a more typical school calendar with a more typical start date. September 5, 2019 is our scheduled first day for students in grades kindergarten through twelve and on September 9, 2019 we will welcome our Pre-K students.

Please continue to stay updated on the happenings in the Franklin Township Schools: visit our website at www.franklinboe.org; follow us on Twitter; and tune into district television – Comcast Channel 27 and FIOS Channel 34. We are also pleased to announce an Instagram presence for our FHS Fine Visual and Performing Arts students at [fypa_fhs](https://www.instagram.com/fypa_fhs).

Thank you for your continued support and GO WARRIORS!

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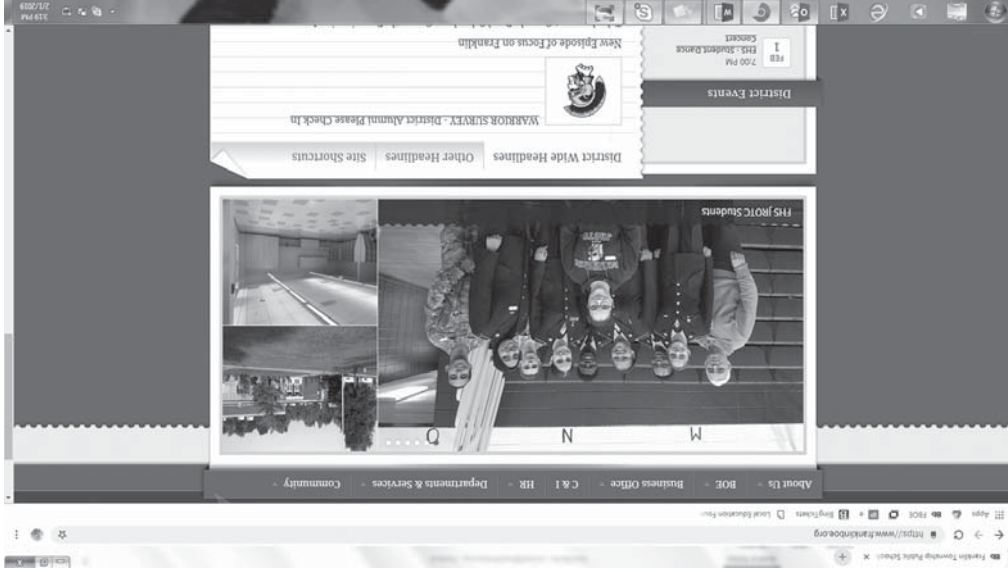


CALLING ALL WARRIORS! CALLING ALL WARRIORS!



Once a Franklin Warrior – Always a Franklin Warrior. This sentiment is voiced by so many of our past Franklin High School graduates and even by others who did not graduate from FHS but who attended district schools for part of their lives. In listening to alumni speak of their experiences in our district schools you might hear gratitude for a certain teacher, or nostalgia for a simpler time, but you almost always hear their Warrior Pride come through as well. Over the last few years the district has tried to highlight the accomplishments of our alumni. Our Focus on Franklin video magazines have featured alumni, and past graduates have served as guest speakers at recent commencement ceremonies as well.

Our Board of Education has included expanding relationships with the community as a district goal this year and alumni outreach as an area of concentration for the District's Strategic Plan. So to facilitate our alumni outreach, we have created a short survey accessible via a headline on our website: www.franklinboe.org. If you have attended the Franklin Township Public Schools, please take a few moments to fill out our survey. We would love to hear from you about today's Franklin Warriors with you. If you know of any other alumni, please let them know about the survey as well.



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