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Local 101

Residents have requested information on the workings of municipal government—an insider's view of Franklin Township in action. For that reason, various aspects of municipal government are the focus of articles entitled: Local Government 101. If you find these articles helpful or have ideas and suggestions for future articles, call 732-873-2500, ext. 6239, or e-mail joyce.miller@twp.franklin.nj.us.



Township Manager Answers Your Questions

Bob Vornlocker was named Township Manager in October, 2012. Prior to taking the position, he was a Franklin Police Officer for 25 years and the Township's Special Projects Manager for one year.

Mr. Vornlocker has an open-door policy, and over the past year has answered many questions from residents. Without mentioning names or addresses, these are some of the most frequently-asked questions.

How can we lower taxes?

Simple. Reduce spending. However, there are limits to where cuts can be made. Liability insurance, pensions, and debt payments are all inflexible and make up a large portion of the budget. Social security, salaries, health insurance, aid to the first aid squads and senior transportation are examples of areas where some adjustments can be made, but only to a certain extent. Payroll and health insurance through layoffs, construction projects and vehicle purchases are places that can but cut be cut. But with cuts come reduction of services.

If I have a complaint, who should I call?

One of the changes I made when I became Manager is placing each of the our Department Head's business cards on the shelf in my outer office. We are here to serve the residents, and residents should not hesitate to call with their questions.

Generally, the Departments who receive the most calls are Health (908-231-7155), Planning (732-873-2500, ext. 6271) and Animal Control (732-873-2500, ext. 6255). They are followed by the Municipal Court (732-873-2500, ext. 6262), Revenue (732-873-7284) and Public Works (732-249-7800).

If you don't know which Department to call, you can contact my office and we will direct you to the proper office (732-873-2500, ext. 6201).

When are they going to repave my street?

The Engineering Department has done a survey of all the streets in the Township and prioritized them according to their condition. If you want to check where your street is on the list or make a suggestion that Engineering look at your street, contact them at 732-873-2500, ext. 6230.

Who made that decision about our neighborhood? Nobody asked me or the people on my block, and we certainly have a different opinion about the situation.

Decisions are made based on the information on hand. Residents are urged to come to Council meetings to share their opinions. The proposed agendas are available before the meetings, and the Council meetings are televised live and rebroadcast on Comcast channel 29 or Verizon channel 33. The Township has several advisory

committees, all open to the public; and their meetings are posted on the Township website and listed in the Township newsletter. Residents are also encouraged to volunteer to serve on Township committees. A listing of volunteer opportunities is available on the website and in the Municipal Clerk's office.

The inspector gave me a violation notice. What can you do about it?

Honestly, nothing. The Township follows strict guidelines and statutes from the State of New Jersey. Our inspectors are certified to uphold those guidelines and statutes. If you think there are special circumstances that might make a difference, we are willing to sit down and listen. There are official ways to appeal a decision, and we will be happy to give you the contact information.

What part of your job do you enjoy the most?

Seeing a project through to completion. And in 12 months, which seem to have flown by, there are many accomplishments. We passed the 2013 budget, clarifying and updating the line items for each department to better manage their budget. And we stayed within budget and have a surplus going into 2014. We maintained our AA+ bond rating and had no significant comments on the annual audit. After several years of cutbacks, we were able to restart the annual resurfacing schedule for our streets and purchased much-needed vehicles for Police and Public Works.

What part of your job do you enjoy the least?

Having to say 'no' to good ideas and plans that just aren't in the budget. I, along with the rest of the Township staff, find that often there just isn't enough time in a single day to get everything done. There are weeks when evening meetings are scheduled for four of the five weekdays. I am not complaining or wouldn't trade the job for anything; but it can be tiring.



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

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Main 732-873-2500
 Extensions
 Animal Control.....6255
 Assessor.....6320
 Clerk (Elections, Dog Licenses,
 Voter Registration)..... 6208
 Code
 Enforcement .. 6220 or 732-873-7283
 Collector
 (Tax, Water)6335 or 732-873-7284
 Community Resource6310
 Court6262 or 732-873-7285
 Engineering6230
 Finance.....6244
 Fire Prevention6303
 Health Complaint 24/76370
 Historic Preservation 6215
 Human Resources..... 6233
 Municipal Alliance..... 6353
 Open Space..... 6201
 Planning..... 6271
 Public Works..... 732-249-7800
 Purchasing..... 6239
 Recreation ...6340 or 732-873-1991
 Rent Leveling Board 6274
 Senior Advisory 6347
 Township Manager 6201
 Vital Statistics (Marriage and
 Death Certificates) 6375
 Volunteer Office 6279
 Zoning Officer 6274
 Zoning Bd. of Adj. 6215

WEBSITE

www.franklintwpnj.org

TO CALL TOWN HALL

732-873-2500

E-MAIL

Township Manager

bob.vornlocker@twp.franklin.nj.us

Township Tax Collector

carol.langone@twp.franklin.nj.us

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

REMINDER

Tax Payments Due February 1

Tax bills are due February, 2014, with the grace period ending February 10. Please use the tax bill previously mailed, coupon #2013-4.

Options for Tax and Water Payments

After-Hour Payments

There is a drop box outside the Public Safety Building for tax and water payments— This is only for payments made after 4:30 p.m. by check (no cash). Pickup will be at 8:30 a.m. in the morning.

On-Line Payments

OPTION 1: On-line payments. Links are on the Revenue Department's web page There are fees of 2.9% for payments by credit cards and \$1.00 for ACH payments. There is no charge to review or print your statement on line. From the Township's home page at www.franklintwpnj.org, go to Departments, Revenue Collection, and scroll down to the bottom of the page to begin making your payment.

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

Congratulations to Our Newest Retiree and New Employees

NEW HIRES:

Nicholas Gambino – Police Officer
 Kathleen Moody – Director of Revenue and Finance
 Thomas Abraham – Fire Prevention Officer

RETIREMENTS:

Bryan Stillwell, Police Sergeant

SPECIAL THANKS

The Franklin Township **Fire Prevention Officers** were omitted from the Fall issue of the Newsletter's list of those who donated their time to the successful 4th of July celebration. Thanks goes out to all who made the annual event possible.

2013 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

TERM: January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2017.

Councilman, Ward 1	Theodore Chase
Councilwoman, Ward 2	Rozalyn Sherman
Councilman, Ward 3	Phillip Kramer
Councilman, Ward 4	Carl R.A. Wright
Councilman, Ward 5	James Vassanella

Those elected will be sworn in at the Reorganization Meeting at 2 p.m. on January 1, 2014.

Fire District Elections Scheduled for February

The Fire District elections will be held February 15 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Fire District # 1 – 732-356-4446
 Elizabeth Avenue, Middlebush, Millstone Valley, and Somerset

Fire District # 2 – 732-422-6744
 Franklin Park, Griggstown, and Little Rocky Hill

Fire District # 3 – 732-249-0308
 Community, East Franklin

Fire District # 4 – 609-924-1181
 Kingston Fire

New CMFO Joins Township Staff

Following a national search that extended over several months, the Township hired a new Director of Revenue and Finance/Chief Municipal Finance Officer.

Kathleen D. Moody's most recent position was in Cherry Hill. Her extensive resume also includes the Essex County Division of Welfare and the New Jersey Judiciary. Township Manager Bob Vornlocker said "We are most fortunate that someone with Kathleen's experience was able to join the Franklin team."

Ms. Moody replaces former CMFO Van Khurana who retired after more than 25 years with the Township.

Franklin Township Council

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Brian Levine -- Mayor732-873-5454 or 732-873-2500, ext. 6396.....	12/31/15
<i>Mayor.Levine@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	
Rozalyn Sherman – Deputy Mayor and Councilwoman, 2 nd Ward,732-873-2500, ext. 6316	12/31/13
<i>Councilwoman.Sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	
Kimberly Francois – Councilwoman-at-Large,732-873-2500, ext. 6395	12/31/15
<i>Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	
Rajiv Prasad – Councilman-at-Large,732-873-2500, ext. 6319	12/31/15
<i>Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	
Brian Regan – Councilman-at-Large,732-873-2500, ext. 6329	12/31/15
<i>Councilman.Regan@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	
Theodore Chase – Councilman, 1 st Ward,732-873-2500, ext. 6318	12/31/13
<i>Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	
Phillip Kramer – Councilman, 3 rd Ward,732-873-2500, ext. 6327	12/31/13
<i>Councilman.Kramer@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	
Carl R. A. Wright – Councilman, 4 th Ward,732-873-250-0, ext. 6397	12/31/13
<i>Councilman.Wright@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	
James Vassanella - Councilman, 5 th Ward,732-873-2500, ext. 6328	12/31/13
<i>Councilman.Vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	

Frequently Asked Questions?

Several residents called or e-mailed after reading the trivia in the *Franklin Times* Fall, 2013 Local 101 article. It is always good to receive feedback, and the positive response is greatly appreciated. Below are some of the items discussed.

The **municipal seal** was adopted in December 1962. It was designed by Stanley Schwartz and shows the 13 stars of the American flag, a soldier of the American Revolution, a plowshare and the date of incorporation, 1798. The soldier is holding a scroll with the words à pas de géant, French for “a giant step.”

Several streets in the Levitt development are named after New York Giant football players and personnel (Mel Tripplet, Pat Summerall, Tom Landry, Vince Lombardi, Emlen Tunnell, Frank Gifford, and Rosie Grier). Former residents Elaine and Howard Fox, who have since passed away, built the homes in the Foxwood section of Somerset and bought the adjoining land that became the Levitt development. Howard was an avid Giants fan. When the Giants won the 1956 NFL championship, he was designing the street layout in the subdivision, and he named them after the team personnel. Before he started building, he sold the approved subdivision to Levitt. Bill Braham said in “Franklin Township, Somerset County, NJ: A History” that Levitt and Sons had invested \$20 million into the new development called “Strathmore at Franklin.” The first 14 homes were ready for occupancy in July, 1964.

Developers have occasionally asked for suggestions on street names. The Engineering Department will ask them to consider the names of deceased police officers or historic local figures.

There was an increase in the water rates and I wasn't expecting it. The increase from \$4.72 to \$5.66 per thousand gallons and minimum quarterly water charge of \$56.60 was approved by Ordinance 4015-13 passed in April, 2013.

Franklin was incorporated on February 21, 1798, one of the original 104 municipalities in New Jersey. (The year was incorrect in the Fall issue).

The repaving of JFK Boulevard was really needed. What an improvement! Any anticipated timing on the repaving of Franklin Boulevard? Franklin Boulevard is a county road. Somerset County bid out the resurfacing, and the work should be completed by the end of this year.



Delaware & Raritan Canal in Winter (c.1918)

This view of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, taken about 1918, shows how the canal would have looked during the winter when the water was drawn out. The view is looking toward the Marconi Wireless Station and one of the towers at the wireless station is visible on the left side of the photo. The photograph was taken from the White Farm which was located near today's Easton Avenue and JFK Boulevard.

Arts Council Offers Artists and Photographers Exhibit Opportunity

The Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council is preparing the calendar for their 2014 monthly exhibitions at the Franklin Library. This program gives Franklin Township artists and photographers an opportunity to exhibit their works to a wide audience in a beautiful setting.

Those interested in learning more about this opportunity should email Linda Raimondi, program chairperson, at FTCACVisualarts@gmail.com as soon as possible. Include information on the type of art to be exhibited and two examples to be considered for the display.

Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council Find Out What's Happening in Franklin Township

The purpose of the Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council is to bring our community together through the arts. We are dedicated to bringing events with wonderful performers, artists and literary people to the residents of Franklin Township. For information on upcoming events and volunteering, please like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/FranklinCAC) and visit our website (www.franklincac.org) to register for our e-mail list. For questions, contact Chairperson Rozalyn Sherman at councilwoman.sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us or call 732-873-2500 Ext. 6316. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming events!

Animal Shelter News

Rabies Clinics

Location:
Animal Shelter, 475 DeMott Lane
December 21, 2013, January 11, 2014
Dogs should be on leashes.

Pet owners can take their pets for free rabies shots to any New Jersey municipality and should call each municipality directly to see when their clinics are scheduled

Santa Visits

Location:
Sampson G. Smith School, 1649 Amwell Road
December 7, 14 and 21
Dogs must be leashed and other pets in carriers.
Pet pictures with Santa. Event is sponsored by Second Chance for Animals to benefit the Franklin Township Animal Shelter.
For more information, 732-748-7232 or santapaws@secondchanceforanimals.org

Shelter Open House

November 30
12 noon to 6 p.m.
Santa will be coming to visit the animals at the shelter

New Hours at Shelter


Tuesday to Friday: 12 noon to 3 p.m.
Thursdays 12 - 3
Saturdays: 12 noon - 6 p.m.
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December 2013 to March 2014

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Council

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
December 10

Reorganization January 1, 2 p.m.
January 7, 21 • February 11, 25
March 11, 25

Planning Board

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
December 4, 18 • January 8, 22
Further 2014 meeting dates TBA

Board of Adjustment

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 5, 19 • January 23
Further 2014 meeting dates TBA

Advisory Board of Health

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 4
2014 meeting dates to be announced

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 8 p.m.
December 19 • January 16
February 20 • March 20

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7 p.m.
December 2 • January 6
February 3 • March 3

Emergency Life Support

Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.
January 8 • March 5

Environmental Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m. --
December 2 • January 6
February 3 • March 3, 17

Fire Prevention Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 12 • January 9
February 6 • March 6

Hamilton Street Business Community Board

Various locations 6:30 p.m.
December 11
2014 meeting dates to be announced

Historic Preservation Commission

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 3 • January 8
February 12 • March 12

Human Relations Commission

Township Library 7:00 p.m.
January 27 • February 24 • March 24

Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.
January 22 • February 26 • March 26

Open Space Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
December 17 • January 21
February 18 • March 18

Recreation Advisory Council

Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.
December 11 • January 8
February 12 • March 12

Redevelopment Agency

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 16 • January 27
February 24 • March 24

Rent Leveling Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
As needed

Senior Advisory Committee

Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.
December 20 • January 31
February 28 • March 28

Sewerage Authority

70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.
December 3 • January 7
February and March to be announced

Shade Tree Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
No meeting in December
January 23 • February 27 • March 27

Trails Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
December 11 • January 8 • March 12

Youth Service Commission

Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.
December 11 • January 22
February 26 • March 26

Library Services Reflect Community Growth

As the population of Franklin Township has grown, so, too, have library services to the Franklin Township community. The chart below captures the growth in library services from just prior to the construction of the new library building in the Municipal Complex to 2012, the last full year for which data are available.

	2013	2012	Percent Increase
Programs for adults	35	518	1,380.0%
Adult attendance at programs	1,315	8,352	535.1%
Total Library programs	359	1,023	185.0%
Annual visitors to library	126,300	299,298	137.0%
Volumes purchased during the year	5,940	13,730	131.1%
Items borrowed	227,498	456,400	100.6%
Library square footage (DeMott Lane & Franklin Park)	18,256	40,137	119.8%
Community programs held at library	252	528	109.5%
Children's attendance at programs	7,804	13,751	76.2%
Hours of operation per week at three locations	61	107	75.4%
Programs for children	324	505	55.9%
Part-time staff	34	53	55.8%
Total volumes in collection	117,425	164,974	40.5%
Full-time staff	14	18	28.6%
Reference questions answered	23,000	27,050	17.6%

Family Fun With Geocaching Hunt

The Trails Committee launched the first geocaching treasure hunt October 27. Over 100 participants used maps and GPS devices to find the 28 hidden caches along the trails in the Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve.

In partnership with the Trails Committee, John Neale, president of the North New Jersey Cachers, designed the caches that are related to birds, nature and the history of Griggstown. Those finding the caches record the information, but the hidden items on the trails remain in place for others to discover throughout the year.

Township Land Preservation Consultant Fran Varacalli said, "It was great to see everyone have a good time and to have the opportunity to showcase Franklin's open spaces. We look forward to welcoming new and experienced geocachers to this new and unique experience on the Franklin trails." Those completing the trail receive commemorative path tag.

Maps of the Griggstown geocache trail are available in the Municipal Building and the Township website http://franklintwpnj.org/Griggstown_Geo_Trail_brochure.pdf.

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OPEN SPACE PROGRAM CONTINUES NATURE WALKS

Explore wilderness right in the heart of Franklin Township!



The Township's open space program will, for the 9th consecutive year, sponsor guided nature walks on Township open space parcels. The **2014** walks begin in March and continue in the Spring and Summer months.

The walks are free to the public. The walks are along easy terrain and are great for kids.

Bring binoculars, if you have them, and waterproof footwear.

The March walks will be led by two township residents and avid birders, Chris and Paula Williams.

SPRING DANCE OF THE WOODCOCK AT THE NEGRI-NEPOTE GRASSLAND PRESERVE

Friday, March 7 at 5:45 pm

Friday, March 14 at 7:00 pm

We will meet at the parking lot located at 260 Skillmans Lane.

Walk will be approximately 45 – 60 minutes in length.

The American Woodcock eats its weight in worms each day. Woodcocks return to Franklin Township in late winter or early spring to mate and nest. Males of the species begin calling and performing an aerial courtship display-flight when the afternoon shadows are almost gone.

No pre-registration is necessary.

For detailed directions to the parks, information, and updates please visit

http://www.franklintwpnj.org/open_space.html

Questions? Contact Fran Varacalli at franklintrails@gmail.com or at 732-690-7750



Shade Tree Commission Holds Seventh Annual Sale

*****SPECIAL HURRICANE and SNOWSTORM PRICING*****

To help replace trees damaged by Sandy, the Shade Tree Commission is again offering trees for spring 2014. This year's flowering trees are the Eastern Redbud and Sweet Bay Magnolia. This year's shade trees are October Glory Red Maple and Zelkova. These are 6-8 foot bare root trees ready for planting. There are only 20 trees of each type available.

Orders are now being taken on a first-come first serve basis. If there is no availability, your check will be returned and you will be notified. All proceeds are used to plant MORE trees in Franklin.

The following 3 conditions apply: 1) all sales are final-no refunds and no guarantees are made or implied; 2) the purchaser or designee must pick up the trees on the given date (trees will fit in most cars); 3) the Shade Tree Commission will not plant your tree.

Shade Tree Sale Order form (for pickup and planting in early spring 2014)

Type of Flowering Trees **Quantity (limit 3 TOTAL-mix & match)**
Eastern Redbud (Cercis canadensis).

The redbud is a native tree with heart-shaped leaves and magenta flower clusters borne on the tree's bare stems in early spring; very showy since the tree's branches are spreading and at optimum conditions the Redbud can grow to 30' tall. Grow in moist but well-drained soil in full-sun or dappled shade. The tree is 5' to 6' high at pick-up.

Sweet Bay Magnolia (Magnolia virginiana) 'Green Shadow'.

Sweet Bay Magnolia is another native tree. This variety is semi-evergreen and will reach approximately 20'-25' in height. It produces 2 1/2" creamy white fragrant flowers sporadically from early June through July. Can be grown in the sun in a variety of soil drainage conditions. The tree is 2.5' to 3.0' high at pick-up.

Type of Shade Trees

October Glory Red Maple

This maple makes an excellent shade tree with glossy, dark green leaves that turn brilliant red in the fall. It grows up to 30' tall & 30 wide in 20 yrs. Will tolerate a wide range of soil conditions, especially moist to wet sites.

Zelkova serrata 'Green Vase'.

This Zelkova has a graceful vase shape with dark green, toothed leaves that turn orange-brown to bronze-red in the fall. It is one of the fastest-growing and strongest shade trees and will grow up to 55' feet tall. The smooth grey bark will peel to reveal orange patches. Grow in moist, well-drained soil in full sun or partial shade.

Pricing: 1/\$60; 2/\$100; 3/\$135 **Total \$** _____

(Please make checks payable to Franklin Twp.)
Mail: c/o Shade Tree Commission 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail (Preferred): _____

(You **MUST** provide us contact info so we can let you know when to pick up)

No orders will be accepted without payment. Orders must be submitted by January 31, 2014. Pickup will be in late March/early April. You will be notified by phone or e-mail.

New Website for Hamilton Street Businesses

The Hamilton Street Business District Corporation is pleased to announce that the organization's web site has been updated. The public is encouraged to access it at www.hamiltonstreetbusinessdistrict.org.

The web site includes a listing of businesses located within the Business District, as well as a dedicated page featuring each business, a link to their own website if one exists, and a map showing the location of each business. Other sections include links to the Franklin Township, Somerset County and Chamber of Commerce web sites and details about the two bus routes that traverse the Business District.

Additionally, current properties for sale or lease within the District are listed. Earlier this year, a Business Recruitment Day was held. Each property for sale or lease was featured, and a tour was organized for those interested in considering the Hamilton Street area for the location or expansion of their business.

Accreditation Ceremony

In February a team of assessors from the New Jersey State Association of Chief's of Police (NJSACOP) examined all aspects of the Franklin Township Police Department's policies, procedures, management, support services and operations as part of the accreditation process. Chief Lawrence W. Roberts stated, "Verification by the team that the Franklin Township Police Department meets the Commission's 'best practice' standards is part of a voluntary process to achieve accreditation, a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence."

On Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM, the Franklin Township Police Department had its official accreditation ceremony at the Township Council Meeting. To become an accredited agency the Department needed to demonstrate proof of its compliance with 100 different standards that were set by NJSACOP.

Chief Lawrence W. Roberts said, "Accreditation results in greater accountability within the agency, reduced risk and liability exposure, stronger defense against civil lawsuits, increased community advocacy, and more confidence in the agency's ability to operate efficiently and respond to community needs." He added, "I am very proud of all of the men and women of the Franklin Township Police Department. Reaching the status of becoming an accredited agency was only possible because of their hard work, dedication and professionalism."

The Youth Employment Services (YES) Program

The Franklin Youth Initiative would like residents to be aware of a very valuable service available in Somerset County. The YES Program is funded through the Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board, and provides intensive case management to youth in need of comprehensive educational and vocational preparation services.

The goal of the program is to eliminate barriers to employment by providing youth with the necessary tools and resources to improve their academic success and employment skills and to develop their leadership skills. Somerset and Hunterdon County youth, ages 16-21, who meet the WIB standard for low income households AND possess one or more risk factors, are eligible to participate. Examples of risk factors include: Basic skills deficient (literacy/math); School drop-out; Homeless; Runaway; Foster child; Pregnant/Parenting; Involved in the Juvenile Justice or Criminal Justice Systems; and or Disability. Priority is given to veterans, adjudicated youth, and youth who are not enrolled in an educational program at the time of referral.

The YES Program is funded by a grant from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and is part of the One Stop Career System. There are no fees for participation. A full program brochure is available at <http://www.grwib.com/pdf/YESbrochure.pdf>

FRANKLIN IN TECHNOLOGY



Franklin In Technology computer classes are designed for the adult learner, age 18 and older. With a maximum of nine (9) students, participants are able to receive individualized attention in a comfortable setting. Classes are held at the Franklin Township Community Senior Center, located at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ in the Franklin Township Municipal Complex. Sign up today!

Program	Program Descriptions	Day	Program Dates	Time	Fee	Activity Number
COPY OF CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION						
Internet/ E-mail	Basic Computer skills req. You will learn how to search on the web, communicate via e-mail and more.	Thursdays	1/23/14 - 2/27/14	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	\$65 Res/\$130 Non-Resident	67711-06
Learning Computing	This course is for the beginner with no computer experience and is designed to help students get comfortable using the computer. (Students may not take any Microsoft Office class while taking this course.)	Thursdays	1/23/14 - 2/27/14	10:00 am - 11:00 am	\$65 Res/\$130 Non-Resident	67711-03
Cell Phone Skills for Seniors	Cell Phone Tricks for Seniors (1-Day Session)	Thursdays	1/23/14	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	\$15 Resident \$30 Non-Res	67711-07
			3/6/14	10:00 am—11:00 am		67711-09
	Texting for Seniors (1-Day Session)	Thursdays	1/30/14	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm		67711-08
			3/6/14	11:30 am - 12:30 pm		67711-10
When registering for a cell phone class, please let us know the make and model of your cell phone. Choose the class you're interested in or take both! Go to www.franklintwpnj.org for a complete class list and details or visit our Community/Senior Center.						
Word Intermediate - Advanced	Some experience in Microsoft Word is required. These classes are for those who would like to learn more about editing, formatting, creating documents Mail Merge and other special features of Word. 4 Word Topics to Choose From!	Thursdays	2/6/14 -3/13/14	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	\$15 Resident \$30 Non-Res per session	See the full list on-line or visit the Center
Excel Intermediate - Advanced	Some experience in Microsoft Excel is required. This course is for those who would like to learn the more advanced features of this Microsoft product. Go to www.franklintwpnj.org for a complete class list and details or visit our Community/Senior Center. 5 Excel Topics to Choose From!	Thursdays	1/23/14 -3/13/14	2:30 pm- 3:30 pm	\$15 Resident \$30 Non-Res per session	See the full list on-line or visit the Center



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION - WINTER 2014 RECREATION PROGRAMS



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP - WHERE MAKING THE HEALTHY CHOICE IS THE RIGHT CHOICE

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
Paperwork needed for ALL Youth program registration: copy of Current year report card and Birth Certificate								
	Toddlers' Adventure 6 session program designed for a parent & child to work together in various activity areas such as: circle time, active play, parachute games, arts & crafts, & social interaction play.	12-24 Months	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/18/14 - 2/22/14	9:00-10:00am	Community Center	\$35	30110-D2
		25-36 Months			10:10-11:10am		\$35	30110-D3
	Sport Squirts 6-week session where children will sample a variety of sports including: soccer; hockey; t-ball; lacrosse; & tennis, all in a safe, structured and fun environment with focus on movement, coordination, and skill improvement.	3-5 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/25/14 - 3/1/14	9:00-10:00am	Community Center	\$115	12011-W1
		3-5 Years			10:10-11:10am		\$115	12011-W2
	Parent & Me Sports Squirts 6-Week session for younger children and a parent to participate in a variety of sports activities in a safe, structured, and fun environment with the focus on coordination	2-3 Years			11:20am-12:10pm		\$105	12011-W3
	Chess Children will learn how to play the game of chess & develop strategies to become better chess players in this 8-week program.	Grades K-6	Report Card	Mondays, 1/6-3/10 (No Class 1/20 & 2/17)	6:00-7:30pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$96	43011-11
		Grades K-6			Mondays 1/6-3/10 (No Class 1/20 & 2/17)		7:30-9:00pm	\$96
	P.L.A.Y. (Pre-Schoolers Learning Athletics Year-Round) BASKETBALL An intro into basketball for 4 & 5 year olds (not in Kindergarten). Children will learn the skills of dribbling, passing, shooting & defending. This is an inclusive program (open to special education & regular education children).	4 & 5 Years (NOT in Kindergarten)	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/18 - 2/15	9:00-9:45 am	Franklin Park School Annex	\$40	19520-05
					9:45-10:30 am		\$40	19520-06
					10:30-11:15 am		\$40	19520-11
					11:15-Noon		\$40	19520-12

YOUTH TENNIS SKILLS CLINIC PROGRAM

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
	Beginners' Tennis Skills Clinic All levels are welcome but this beginners' skills clinic will focus primarily on basic tennis fundamentals including forehand, backhand, volleying and serving.	5 & 6 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/25/14 - 2/22/14 (No Class 2/8/14)	12:45pm - 1:45pm	Community Center	\$50	43521-N1
		7 & 8 Years			1:50pm - 2:50pm		\$50	43521-N2
		9-12 Years			2:55pm - 3:55pm		\$50	43521-N3

BASKETBALL PROGRAMS: YOUTH/TEEN/ADULT

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
	Hot Shot Basketball Programs These 8-week programs will concentrate on fundamental skill development through drills and lead-up games.	Grade K - 1	Report Card	Saturdays 1/18/14-3/8/14	8:30-9:30am	Franklin Park School	\$50	31021-H1
		Grade 2 - 3			9:30-10:30am		\$50	31021-H2
		Grade: K	Report Card		10:30-11:30am		\$50	31021-H3
		Grade: 1			11:30-12:30pm			31021-H4
		Grade: 2			12:30-1:30pm			31021-H5
					1:30-2:30pm			31021-H6
					2:30-3:30pm			31021-H7
					3:30-4:30pm			31021-H8
	Girls' Basketball These programs started in November with 4 weeks of skill work & team placement. Starting in January teams will have 2 weeks of practice, followed by 10 weeks of non-competitive intramural game play. **Please call the Recreation Dept. to see if space is still available! 732-873-1991, Option 4	Grades 4-6	Report Card	Saturdays 1/4-3/22	1:00-4:00pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$185	31022-GI
		Grades 3 & 4		Saturdays 1/4-3/22	1:00-4:00pm	Franklin Middle School	\$185	31022-JB
		Grades 5 & 6		Saturdays 1/4-3/22 *Some Friday PM's	9:00-12pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$185	31022-IB
	Adult Executive Basketball Pick-up basketball games for adults 25+. Walk-in or Mail-in Registration	25 Years+	Drivers License with Picture ID	Mondays thru 6/9/14 (No Program 1/20, 2/17, 4/14, 4/21, 5/26)	7:00-10:00pm	Franklin Middle School	\$30	61045-EB

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee	Activity Number
	Teen Recreation Basketball; Arts & Crafts; Trips; Game Room & Special Events. Register via office, mail, on-site.	Grades 7-12	Report Card w/ school ID	Tues - Thurs thru May	7:00-9:00pm	Franklin Middle School	Free	55532-TR
	Boys' Council Boys' Council is a strength-based group approach to promote boys' and young men's safe, strong, and healthy passage through pre-teen/adolescent years.	Grades 7-8	Report Card	Tuesday or Thursday starting 1/7/14	2:30pm-4:30pm	Franklin Middle School		
	Co-Ed Volleyball Walk-in or Mail-in Registration A program of pick-up games for adults 18 and older. 7:00- 9:00PM is recreational play; 9:00-10:00PM is more competitive play.	18 Years+	Drivers License	Tuesdays Thru 6/3/14 (No program on 4/15)	7:00-10:00pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$30	66532-VB
	Adult Zumba An 8-session class that's a fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, fun, and effective fitness system. Instructors: Vidhu Goyal (Tu) and Robin McCoy (Th)	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Tues. 1/7-2/25	7:00-8:00pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$30	36044-01
				Thur. 1/9-2/27	7:30-8:30pm	Comm. Ctr.	\$30	36044-02
	Total Body Works Low Impact aerobics and light weight work that gives your body a total work-out. Instructed by Carol Bender	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Mondays & Wednesdays 1/13-3/12 (No class on 1/20 & 2/17)	6:30-7:30pm	Community Center	\$50	36043-01
	Adult Ceramics Participants will work with slab clay as well as paint/glaze/fire their pieces under the direction of Joana Peralta, FMS Ceramics teacher.	16 Years +	2/21 - 5/16 (No class 4/18)	Fridays	6:00-8:00pm	Franklin Middle School-Rm. 519	\$125	67512-02

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

Program	Age	Dates	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee		
	Parkside Club Meeting		55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	10:30am	Senior Center	Dues
	Franklin Twp Seniors Meeting		60 Years +	Year-Round	Tuesdays	10:00am	Senior Center	Dues
	Franklin Park Club Meeting		55 Years +	Year-Round	Wednesdays	12:30pm	Senior Center	Dues
	Senior Yoga		55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	9:30am - 10:30am	Senior Center	\$35/residents
	Bridge Open Play on Mondays; Class Instruction on Fridays		55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Fri.	12:30pm - 1:30pm	Senior Center	Free
	Dominoes		55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	11:45am	Senior Center	Free
	Tai Chi		55 Years +	Year Round	Fridays	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Senior Center	\$60/residents
	Zumba Gold		55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	11:30am - 12:30pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents
	Zumba Gold		55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents
	Zumba Gold Fridays		55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	11:30am - 12:30pm	Senior Center	\$40/residents
	Sit & Fit Exercise		60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Thurs.	10:30am	Senior Center	Free

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



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Winter 2014 Information & Registration



ON-LINE REGISTRATION COMING SOON. UPDATES ON WWW.FRANKLINTWPNJ.ORG

Franklin Township Youth Council, Youth & Community Committee's

Music Madness!

Learn more about different instruments such as the violin, piano, and more by hearing and maybe even playing them! We'll learn about rhythms, the history of music, and make some music of our own! Join us for fun-filled day with games, crafts, music, & more!

When: Saturday, January 11, 2014
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Where: Franklin Twp. Community/Senior Center
505 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873
Phone: (732) 873-1991, option 4

Grades: K-4
Cost: \$5.00 in advance
\$7.00 at the door

Senior Tai Chi Demo

Friday, January 3, 2014
12 noon - 1:00 pm
Free

Franklin Twp. Community/Senior Ctr.
505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ
Call to Register
732.873.1991, option 4

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH COUNCIL
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PRESENTS:

"THE ESSENCE OF TEACHING IS TO MAKE LEARNING CONTAGIOUS, TO HAVE ONE IDEA SPARK ANOTHER."

Come join us for SPARK, a series of FREE workshops for kids in grades 5 - 8 designed to help you spark the next big idea!

TERRIFIC TECHNOLOGY

Saturday, January 4, 6pm to 8pm
@ the Franklin Twp. Community/Senior Center (next to the library)
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Call 732.873.1991 (option 4)

ONLY \$5!

Angel Giving Tree

Franklin Township wants to spread a little cheer this holiday season by collecting non-perishable food items as well as new, unwrapped gifts for Franklin families and U.S. troops. Donations will be forwarded to the Franklin Food Bank, Franklin families in need, and Operation Jersey Cares. Please see www.franklintwpnj.org for the full list of needed items.

BLAST OFF! SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2013

Join us for an "out of this world" experience on a tour through the solar system filled with cosmic crafts and galactic games!

TIME: 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM
ONLY \$8 IN ADVANCE, \$10 AT THE DOOR
OPEN TO GRADES K - 4

LOCATED AT THE FRANKLIN COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER
505 DEMOTT LANE, SOMERSET, NJ 08873

Call 732-873-1991 (Option 4) for more information.
Sponsored by the Franklin Township Youth Council Environmental Committee.

Where Do We Call?

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

Franklin Twp. Baseball League 732.828.1233
www.FTLBaseball.com

Franklin Township Soccer Club 732.699.0002 www.ftsonline.org
Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading www.ftpw.org
South Bound Brook/Somerset Little League 732.469.7761
www.sbsll.com / sbsll@yahoo.com
Franklin Township Wrestling www.franklinwrestlingclub.com
Adult Slo-Pitch Softball 609.395.9167
Hershey Track & Field 732.425-3520

Walk-in/Mail-in registration for Girls Basketball League, Boys Jr. & Int. Basketball Leagues, Adult Executive Basketball, Teen Recreation, Co-Ed Volleyball can begin immediately. All other registration will be accepted via MAIL with a postmark of DECEMBER 13 or LATER. PLEASE NOTE, REGISTRATIONS WITH EARLIER POSTMARK DATES WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

We will begin accepting mail in registrations starting with postmark dates of December 13, 2013. No walk-ins accepted until Dec. 20, 2013 (unless otherwise noted).

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

We will be accepting mail-in registrations with postmark dates of DECEMBER 13 OR LATER. Registrations with earlier postmark dates will be returned to sender.

Registrations need to include the following information:

- Fully completed registration form, including: Participants Name, Address, home/work/cell phone number, age, grade, and program activity number
- Proper registration documentation as noted on previous page, i.e.: Birth Certificate, Report Card, etc.
- Separate checks** for each individual program and participant. Checks or Money Orders are accepted and should be made payable: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
- Mail in registration forms to: Franklin Township Recreation, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2013.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

NO PROGRAM CONFIRMATIONS

The Franklin Twp. Recreation **will not** call to confirm your placement into a program/activity. Please make note of your program dates. You can call to confirm your placement into a class beginning Friday, December 20, 2013. If you do not get into a class, your check will be returned and your name placed on a waiting list. If an opening becomes available in a closed program, the space will be offered to the first person on the waiting list. If that person declines or is unreachable after two attempts, the staff will then contact the next person on the list.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION: Beginning December 20, 2013. **IMPORTANT:** Please note that only classes with openings left will be available. The Franklin Township Parks & Recreation is located at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 at the Senior/Community Center. Phone #: 732.873.1991(Dial 4 for the front desk) Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: An outgoing message will be available on the Recreation Department's Weather Phone Extension, 732.873.1991, and press 1 for Weather.

HOLIDAYS: Regular activities will not be held on the following days:
December 23-January 1: Holiday Break February 17: President's Day
January 20: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING: Franklin Recreation encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in regular program activities. Please contact us for info regarding enrollment into programs that will be most beneficial for our disabled population at 732-873-1991(Option 4).

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

FEE POLICY: A fee schedule has been established and is set forth in the brochure in order to defray the cost of programs. ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE FRANKLIN RECREATION OFFICE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PROGRAM. Program costs are not prorated.

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

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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

Activity#	Participant Name		AGE	GENDER	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	ACTIVITY NAME	PAYMENT		
	LAST	FIRST						CASH	CHK #	
ADULT PARTICIPANT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN REGISTRATION INFO	LAST NAME		FIRST NAME							
	ADDRESS									
	CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL						
	HOME	WORK								
	EMERGENCY NAME			RELATIONSHIP			EMERGENCY PHONE			

PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

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

(Other) _____ (Relationship) _____ My child has permission to walk/bike home YES NO

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

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

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

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

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

Signature Name Printed Date PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPANT

Department of Public Work

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Franklin Township Convenience Center

Location:

Corner of School Ave. & Berry St. –
732-249-7800

Weather permitting, the Center is open:
Every OTHER Saturday – All Year Long –
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Mondays Starting in April
7:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

CALENDAR

Dates for 2014 were not available at time of publication of the newsletter. To check the dates, visit the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org, or call Public Works, 732-249-7800.

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

Public Works Building

40 Churchill Avenue
Monday thru Friday – 7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Township Clerk's Office

475 DeMott Lane
Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

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

ANNUAL LEAF COLLECTION

Annual curbside collection ended in November.

Until December 13, leaf bags can be brought to the Department of Public Works Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. They can be brought to the Convenience Center any time throughout the year when the Center is open (no charge). Reminder: ONLY leaves should be in the leaf bags. FREE LEAF BAGS

Any brown paper recyclable leaf bag purchased from either the Township or from a retail store may be dropped off at the Convenience Center or Public Works WITH LEAVES ONLY and will be replaced with a new bag at NO CHARGE.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Please make sure that all lights, wire, decorations and tinsel have been removed from the tree. Snow removal takes priority over tree pickup, so please be patient.

- **Curbside: Mondays, January 6 and January 13**
- **Convenience Center, Berry Street:** Trees can be brought to the Convenience center on any date the Center is open (standard pass charges will apply).
- **Colonial Park, Parking Lot F, December 26 through January 31:** For more information call 908-722-9292, press 6.

Somerset County Recycling – 732-469-3363

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

CURBSIDE PICKUP

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

Franklin Twp/South Bound Brook Collection Dates

December 12, 26 January 9, 23 February 6, 20
March 6, 20

Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

December 13, 27 January 10, 24 February 7,
21, March 7, 21

DROP OFF RECYCLING

Somerset Recycling Center

40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

First Saturday of each month

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

December 1, January 5, February 2, March 2
Newtech Recycling, 600A Apgar Drive, Somers-
ers; 732-564-3110

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 22, Bernards Township Public Works
Garage, 277 So. Maple Avenue, Basking
Ridge

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

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

- **St. Peters** 732-745-8600, ext. 8282
- **Somerset Medical Center**
908-685-2200, ext. 3258
- **Princeton Medical Center**
609-497-4266
- **Hunterdon Medical Center**
908-237-6920

MEDICINE DROP OFF

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

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

TOWNSHIP TO RECYCLE SOFT PLASTIC

Franklin Township is starting a new recycling program of soft polyethylene plastic (commonly known as #2 and #4 plastics). These are not currently picked up by Somerset County.

Blue drums will be placed at the Municipal Building, Senior/Community Center, Library, Franklin Park branch of the library, Community Resource and Services at 935 Hamilton, and the Public Works building at 40 Churchill Avenue. Items to be recycled include clean and dry plastics, including grocery bags, newspaper wrappers, dry cleaning bags, furniture, overwrap from toilet paper, napkins and paper towels, shrink wrap from cases of water and soft drink bottles, bubble wrap, and generally all label-free bags marked #2 or #4. A poster at each drum will give further details.

The Township will receive a small payment for the soft plastic it recycles. Some of these plastics are recycled at supermarkets, but the stores are interested in only their own grocery bags. This program will not only recycle many more items, it will also benefit the Township.

HELP US KEEP FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP'S WATER CLEAN

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed into storm drains or drainage ditches, then directly into our rivers, drinking supplies, lakes and the ocean. It's up to all of us to keep common pollutants out of stormwater. Here are suggestions with the applicable Township ordinance or code, all available for review in the Municipal Building or on the Township's website.

Clean up after your pet – Ordinance #806.

Don't litter! – Ordinance #1478

Properly dispose of hazardous waste – Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance)

Don't feed wildlife – Ordinance #3254

Properly dispose of yard waste – Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance)

Do not illicitly connect to storm sewers – Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance)

Keep refuse containers / dumpsters covered – Ordinance #3861-10

Private storm drain inlet retrofitting – Ordinance #3862-10