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Advisory Committees Play Important Role in Day-to-Day Workings of Township

This is the second part of a series featuring the Township's volunteer committees and commissions. These advisory boards play an important role in helping the Township Council and administration develop policy and make decisions about long-term commitments and day-to-day operations. Anyone interested in volunteering for a position should complete the form found on the Township website: <http://38.106.5.145/home/showdocument?id=110>



Cable Television Advisory Committee

<http://franklintwpnj.org/CTAC>

The Cable Television Advisory Committee (CTAC) was established to survey the needs of the community in relation to cable television. It monitors the progress of Comcast and Verizon to ensure compliance with franchise requirements. While the Board of Public Utilities Office on Cable Television (OCTV) is the official body to receive cable complaints, the CTAC receives questions and comments from residents. This year, after doing an extensive review and conducting a survey of the Township residents, the Committee prepared a Municipal Report that will be used by the Township Attorney and Council during negotiations with Comcast on their franchise agreement with the Township. The current agreement with Comcast expires in December, 2014. Note: Verizon's franchise agreement is with the State of New Jersey, and Franklin does not have any say in negotiations. **The Township cannot negotiate rates charged by the cable companies. These are regulated by the Office on Cable Television.**

Advisory Board of Health

<http://franklintwpnj.org/ABOH>

The Health Department was incorporated into Somerset County's Board of Health in October, 2009. The Board meets once a month to discuss health education initiatives, such as providing injury prevention data to parents and children, traumatic brain injury data to sports groups, and various educational items at the Township's annual Canalfest. They are informed by the County Board of Health of current outbreaks such as lime disease, the flu and meningitis. They hear of the County's efforts to increase the scope of care for residents, such as the federally-qualified Health Center, free flu vaccination clinics, cooperation with the Office on Aging for traumatic head injury prevention, and hostile intruder threat management plans. One of their latest discussions is on the effort to discourage smoking in parks and the use of e-cigarettes. Property maintenance issues are another facet for the Board of Health, and various aspects of compliance problems are discussed.

Human Relations Commission

<http://franklintwpnj.org/government/HRC>

The purpose of the Human Relations Commission is to foster good will, cooperation and conciliation among groups and residents in the Township. The Commission meets monthly to discuss programs to assist youth, including the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program already in Franklin and the possibility of introducing a new program called YES or Youth Employment Service.

Rent Leveling Board

<http://franklintwpnj.org/RLB>

The Rent Leveling Board has five members and two alternate members. Not more than one of members can be a landlord, and not more than one regular member can be a tenant. They meet as needed to supply information and assistance to landlords and tenants to suggest resolutions of conflicts. They hear requests for rental increases and complaints regarding rental charges. Various issues of rent control and rental standards are regulated by Chapter 294 of the Municipal Code.

Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

<http://franklintwpnj.org/MAPSA>

The Alliance has members from various organizations in the Township with the goal of providing a community-based process to prevent and treat substance abuse, including underage drinking and use of drugs. They provide education and special events such as Project Graduation, Girls on the Run to educate girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living, Boys Council for boys entering their pre-teen and adolescent years, and G.R.E.A.T for middle school students to learn life skills to avoid gang members, prevent violence and help create a safe community. The Teen Recreation program meets three nights a week year round for students in grades 7 – 12 to provide teens with life skills, academic assistance and recreation. The Youth Council allows youth the opportunity to take on leadership roles and work with other Township Committees and community programs.

Youth Services Commission

<http://franklintwpnj.org/YSC>

The Commission provides a forum to foster communication and coordination between local government, community agencies, schools, police, clergy and citizens to assist youth and their families. Some of the programs the Commission has supported include the Boys Council, Girls Circle, the ARISE program and the Franklin Youth Prevention and Empowerment Program.

Fireworks a 'booming' success

On behalf of the Franklin Township Fireworks Committee, we would like to thank everyone that came out to the Independence Day Celebration on Friday, July 11th to participate in a great Township tradition.

Thank you to contributors who made the 2014 fireworks display and entertainment a success, at no cost to the Township residents:

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Non-Emergencies
Auto-Attendant.....732-873-5533

Non-Emergency for Residents
in 609 area code.....732-821-1800

Non-Emergency Auto-Attendant
For Residents
in 609 area code.....732-821-1888

Tips Hotline (Pass along the
information)..... 732-873-PASS (7277)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Main732-873-2500

Extensions

Animal Control6255

Assessor.....6320

Clerk (Elections, Dog Licenses,
Voter Registration)..... 6204

Construction 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..... 6274

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

TOWN HALL

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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Board of Education

732-873-2400

www.franklinboe.org

Library

732-873-8700

www.franklintwpnj.org

Sewerage Authority

732-873-2121

Ftsa-nj.org

Health Department/Education

908-231-7155

NEW - SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Twitter.com/twpooffranklin

Facebook.com/townshipoffranklin

www.facebook.com/FTPDSomersetNJ

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REMINDER Tax Payments Due Dates

Tax bills are due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1, with the grace period of ten days. You can pay on the Government payment tab on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org.

The Tax Collector's office is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to pay taxes or water in person. There is also a drop box outside the Public Safety Building. 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.

2014 Election Timeline

GENERAL ELECTION

- October 14** Voter Registration Deadline
- October 28** Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot by Mail
- November 3 (by 3 p.m.)** Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Applications
- November 4** General Election

NEW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION AVAILABLE Sign Up or Re-Enroll

Residents and businesses are encouraged to enroll in the Township's new Citizen Notification System. Residents can now specify how they are notified (text, email, or phone) and in what order they want to receive the notifications.

Residents are also encouraged to sign up for our new optional alert categories as well. They include tax bill reminders, general Township events and more! Residents who previously enrolled in our old system WILL have to enroll again in the new system to ensure they receive the proper alerts. To enroll, visit the Township website and click on "Sign up for Notifications" or visit www.franklintwpnj.org/cns.

Emergency situations are also announced on the following radio stations:

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

Is There a Finished Basement in Your Future Plans?

The cooler weather will arrive before we know it. When it does, we tend to spend more time indoors, and a finished basement is a great place for families to gather.

If finishing the basement in your home is something you're considering, please keep in mind that construction permits are *required* when doing this type of work. Working without permits can lead to fines being assessed, in addition to the construction permit fees, and possible closing delays should you decide to sell your home.

Let's all do our part to ensure that you can enjoy your space safely. If you have any questions or if you need help with the procedure, please stop in the Construction office or call 732-873-7283. One of the staff members will be glad to assist you.

Welcome to Franklin's Newest Employees

- Marianne Zelinack—Police Department part-time clerical
- David Cruz—Police officer
- Luke Lanno—Police officer
- Frank D'Arcio—Construction Code
- Casey Potter—Part-Time Animal Handler
- Rachel Dupree—Fire Prevention
- Ryan Stevens—Engineering
- Ronald Ridsen—Police officer
- Rashod Adkison—Public Works
- James Pelech—Fire Prevention Part -Time Inspector
- Jacquelyn Thompson—Part-Time Animal Handler
- Marianne Regan—Recreation

The Franklin Township Police Are On Social Media

On May 14, 2014 the Franklin Township Police Department officially entered the world of social media with the launch of their Facebook and Twitter pages. In today's fast paced world, social media allows for a great deal of information to be distributed in a short period of time. Chief Lawrence W. Roberts believes that this will allow the police to interface better with the community. He stated, "Through the use of social media tools, we will be able to interact with the community in a way never before possible. These tools will allow us to provide the community with more information in a very short period of time."

The pages will **not** be monitored 24 hours a day and should not be used by citizens to report an emergency or other calls for service. If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1; all other non-emergent situations that require a police response should be reported through the non-emergency line, (732) 873-2300.

Citizens can "like" the Franklin Township Police Department's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FTPDSomersetNJ and follow them on Twitter at @FTPDSomersetNJ.

During emergencies, information will be distributed to the residents via the Township website and e-notification system, Nixle alerts, all Township social media pages, FTTV and the Township's new Everbridge Citizen Notification System. (See related story to the left.)

Franklin Township Council

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Brian Levine -- Mayor 732-873-5454 or <i>Mayor.Levine@twp.franklin.nj.us</i> 732-873-2500, ext. 6396.....	12/31/15
Brian Regan -- <i>Deputy Mayor and Councilman-at-Large</i> , 732-873-2500, ext. 6329..... <i>Councilman.Regan@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	12/31/15
Kimberly Francois -- <i>Councilwoman-at-Large</i> , 732-873-2500, ext. 6395..... <i>Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	12/31/15
Rajiv Prasad -- <i>Councilman-at-Large</i> , 732-873-2500, ext. 6319..... <i>Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	12/31/15
Theodore Chase -- <i>Councilman, 1st Ward</i> , 732-873-2500, ext. 6318..... <i>Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	12/31/17
Rozalyn Sherman -- <i>Councilwoman, 2nd Ward</i> , 732-718-6942 <i>Councilwoman.Sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	12/31/17
Phillip Kramer -- <i>Councilman, 3rd Ward</i> , 732-675-7912 <i>Councilman.Kramer@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	12/31/17
Carl R. A. Wright -- <i>Councilman, 4th Ward</i> , 732-873-2500, ext. 6397 <i>Councilman.Wright@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	12/31/17
James Vassanella - <i>Councilman, 5th Ward</i> , 732-873-2500, ext. 6328..... <i>Councilman.Vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us</i>	12/31/17

Frequently Asked Questions?

Just received my Spring, 2014 issue of the Franklin Times. There is never anything new in the newsletter. Same news all the time.

The information in the newsletter is updated each issue, with some items based on questions from residents. What doesn't change is design and layout. Ideas, questions and suggestions are always welcome and can be sent via e-mail, fax or phone.

What can we do about dog owners who don't pick up after their pets?

Township Ordinance 115-16 covers curbing of dogs. There is a minimum fine of \$100 for a violation of the Township ordinance. This can go up to \$2,000. Animal Control can be notified or residents can go the court and file a complaint, noting the ordinance number. The case will then be brought to court.

I live on a cross street where several school buses stop. There is lots of litter left right in front of my property--from broken pencils, paper plates, candy, canned drinks, McDonalds trash, etc. Can I report this to the Police?

You would need to call Police dispatch when the incident is occurring so that an officer can respond and take the report.

Do You Have A Question About Potholes?

The Township's website, <http://franklintwpnj.org> has a Spotlight for helpful information for residents. One of the pages answers these questions about potholes:

- Which potholes get fixed first?
- Is every dip, crack or break in the street considered a pothole?
- What is the solution to potholes?
- What causes a pothole?
- Where do we report when there is a pothole? (See answer below)
- How do I know if what I am reporting can be repaired as a pothole or not?
- The Township says it fills potholes promptly, but the pothole is still there. What's going on?
- You filled a pothole, but a few days later, there it was again. Why don't the repairs last longer?
- Why are there so many potholes in our streets?

Where do we report when there is a pothole?

Depends on its location:

609-588-6212 for State roads: Rt. 27 and Route 287

908-541-5201 for Somerset County roads: Easton Avenue, Elizabeth Avenue, Manville Causeway, Kingston-Rocky Hill Road, Andover Road, Franklin Boulevard, Amwell Road, Bunker Hill Road, Blackwells Mills Road (Canal to River Road), Canal Road (Griggstown Causeway to Bunker Hill Road), Griggstown Causeway, South Middlebush Road, Weston Canal Road, Laurel Avenue, Old Road, Cedar Grove Lane, Land Lane, Hamilton Street, Route 518, Claremont Road

732-249-7800 (Public Works Department) for the remaining local roads, or use the link on the Township webpage.

Franklin Day Festival

SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE

September 20, Noon to 7 p.m.

Colonial Park (Lot C, near the children's playground)

On Saturday, September 20, the Franklin Day Festival will bring live music, artists and craftspeople, dance performances, great food, children's activities and more to Colonial Park. "This year's premier event is expected to have a little something for everyone -- from music lovers to art lovers," says Councilwoman Rozalyn Sherman, and Arts Council founder. "The Arts Council's motto is 'Bringing Our Community Together Through The Arts,' so we created a festival that will appeal to many different interests."

The festival will feature family-friendly, upbeat music to get the crowd moving and dancing. Bands include power pop rockers Windsor Circle, the Caribbean-infused pop music of DNA, the rock and soul sounds of GoodWorks, rock band Mid Life Crisis, and classic rock band Suburban Knights. The Community Fellowship Mass Choir of Somerset N.J. directed by Gabriel Cordeiro will feature songs from several gospel artists.

Among the musical talent is hip hop/hip pop rhythmical poet Substance, who just debuted her single "TWIM - The Wiz In Me," which spreads her zero-tolerance, anti-bullying campaign message. Substance has performed on stages in New York, Virginia and Costa Rica, and her music has been heard nationwide on the radio.

The festival will include original artwork, photography, handmade crafts, and other vendors. One featured craftsman is Lee Johnson of Lee's Leathercraft. Lee began leather work in 1955 as a child. Upon his retirement in 2009, he decided to make his avocation a small business creating hand-tooled purses, wallets, belts, slippers and other personalized items.

The festival will include food vendors, a caricaturist, and entertainment for all ages. To keep children busy and happy, the festival will have games and crafts as well as a fire truck, police car and ambulance to explore. Thanks to Township Manager Bob Vornlocker, the Township will host a tent with representatives from Franklin's various municipal departments as part of its outreach effort to the community.

Festival attendees can visit a Red Bull truck for a free drink or the St. Peter's University Hospital mobile health unit. Corporate sponsors include Somerset-based First Hallmark Mortgage Corporation. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to relax, have fun, and enjoy a picnic in the park in a beautiful scenic setting.

The organizers of the Franklin Day Festival are seeking anyone who is interested in selling food, original craft items, original art work and merchandise at this event. Email FranklinDayFestival@gmail.com if you would be interested in purchasing a spot for this Festival. You may also contact Councilwoman Rozalyn Sherman for more information at Councilwoman.Sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us or 732-873-2500, ext. 6316.

Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council

The purpose of the Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council is to bring our community together through the arts. We are committed to bringing quality, entertaining programs to Franklin in the area of performing arts, literary arts and visual arts.

For information on upcoming events or to volunteer, please visit our website (www.franklincac.org), like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/FranklinCAC) or email us at franklincac@gmail.com with questions or to ask to be added to our email list for our monthly newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event:

September 20 Franklin Day Festival in Colonial Park
"SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE"

Nominations for Environmental Stewardship Awards

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission is seeking nominations for the annual Environmental Stewardship awards. The two awards will be presented in the fall of 2014 to an outstanding individual and organization or corporation that has contributed to the improvement of the environment in Franklin Township.

Nominations should provide the name and address of the individual or organization/corporation and information regarding the contribution to the environment that they have made. All nominations shall be submitted to: franklinenvcomm@gmail.com by October 15, 2014. The Environmental Commission will review all nominations and select the individual and organization or corporation to receive this year's awards, based solely on the significance of their contribution to the environment.

September to October 2014

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Council

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
September 9, 23 • October 14, 28
November 10, 25

Planning Board

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
September 3, 17, 24 • October 1, 15, 22
November 5

Board of Adjustment

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 4, 18 • October 2, 16
November 6

Advisory Board of Health

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 3 • October 1 • November 5

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 8:00 p.m.
September 11 • October 16 • November 20

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 8 • October 6 • November 3

Emergency Life Support

Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.
September 3 • November 5

Environmental Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 15 • October 6, 20
November 3

Fire Prevention Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 4 • October 9 • November 13

Hamilton Street Business Community Board

Various locations 6:30 p.m.
September 8 • October 6 • November 3

Historic Preservation Commission

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 2 • October 7 • November 11

Human Relations Commission

Township Library 7:00 p.m.
September 22 • October 27 • November 24

Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.
September 24 • October 22

Open Space Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 16 • October 21 • November 18

Recreation Advisory Council

Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.
September 10 • October 8 • November 12

Redevelopment Agency

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 15 • October 20 • November 17

Rent Leveling Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
As needed

Senior Advisory Committee

Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.
September 26 • October 24 • November 21

Sewerage Authority

70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.
September 2 • October 7 • November 5

Shade Tree Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 25 • October 22 • November 20

Trails Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 10 • November 12

Youth Service Commission

Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.
September 24 • October 22

RABIES CLINICS

Animal Shelter, 475 DeMott Lane

CATS

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

September 13, 2014

Cats should be in carriers

DOGS

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

December 13, 2014

Dogs should be on leashes

FLOOD RISKS – Are you Ready?

Flooding in Franklin Township is caused by a number of sources. The Millstone River, Raritan River, Six Mile Run and the Delaware & Raritan Canal can leave their banks during heavy rain storms. Smaller streams prone to flooding include Ten Mile Run, Nine Mile Run, Carter's Brook, Simonson Brook, Cedar Grove Brook, Seeley's Brook, and Randolph Brook. However, even if you don't live near one of these watercourses, you still may be at risk from flooding.

The extensive damage caused by Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee and the winter storm of 2011 are still on the minds of residents. Other recent storm events include Tropical Storm Floyd in 1999 and the spring storms of 2007, 2010 and 2014. Besides these newsmakers, localized flooding also takes place throughout the Township during heavy rain events. Just because your property has not been flooded recently, it can still be flooded in the future because of differing sets of circumstances at work such as frozen or saturated soils, storm duration and intensity. Nearly 25% of flood insurance claims come from moderate-to-low flood risk areas.

Township Flood Services: The first thing you should do is check your flood hazard. Flood maps and flood protection references are available from the Franklin Township Public Library or the Engineering Department to see if you are in a mapped flood plain. If so, they can give you more information, such as base flood elevations, floodway information, past flood problems in the area, and copies of Elevation Certificates, if on file.

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

What You Can Do: Your cooperation and assistance is vital in the Township's efforts to help prevent flooding. Here are some things you can do to help:

- Do not dump or throw anything into ditches, swales or streams. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. Every piece of trash contributes to flooding.
- If your property is next to a ditch, swale or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. Public Works removes major blockages such as fallen trees from Township owned or maintained drainage ways. Other drainage ways may either be owned privately, by other government agencies, or by a homeowners association.
- If you see debris in drainage ways maintained by the Township, contact Public Works at (732) 249-7800.
- Always check with the Zoning and Construction Departments prior to building on your property as permits may be necessary. Contact the Engineering Department before you clear, fill, remove soil or re-grade your property.
- If you see construction without a permit sign posted, contact the Construction Department at (732) 873-2500 ext. 6220. If you see grading or tree removal on a property, contact the Engineering Department to confirm that the proper permits were secured.

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

Some houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. If you are concerned with sewer backups, you may wish to contact a plumber about installing a backup valve. A plumbing permit would need to be obtained.

If you know that a flood is coming, you should shut off gas and electricity and move valuable contents upstairs. Fire is one of the major causes of damage in floods. It is recommended that you make a detailed checklist in advance in order to be properly prepared.

Flood Insurance: If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. However, because Franklin Township participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy. This insurance is backed by the Federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have previously flooded.

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

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

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

If your flooding problem is caused by sewer backup, you may wish to speak to your insurance agent about a sewer backup rider to homeowner's insurance policy.

FLOOD SAFETY

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. Report downed power lines to the power company.

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

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

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris and mud and may become very slippery.

Avoid wading through the flood water. Oils, vehicle fluids, chemicals and even raw sewage can mix with flood waters creating unsanitary and even hazardous conditions.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns or open flames unless you know for sure that the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Dutch Hay Barrack on the Matthew Suydam Farm (c. 1905)

The earliest settlers in Franklin used barracks similar to this one on Matthew Suydam's farm north of Franklin Park. Their ancestors brought this hay storage method from Holland. Each of the corner posts had a series of holes. Long pins were placed in the holes to adjust the roof to the desired height. Barracks faded from the Franklin landscape in the early 1900s as farmers turned to more efficient hay sheds. The Suydam farm was established in 1713 and the family continues farming at that location today.



'Meatball' Joins Animal Shelter 'Staff'

Meatball is in training. Meatball will be making visits to seniors and homebound and others who need a lift. Meatball is special. Meatball has made his mark on everyone he meets. Who is Meatball?

Meatball's mother was pregnant and struggling. On April 14 at the Township's shelter clinic she delivered by Caesarean section ten pit bull puppies who were taken home by the owner to watch overnight. One of the pups was missing a left leg, and there was question if he should be destroyed. Katie Nordhaus, the Township's Animal Control officer, decided he should be given a chance if he survived the night. The next morning, she took the pup and bottle fed him every three hours. Unfortunately, all the other pups passed away after the mother couldn't care for them.

Meatball is now a member of the Animal Shelter and Faith Vet Clinic families, living with the clinic's vet technician Katie, and training to be a visiting therapy dog.

INVASIVE SPECIES STRIKE TEAM SEMINAR September 15, 7 p.m.

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission is pleased to have Susan Brookman, Executive Director of the NJ Invasive Species Strike Team give a presentation about Invasive Species in the Municipal Council chambers on September 15, 2014 at 7 p.m..

The Invasive Species Strike Team works to stop the spread of new invasive plants, animals, pathogens and other organisms that are not native to New Jersey but whose presence is likely to damage the health of our environment, economy or our citizens.

Ms. Brookman will discuss detecting invasive species early as the key to successful control. People with smart phones can learn about, identify and report invasive species with an app that has been developed. A user who sees something they suspect may be an invasive species can scroll through photos to identify what they see, read information about it, then take a picture and submit a report. When invasive species are detected, the Strike Team can offer guidance to property owners to help them eradicate the problem species.

The Strike Team works with counterparts across the mid-Atlantic to catalog non-native species and assess their threat levels. It creates an annual list of target species. This year's list includes 88 plants, 35 animals and 5 pathogens.

All members of the public are invited to attend and participate.

LEARN HOW TO MAKE 'BLACK GOLD' October 6, 7 p.m. Register by September 30

The Franklin Township Environmental Commission, in conjunction with the Somerset County Division of Solid Waste Management and Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County, will be holding a backyard-composting workshop on **Monday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m.**

The workshop will be held in the Council Chambers of the Franklin Township Municipal Building. The \$55 registration fee includes the workshop, a compost bin and literature. There is no charge to just attend the presentation.

Participants will learn how to compost kitchen and yard debris into a "black gold" organic material for use in the yard and garden and for houseplants. The program also will include a brief presentation "Cut It & Leave It" and other environmentally friendly lawn-care strategies.

For more information and to register, contact Recycling Coordinator Melissa Harvey, Somerset County Division of Solid Waste Management, at (908) 231-7109 or harvey@co.somerset.nj.us.

ORDER YOUR 2015 TRAIL CALENDARS Support Franklin's Open Spaces

The Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) is proud to present the 2015 Trails Calendar showcasing the submissions and winning images of the Trails Photography Contest.

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

A unique birthday or holiday gift! Buy local and support Open Space Preservation, Farmland Preservation, Historic Preservation and Recreation in Town!

Caleendars are \$10.00, and prepaid orders are currently being accepted through Tuesday, October 14th, at the Township Clerk's Office, 475 DeMott Lane, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m or by mail through contacting the Township's Land Preservation and Management Consultant, Fran Varacalli at fran.varacalli@twp.franklin.nj.us. Caleendars will be available for pick up at the Township Municipal Complex by November.

Any proceeds from the caleendars will be deposited back into the Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Operation Secure Shred in Franklin

**Saturday, September 6
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Municipal Building Complex
Parking Lot -
475 DeMott Lane**

Documents will be commercially shredded safely, privately and properly by trained, licensed and bonded document-destruction specialists. Staples and paperclips do not have to be removed. Residents may bring documents in any type of container, which will be returned after papers have been dumped. Residents may stay and watch the process.

GEOCACHING— TAKE PART IN THE NEWEST OUTDOOR TREND

**Saturday, November 2
1 p.m.**

Come celebrate the one-year anniversary of Franklin's newest open trails events Sunday, November 2, at 1 p.m. Meet and greet at the Township GeoCaching Trail at Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve, 1091 Canal Road.

Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. For more details, go to the Open Space page on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org. It is fun for all ages.

Department of Parks & Recreation Fall 2014 Program Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee
Paperwork needed for ALL youth program registration: Copy of MOST RECENT report card and/or birth certificate where indicated							
	Toddler Adventures Six-session program designed for a parent and child to work together in various activity areas such as: circle time, active play, parachute games, arts & crafts, and social interaction play.	12-24 Months	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/13-10/18	9:00-10:00 am	Community Center	\$35
		25-36 Months			10:10-11:10 am		\$35
	P.L.A.Y. Soccer (Pre-Schoolers Learning Athletics Year-Round) An introduction into the sport of soccer for 4 & 5 year olds (not in Kindergarten). Children will learn the skills of kicking, passing and scoring goals. This is an inclusive program (open to special education & regular education children).	4 & 5 Years (NOT in Kindergarten)	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/20 - 10/25 (No Class on 10/4)	9:00-9:45 am	Franklin Park School Annex	\$40
					9:45-10:30 am		\$40
					10:30-11:15 am		\$40
					11:15-Noon		\$40
	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	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/14-10/19	1:15-2:05 pm	Inman Park	\$115
					2:15-3:05 pm		\$115
	Total Sports Squirts This program features variety of outdoor sport activities in a safe, structured and fun environment with focus on coordination, movement, balance and more!	3-5 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/14-10/19	1:15-2:15pm	Inman Park	\$115
					2:15-3:15 pm		\$115
	Multi-Sports This fun-packed program helps youngsters develop a wide range of sports skills with over 15 exciting sports!	6-10 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/14-10/19	3:30-4:30 pm	Inman Park	\$115
					Chess Beginners Chess Intermediate/Advanced Children will learn how to play the game of chess and develop strategies to become better chess players in this 8-week program.		Grades K-6
		Grades K-6			7:30-9:00 pm	\$96	
	Franklin Township Youth Council Want to be more involved and connected with youth in Franklin Township? Looking to be a part of and help build your community? Smart? Energetic? Creative? If so, then the Franklin Township Youth Council may be right for you! This is a volunteer teen community program. Applications are due 10.17.14 by 4:00 pm. Space is very limited. Call for more info or to request an application. 732.873.1991					September - June, 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month 6:30-8:30 pm at the Community Center OPEN to Grades 7-11	

Basketball Programs

	Girls Basketball League	These 16-week programs will consist of 4 weeks of skill work & team placement during the Fall. Starting in January, teams will have 2 weeks of practice, followed by 10 weeks of non-competitive intramural play. *Boys Intermediate: Some Fri. PM games	Grades 4-6	Report Card	Saturdays 11/15/14 - 3/28/15 (No class on 11/29, 12/20, 12/27)	1:00-4:00 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$185
	Boys Junior Basketball League		Grades 3-4			1:00-4:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$185
	Boys Intermediate Basketball League*		Grades 5-6			9:00-Noon	Sampson G. Smith School	\$185

Tennis Programs: Youth/Teen/Adult

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee
	Rally Racquets Super Servers Amazing Aces Tennis Titans This four-session Youth Developmental Tennis Program is designed for children ages 5 - 15. The program provides instruction and low level competitive tennis for all youth. This is accomplished through adjusted court sizes, racquet sizes, scoring, and net height.	5-6 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/27/14-10/18/14	10:30-11:30 am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$50
		7-8 Years			11:30-12:30 pm		\$50
		9-12 Years			12:30-1:30 pm		\$50
		13-15 Years			12:30 - 1:30 pm		\$50
Teen/Adult Tennis Instruction: 4 weeks of weekday classes available for teens and adults ages 16+ years. Take a fall class and get ready for tennis with friends and league play.							
	Beginner/Advanced Bgnr (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted) Intermediate (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted) Looking to be the next Rafael Nadal or Serena Williams? Young Adult/Adult tennis classes focusing on tennis fundamentals including scoring, volleying, and game play.	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Saturdays 9/27/14-10/18/14	9:00-10:30 am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$65
		16 Years +			9:00-10:30 am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$65

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

TEEN/ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS

Program	Program Descriptions	Age/ Grade	Paperwork Required	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee
	Adult Executive Basketball (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted) Basketball pick-up games for adults 25+.	25 Years+	Drivers License OR Picture ID	Mondays 9/22/14-5/18/15 (No Class: 12/22, 12/29, 1/19, 2/16, 4/6)	7:00-10:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$55
	Teen Recreation (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted) Basketball, Arts & Crafts, Trips, Game Room, Life Skills, & Special Events. Register the first night you attend.	Grades 7-12	Report Card OR school ID	TBA	7:00-9:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	Free
	Co-Ed Volleyball (Walk-in/Mail-in Registration Accepted) A program of pick-up games for adults 18 years of age and older. 7:00- 9:00PM is Recreational Play; 9:00-10:00PM is more competitive play.	18 Years+	Drivers License	Tuesdays 9/23/14-5/26/15 (No Class: 10/21, 12/23, 12/30, 3/17, 4/7)	7:00-10:00 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$55
	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	Mon. & Wed. 9/22-11/17 (No Class: 9/24)	6:00-7:00 pm	Community Center	\$50
					Mon. & Wed. 9/22-11/17 (No Class: 9/24)		7:10-8:00 pm
	Adult Zumba An 8-session class that's a fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system. Instructors: Robin McCoy (7:30) & Vidhu Goyal (6:20)	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Thursdays 10/2-11/20	6:20-7:20 pm	Community Center	\$35
					7:30-8:30 pm		\$35
	Bollywood Fitness An expressive form of movement fusing classical Indian steps with folk, Latin & hip-hop music. Offers a fast moving & vivacious workout. Instructed By Vidhu Goyal	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers License (17+)	Tuesdays 9/23-12/2 (No Class: 10/14; 11/4; 11/11)	6:30-7:25 pm	Community Center	\$35
					Zumba Toning Body sculpting & Latin-infused Zumba moves to bring you a total toning fitness party! This class will give you the muscle tone & flexibility to round-out your fitness program. Instructed by Robin McCoy		Tuesdays 9/23-12/2 (No Class: 10/14; 11/4; 11/11)
	Adult Evening Ceramics Participants will have the opportunity to learn the various methods of clay construction; create a variety of projects; and do some wheel work. Dates have not been set for this class. If interested in participating, please call the Recreation Office at (732)873-1991, Option 4 and ask to be added to the interest list. Also please indicate if you prefer the class to be held on Wednesday or Friday evenings.				6:00-8:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$125
	Franklin In Technology Computers for Beginners (6 Classes) Internet/Email (Must possess basic computing skills. 6 Classes) Smart Phone Cell Phone Tricks (1 Class) Iphone Cell Phone Tricks (1 Class) Intro to Excel (6 Classes)	18 Years+	Drivers License	TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9/9-9/25 TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9/9-9/25 9/9 OR 9/18 9/11 OR 9/23 TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9/9-9/25	11:15am-12:15pm	Community Center	\$60/Res.*
					12:30p-1:30pm		\$60/Res.*
					2:30pm-3:30pm		\$20/Res.*
					2:30pm-3:30pm		\$20/Res.*
					10:00am-11:00am		\$60/Res.*

SENIOR PROGRAMS

	Age	Dates	Program Dates	Time	Place	Fee
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	10:30 am	Senior Center	Dues
	60 Years +	Year-Round	Tuesdays	10:00 am	Senior Center	Dues
	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wednesdays	12:30 pm	Senior Center	Dues
Healthy Bones	60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon: 12:45-2:30pm, Fri: 10-11:15 am, and Fri 11:45am-1:15pm.		Senior Center	County Fee
Line Dancing	55 Years +	Year-Round	Tuesdays	1:30pm-2:30pm	Senior Center	Free
Dominoes	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	11:45 am	Senior Center	Free
Bridge (Open Play on Mondays);(Class Instruction on Fridays)	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Fri.	12:30-1:30 pm	Senior Center	Free
Pokeno	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wed. & Thurs.	10:00 am; 1:00 pm	Senior Center	Free
Sit & Fit Exercise	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Thurs.	10:30 am	Senior Center	Free
Sr. Aerobics	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	10:00-11:00 am	Senior Center	\$40
Sr. Yoga	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	9:30-10:30 am	Senior Center	\$35/Res*
Tai Chi	55 Years +	Sept-July	Fridays	12:00-1:00 pm	Senior Center	\$40/Res*
Zumba Gold	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Fri.	11:30 am- 12:30 pm or 1:00 - 2:00pm	Senior Center	\$40/Res*
Hi-Steppers Dance Troupe	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon & Wed (Summer Breaks)	9:30 am	Senior Center	Free
Swingin' Singin' Seniors	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	1:30 pm	Senior Center	Free

*Non-residents must pay double for classes. Please contact the Recreation Office at 732.873.1991, option 4 if you have any questions.

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

Department of Parks & Recreation Fall 2014 Information & Registration

P U M P K I N P A T C H

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
\$5.00/CHILD ADMISSION

FUN GAMES FOOD
CRAFTS PUMPKIN DECORATING PRIZES

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

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

S.E.E. Program

Saturday Enrichment Experiences are monthly, one day, hands-on programs focusing on a variety of topics in the science, art and environmental education fields. Open to children ages 7-12 & held at the Franklin Park School Cafeteria 9AM-12PM

Fall Dates:
October 18
November 15
December 13

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

FRANKLIN RECREATION Harmony Club

Harmony Club has been developed by the Franklin Twp Recreation Department for Teen and Adult Residents with Special Needs. This specially designed program, for ages 13 years and up, meets monthly on:

September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13

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

For more information and to sign up for the mailing list, please contact Marianne Regan, at 732-873-1991, Opt. 4 or marianne.regan@twp.franklin.nj.us

Where Do We Call?

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

Franklin Township Baseball League	732/828-1233
www.FTLLBaseball.com	
Franklin Township Soccer League	732/699-0002
www.franklinsoccer.com	
Pop Warner Football/Cheerleading	www.ftpw.org
Franklin Township/South Bound Brook Little League	732/469-7761
www.sbsll.com / sbsll@yahoo.com	
Franklin Township Wrestling	www.franklinwrestlingclub.com
Hershey Track & Field	732/425-3520
Adult Slo-Pitch Softball	609/395-9167

Walk-in/Mail-in/Online registration for **Beginner/Advanced Beginner Tennis, Adult Executive Basketball, Teen Recreation, Co-Ed Volleyball, Toddlers Adventure** can begin immediately. All other registration will be accepted via **MAIL** with a postmark of **SEPTEMBER 8 (or later)** or **ONLINE** starting **SEPTEMBER 8**. PLEASE NOTE, **REGISTRATIONS WITH EARLIER POSTMARK DATES WILL BE RETURNED TO SENDER.** Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registrations MUST be mailed in or entered online! No walk-ins accepted until September 12, 2014 (unless otherwise noted)

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

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

We will be accepting mail-in registrations with postmark dates of SEPT. 8 (or later) OR online starting on Sept. 8.

Registrations with earlier postmark dates will be returned to sender.

Registrations need to include the following information:

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNTIL FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2014

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

Checks payable to: Franklin Township

It's FINALLY here!

Online Registration!

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THEIR BRAND NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM!**

- ✓ CREDIT CARD PAYMENT
- ✓ EASY AT-HOME RECEIPT PRINTING
- ✓ MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT AND ACTIVITY SELECTIONS
- ✓ PROGRAM SCHEDULES RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION: Beginning September 12, 2014

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER: In case of inclement weather, announcements regarding cancellations will be available by calling 732-873-1991 and press 1 for weather.

HOLIDAYS: Regular activities will not be held on the following days:
September 24-26: Rosh Hashanah **October 3-4:** Yom Kippur
November 4: Election Day
November 6-7: Teacher's Convention **November 11:** Veterans Day

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

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

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

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

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

REGISTRATION INFORMATION											
PLEASE NOTE: Please include a copy of child's birth certificate or a copy of a current year report card where noted; and copy of driver's license for adult programs!! Registration is incomplete without proper identification and will not be processed.											
ACTIVITY NAME	ACTIVITY TIME	Participant Name				AGE	GENDER	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	PAYMENT	
		LAST	FIRST							CASH	CHECK #
<p>ADULT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION</p>		LAST NAME				FIRST NAME					
		ADDRESS									
		CITY			STATE		ZIP		E-MAIL		
		DAY			EVENING		CELL				
		EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME/RELATIONSHIP							EMERGENCY PHONE		
PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION											
My child will be picked up by (Mothers Name) _____ (Fathers Name) _____											
(Other) _____ (Relationship) _____ My child has permission to walk/bike home (circle one) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO											
At Franklin Recreation, it is our goal to provide a safe and rewarding experience for all participants. We ask that you indicate if there are any medical concerns/medication, allergies, emotional or learning problems that we should be aware of? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. If yes, please indicate what they are?											
Please indicate if you will grant us permission to discuss your child's individual needs with the Franklin Township Board of Education so that we can make appropriate arrangements to best meet the needs of your child. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No.											
<input type="checkbox"/> I hereby authorize the Franklin Township Department of Parks & Recreation to act for me according to their best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention. I have read and agree to abide by the policies & procedures listed above.											
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that my child is participating in a publicly run program and that photographs taken at the program may be used for display and publicity purposes by the Township. Please check the appropriate box:											
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I WILL allow <input type="checkbox"/> No, I WILL NOT allow my child's picture to be used for display and publicity purposes by the Township of Franklin.											
I, the undersigned, hereby agree to allow the individual(s) named hereon to participate in the Township of Franklin, Recreation Division activities. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the participant(s) named hereon is/are physically fit and able to engage in Recreational activities. My signature acknowledges that I understand and agree to the above conditions.											
Signature _____			Name Printed _____			Date _____			<input type="checkbox"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN <input type="checkbox"/> PARTICIPANT		



Township's Website Recognized As One of the Outstanding Sites in International Competition

The Township's new website received the Hermes Creative Award's Honorable Mention certificate in the annual review of communication media. The judges include several thousand marketing, advertising, public relations, media production, web and freelance professionals from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals. Started three decades ago, it is one of the world's largest international award competitions for creative professionals. The Township staff worked with representatives from Vision Internet to create the site which is designed to not only provide information for residents, but to give residents the opportunity to communicate with the Township. Be sure to visit at www.franklintwpnj.org.

Shade Tree Commission Announces Upcoming Eighth Annual Tree Sale

The Shade Tree Commission is proud to offer for Spring 2015 more variety and lower pricing on trees!

While the exact pricing and sizes are not yet established, we anticipate the following trees will be offered:

Shade Trees

- Maple (*Acer rubrum*) October Glory
- Maple – (*Acer saccharum*) Fall Fiesta
- River Birch – (*Betula nigra*) Heritage
- Honey Locust – (*Gleditsia triacanthos* var. *inermis*)
- Shademaster Thornless
- London Planetree – (*Platanus x Acerifolia*) Morton Circle/Exclamation

Ornamental

- Redbud – (*Cercis canadensis*)
- Dogwood – (*Cornus kousa* x *Cornus nutallii*)
- Venus
- Crabapple (*Malus*)
- Prairie Fire

The next issue of the Franklin Times will have more information and details for ordering trees.

The Shade Tree Commission thanks you for your continued support.



Non-Profit Organizations Encouraged to Post Events on the Township's Website

If your organization is a registered non-profit in Franklin Township or a registered non-profit that is holding an event in Franklin Township, to to www.franklintwpnj.org/comcal to submit the event for the community calendar.

26th Annual Candlelight Vigil for Victims of Domestic Abuse in Somerset County



REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS, CELEBRATING THE SURVIVORS.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and each year, the Resource Center of Somerset sponsors a Candlelight Vigil for Victims of Domestic Abuse in memory of those who have died as a result of domestic abuse in Somerset County and to celebrate those who have survived.

You are cordially invited to join us with your family, friends and community members as we raise awareness during Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Thursday, October 9, 2014
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Hosted by the Township of Franklin and Franklin Township Mayor and Council.

Franklin Township Municipal Complex
475 DeMott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873

Program to include:

Prominent Somerset County speakers
Client Speaker testimonial

Candlelight procession and gathering

Live performance and special tribute in honor of domestic violence victims.

Program followed by light refreshments



The "Silent Witness" silhouettes represent women, children, and men who have died as a result of domestic violence since 1976 in Somerset County. We honor these victims each year by reading their names in memoriam at our candlelight vigil. Each silhouette will bear the story of one victim.

For more information, please contact:
Veronica Finlay, Development Coordinator
908-359-0003, ext. 214
vfinlay@resourcecenterofsomerset.org



Blood Drives Open to Residents

Franklin Township received an Award of Excellence Certificate from the New Jersey Blood Services for Outstanding Achievement – Top 5 Government Blood Donor Group for 2013.

Employees, residents and visitors to the Township all participated to make the award possible.

There will be two more blood donation drives in 2014. They are held in the Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset. All are welcome.

October 10 and **December 19**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

VETERANS DAY 2014

Franklin Township will honor its veterans on November 11, 2014. We will join with millions of our fellow citizens who will join hands and honor our veterans from all wars and conflicts who have served, and are serving, the great cause of preserving freedom around the globe.

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

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

Franklin Township Senior Center Activities

Welcome to Franklin Township! We have something to offer Senior Citizen residents 55 and older looking for activities.

From three (3) Social Clubs that sponsor trips and host special presentations to various Center activities like... cards, line dancing, billiards, seasonal computer classes, Zumba Gold, Tai Chi, Aerobics and Yoga.

We also have two (2) groups who volunteer to sing and dance at other senior centers, senior residences, schools and VFWs. New members are always welcome.

There is no registration fee to attend the Center, but some programs require a registration fee. Others are free.

Please check out the senior page on the Township's Website at www.Franklintwpnj.org or come visit us in person at the Franklin Township Community/Senior Center 505 Demott Lane. Hours are 8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. M - F. Call 732-873-1991 Option #4 for additional inquiries.

Ultimately, the way you spend your day is up to you, however, we hope that you make us a part of it.



GRIGGSTOWN FALL FOLIAGE – TREE ID AND BIRD WALK

Saturday, October 11
10:00 am to
12:00 noon

This should be about the best weekend to see the fall colors. It's also a good time to see a wide variety of migrant birds. This site is one of the first grassland restoration projects NJ Audubon has implemented for Franklin Township, and is now in its eighth successful year. Bring binoculars if you have them; we will have some loaner binoculars available.

This program will be led by
Stephanie Punnett.

Location:
1091 Canal Road,
Princeton, NJ

No pre-registration is necessary.
All walks are free.

Bring binoculars if you have them
and preferably wear boots.

Be sure to dress appropriately for
current weather conditions.

For detailed directions to the parks,
information,

and updates please visit
<http://www.franklintwpnj.org/openspace>

We ask that you kindly RSVP.
Questions?
franklintrails@gmail.com or
at 732.690.7750.

Franklin Twp. Trails Advisory Committee

to host "Canal Road Walk and Roll 2014"

Sunday, September 7th

Rain date: September 14th

10:00am-4:00pm

**CANAL ROAD CLOSED FROM
EAST MILLSTONE TO BUTLER ROAD**

**ENJOY A DAY WITH FRIENDS
& FAMILY ALONG THE SCENIC D&R CANAL**

NO CARS NO TRAFFIC NO NOISE

Questions? Email: franklintrails@gmail.com



LOCAL TRAFFIC PERMITTED (10 MPH)

Department of Public Works

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Franklin Township Convenience Center

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

CONVENIENCE CENTER DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION (Open to residents ONLY)

Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

September 6, 20

October 4, 18

November 1, 15, 29

December 13, 27

Mondays, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

September 8, 22

October 6, 20

FEES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION at www.franklintwpnj.org

TRIP PASSES

available Monday through Friday at:

Public Works Building – 40 Churchill Avenue,
7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Township Clerk's Office – 475 DeMott Lane,
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ALL RESIDENTS MUST present valid Driver's
License to verify residency to purchase a pass.

TRIP PASS REQUIRED

ACCEPTED

Furniture, rugs, appliances (additional fee is
charged for Freon appliances), light metal, elec-
tronics, brush (shrub trimmings, hedge clippings,
branches not larger than 4" in diameter or 4 feet
in length, tires (additional fee for EACH tire)

NOT ACCEPTED

Renovation and construction materials (sheet
rock, tile, concrete, brick, asphalt,
rock, etc.), grass, tree stumps, tree trunks or tree
parts from below ground level, railroad ties,
treated wood, household garbage, food waste,
or cooking oil, hazardous materials, pesticides,
oil paint, chemicals, driveway sealer, or propane
tanks.

CURBSIDE PICKUP FOR LARGE METAL APPLIANCES

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

\$ 24.00 -- per Refrigerator, Freezer, Air Condi-
tioner, Dehumidifier

\$ 6.00 -- per Dryer, Washer, Dishwasher, Stove,
Hot Water Heater

NO PASS REQUIRED FOR RECYCLABLE ITEMS

Newspaper, Cardboard, Metal Cans, Glass Bottles
All items must be sorted as required and deposited
in proper receptacles

Falling Leaves— Use Them Or Bag Them

To learn more about composting your leaves,
attend the workshop on **October 6 at 7 p.m.**
in the Municipal Building, contact Rutgers
Cooperative Extension 732-932-9306 and ask
for Fact Sheet 074-Backyard Leaf Composting,
and Fact Sheet 117- Using Leaf Compost, or
visit www.rce.rutgers.edu.



Somerset County Recycling – 732-469-3363

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

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

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

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

Recycle plastics marked  through  on the
bottom of the container, chipboard, newspapers,
glass and plastic bottles and containers, steel, bimetal
and aluminum cans, paper, magazines and junk mail.
Do not recycle polystyrene (Styrofoam®), plastic
cups or plates or tableware, pesticide containers,
paint buckets, plastic coat hangers, plastic toys or
furniture, batteries or fire extinguishers.

Franklin Twp/South Bound Brook Collection Dates

September 4, 18

October 2, 16, 30

November 13, 28

Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

September 5, 19

October 3, 17, 31

November 14, 28

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

September 13 Branchburg Township Public
Works Garage, 34 Kenbury Road, Branchburg,
NJ 08876

October 25 South County Public Garage, 410
Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844

SOMERSET RECYCLING CENTER 40 POLHEMUS LANE, BRIDGEWATER

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

1ST Saturday of the Month Drop-Off

September 6, October 4, November 1

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

Monday through Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

ANNUAL CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf bags **MUST** have the Franklin Township logo
or a Franklin Township leaf bag sticker on each bag
or the Township will not pick them up. Leaf bags
are available at the Municipal Clerk's office in the
Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, and at the
Department of Public Works, 40 Churchill Avenue
for 50 cents each, 25 cents for seniors. Stickers for
store-bought brown paper biodegradable leaf bags
are 25 cents each.

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

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

October 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1

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

Any brown paper recyclable leaf bag purchased
from either the Township or from a retail store
may be dropped off and replaced with a new bag at
NO CHARGE. Leaves can be dropped off at 40
Churchill Avenue **ONLY** when open, Monday to
Friday (except holidays), 7:15 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., and
the Convenience Center when open. **No bags should
be left after hours.**

RECYCLE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

Newtech Recycling, 600A Apgar Drive, Somer-
set, 732-564-3110

Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, September 7, October 5, November 2
and December 7

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

RECYCLE BATTERIES

- Button-cell batteries—bring to Household
Hazardous Waste Days or 1st Saturday of the
Month (see information above)
- Alkaline batteries: dispose of in the regular trash
- Rechargeable batteries: recycle at retail
locations (call 1-877-2-RECYCLE) or www.call2recycle.org

OPERATION SECURE SHRED

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

- **September 6 at the Franklin Township
Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane,
Somerset**
- September 20 at the Bridgewater Township
Municipal Building, 100 Commons Way,
Bridgewater
- September 27 at the Branchburg Municipal
Building, 1077 US Highway 202 North
- October 11 at the Bernards Twp Engineering
Services Building, 277 S. Maple Rd., Bask-
ing Ridge
- October 18 at the Green Brook Municipal
Building, 111 Green Brook Rd.

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

Disposal containers for sharp needles are available at:

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

The Franklin Township Police Department now
accepts unwanted, expired or unused prescription
and over-the-counter drugs in the drop box in the
lobby of the Public Safety Building.

PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL

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

