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Local 101

Has it been awhile since you reviewed New Jersey's Driver Manual. The Police Department offers the following reminders for safe travel.



When do I have to stop for pedestrians crossing the street? At all crosswalks or only where there are posted signs to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk?

Every intersection of the roadway is designated a crosswalk, whether marked or not. N.J.S.A. 39:4-36 states, "The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, except at crosswalks when the movement of traffic is being regulated by police officer or traffic control signal."

When are the car's bright lights suppose to be turned off in traffic?

When approaching a vehicle in either direction.

On a street like Easton Avenue with a cement divider between lanes, do cars going in the opposite direction have to stop for a stopped school bus?

No, however, N.J.S.A. 39:4-128.1 states, "on highways having dual or multiple roadways separated by a safety island or physical traffic separation installations, . . . the driver of a vehicle on another roadway approaching a school bus which has stopped . . . shall reduce the speed of his vehicle to not more than 10 miles per hour and shall not resume normal speed until the vehicle has passed the bus and has passed any children who have alighted there from."

Do passengers in the back seat have to wear a seatbelt?

The laws governing seatbelt usage can be found under N.J.S.A. 39:3-76.2f. Basically, anyone in the front seats of a vehicle must wear a seatbelt. Additionally, anyone under the age of 18 in the rear of a vehicle must wear a seatbelt.

Can animals be in the car with their head hanging out the window?

Currently there are no laws against this. Before you allow your pet to stick their head out of the window consider that they could be injured if they are struck by debris from the roadway.

Do I have to pull over for cars with blue lights (example: rescue squad cars) the same as I do for an ambulance?

Blue lights used by volunteers are courtesy lights. If you see someone coming up behind you with a flashing blue light you should pull to the side, if safe to do so, and allow them to pass. They are on their way to the first-aid building or fire house to handle a call.

For narrow, two-lane roads like South Middlebush Road, is it legal to pass on the right if there is room when a car is turning left?

No. It is improper to pass a vehicle on the right hand side

Are dark-tinted windows legal?

"Tint" is not permitted on the front driver's or passenger's side windows.

Can I get a ticket if my headlight is out?

Yes. N.J.S.A. 39:3-49 mandates that, "all motor vehicles other than a motorcycle shall be equipped with at least 2 approved headlamps mounted at the same level with an equal number on each side of the front of the vehicle."

Can someone get a ticket for driving too slow?

Yes – N.J.S.A. 39:4-56 states, "No person shall drive . . . as to be likely to cause delay in traffic or accident to man, beast or property."

I've seen the "X" on dead deer along the road. Who is responsible for removing smaller animals who have been killed and are in the middle of the road?

The (Department of Public Works) Township and County have contracts with companies that will remove deer that have been struck, while NJDOT handles state highways. Animal Control removes smaller animals from the roadway.

If I'm turning left onto a four-lane road, do I turn into the lane nearest the left lane (nearest to the center line) or the right lane?

This is dictated by the intersection. N.J.S.A. 39:4-123 indicates that right hand turns shall be made as close as practicable to the right hand curb and left hand turns shall be made as close as practicable to the left hand curb. N.J.S.A. 39:4-14 indicates that the State Highway Commissioner and local authorities may modify N.J.S.A. 39:4-123 by clearly indicating by buttons, markers, or other direction signs, within an intersection the course to be followed.

Do I have to stop for ice cream trucks stopped in the road serving or waiting for customers?

Yes – N.J.S.A. 39:4-128.4 states, "The driver of a vehicle approaching or overtaking from either direction a frozen dessert truck stopped on a roadway shall stop before reaching the truck when the flashing red lights and stop arm are in use. After stopping, a driver may proceed past such truck at a reasonable and prudent speed, not to exceed 15 miles per hour . . ."

Is there a law against driving with your car's interior lights turned on?

There is no law prohibiting this; however, it is not recommended because it could make viewing the road more difficult.

Can someone get a ticket for throwing garbage out a car window?

Yes. N.J.S.A. 39:4-64 states, "No person shall throw or drop any bundle, object, article or debris of any nature from a vehicle whether in motion or not . . ."

While it is obvious that combing your hair or reading creates an unsafe driving situation, is it illegal if no accident occurs? Would a police officer pull over someone combing their hair, and could that person get a ticket?

Yes. N.J.S.A. 39:4-97 states, "A person who drives a vehicle carelessly, or without due caution and circumspection, in a manner so as to endanger, or be likely to endanger, a person or property shall be guilty of careless driving." When you are operating a vehicle, you must focus on that.

How close is too close when driving behind another vehicle?

N.J.S.A. 39:3-89 states, "The driver of a vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for speed of the preceding vehicle and the traffic upon, and condition of, the highway."

Do all accidents have to be reported?

N.J.S.A. 39:4-130 states, "The driver of a vehicle or street car involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, or damage to property of any person in excess of \$500.00 shall by the quickest means of communication give notice of such accident to the local police . . ." With that being said, if there is no damage and no injuries, it doesn't have to be reported.

Is it legal to wear earphones when driving?

There are currently no laws prohibiting the use of earphones while driving. However, if you are using them to listen to music, it could cause you to not hear the sirens of an approaching emergency vehicle.

Is there some law against drivers blaring their radios?

Currently, there are no state laws governing this. Most municipalities have an ordinance that will address this type of behavior. Franklin Township T.O. 167-8 states, "Personal or commercial vehicular music amplification or reproduction equipment shall not be operated in such a manner that is plainly audible at a residential property line between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Personal vehicular music amplification equipment shall not be operated in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet in any direction from the operator between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m."

Is it legal for motorcycles to drive between the lanes of traffic?

No – Motorcycles must be driven in the travel portion of the roadway and obey all traffic laws and lane markings that denote right of way.

"Keep to the right" --Is that only for highways or all 4-lane roads like Easton Avenue and Amwell Road?

Yes, it applies to ALL multi-lane roadways. N.J.S.A. 39:4-88a states, "A vehicle shall normally be driven in the lane nearest the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway when that lane is available for travel, except when overtaking another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn."

Do you have to pull to the right and stop for ambulances that have their lights on but are not using a siren? Is this the same for 2- and 4-lane roads?

Yes – anytime an emergency vehicle has its warning lights illuminated, both directions of travel are required to pull to the right hand side and stop until the vehicle passes.

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Non-Emergencies732-873-2300

Non-Emergencies

Auto-Attendant.....732-873-5533

Non-Emergency for Residents

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

Non-Emergency Auto-Attendant

For Residents

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

Tips Hotline.....732-873-SAFE (7277)

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Main732-873-2500

Extensions

Animal Control.....6255

Assessor.....6320

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

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.....6279

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

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.franklintwpnj.org

Sewerage Authority

732-873-2121

Ftsa-nj.org

Health Department/Education

908-231-7155

NEW – SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Twitter.com/twpoffranklin

Facebook.com/townshipoffranklin

www.facebook.com/FTPDSomersetNJ

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FIRE DISTRICT ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY

The Fire District elections will be held February 21 from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Fire District # 1 – 732-356-4446. www.ftfd1.com

Elizabeth Avenue, Middlebush, Millstone Valley, and Somerset

Fire District # 2 – 732-422-6744, www.ftfd2.com

Franklin Park, Griggstown, and Little Rocky Hill

Fire District # 3 – 732-249-0308, www.ftfd3.com

Community, East Franklin

Fire District # 4 – 609-924-1181

Kingston Fire

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANKLIN EMPLOYEES

Congratulations to Franklin's retiree:

Sue van Aken—30 years with the Recreation Department

Welcome to Franklin's newest employees:

Anthony Guevarez—Part Time IT Technician
Julio Vega Jr.—Assistant Township Engineer
Brittney McNamara—9-1-1 Telecommunicator

Franklin Resident Fills Assemblyman's Vacant Position

Franklin resident Joe Danielsen has been appointed to complete Upendra Chivukula's two-year term as Assemblyman of the 17th Legislative District. The term ends December 31, 2015. Assemblyman Chivukula was nominated by Governor Christopher J. Christie as a Commissioner to the N.J. Board of Public Utilities on September 18, 2014 and confirmed by the Senate on September 22, 2014. Assemblyman Danielsen is serving as a member of the Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee. He previously was a member of the Township's Planning Board and a District Board Fire Commissioner.

RABIES CLINICS

Animal Shelter, 475 DeMott Lane

DOGS 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

December 13, 2014 and January 10, 2015

Dogs should be on leashes

Blood Drive Scheduled

Franklin Township will be hosting a blood drive on **DECEMBER 19**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset. All are welcome to participate.

Shade Tree Commission's Spring Tree Sale

The Shade Tree Commission is proud to offer Township residents more variety and lower pricing in the upcoming 2015 annual tree sale! All proceeds are used to plant trees in the Township's parks, public lands and rights-of-ways.

A description and photo of each tree, along with planting instructions and an additional order form at: <http://www.franklintwpnj.org/government/boards-ommittees/shade-tree-commission/2015-shade-tree-sale>

The following five conditions apply: 1) Orders are on a first-come first served basis; 2) All sales are final; no refunds and no guarantees are made or implied; 3) The purchaser or designee must pick up the trees on the given date (trees will fit in most cars); 4) The Shade Tree Commission will not plant your tree; 5) Maximum 3 trees per resident.

Trees are being sold as bare root stock and include a deer guard for each. If none of your trees choices are available, you will be notified and a check will be returned.

The Shade Tree Commission thanks you for your continued support.

(cut here and mail)

ORDER FORM

Limit: 3 trees per Order 1st Choice 2nd Choice 3rd Choice
(Indicate with "X")

Shade Trees (6–8 ft., Branched, Bare Root): \$50 each, 2 for \$90, 3 for \$130

October Glory Red Maple

Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple

Heritage River Birch

Thornless Honeylocust

London Plane Tree

Ornamental/Flowering Trees (5–6 ft., Branched, Bare Root): \$45 each, 2 for \$85, 3 for \$125

Redbud

Venus Flowering Dogwood

Rutgers Hybrid

Prairie Fire Crabapple

Payment - Check (no cash). Payable to: Franklin Township

Mail - Order Form & Check to: Franklin Twp. Shade Tree Commission, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873, Attn: 2015 Tree Sale

Name*: _____

Address* _____

Telephone* _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

* required information

No orders will be accepted without payment. Orders must be submitted by February 15, 2015.

Pick up will be in late March/early April. You will be notified by phone or e-mail.

Bd. of Education Referendum

The Franklin Township Board of Education will hold a referendum on December 9, 2014. Polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Referendum requests voter approval to reorganize, expand, and upgrade school facilities. More information is available at <http://www.franklinboe.org/Page/8660>. Polling locations are consolidated for this election. Please see Township's website or sample ballot for your polling location.

Franklin Township Council

NAME

TERM EXPIRES

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

Frequently Asked Questions?

There is a street light out in front of my house. Who do I contact to get it fixed?

Each street light pole has a number on the metal tag on the pole. Call PSE&G at 1-800-436-7734 with the pole number, street name, nearest cross street and the address location of the pole.

I am not receiving my copy of the Franklin Times. How do I get my name on the distribution list?

We don't use addresses for the newsletter. They go out via bulk mail. The Post office is suppose to deliver to every mail box, every post office box, and every business. The company who prints the newsletter has the responsibility to make sure the almost 29,000 copies of the newsletter are prepared for the post office to make this type of bulk delivery. We hear some carriers are not following the rules, leaving 5 at one business, leaving a stack on the post office lobby shelves, etc. If a resident does not receive a copy of the newsletter and thinks they have been missed, they can call 732-873-2500, ext. 6239, and a copy will be mailed.

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. What's the minimum needed and where should they be located?

Smoke alarms--At least one smoke detector shall be installed on each level of the dwelling. If there are separate sleeping areas on any level, additional detectors are required in the immediate vicinity of each separate sleeping area.

Carbon monoxide alarms--Detectors must be installed outside of the bedroom or sleeping area, within 10' of bedroom doors.

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

Save the Date Black History Month Trip

February 14, 2015

If interested, contact Department of Community Resource & Services contact 732-873-2500, ext. 6310



Olcott Avenue, Middlebush - 1934

This photograph of the Middlebush section of Franklin Township was taken by an unknown photographer in 1934. The photographer was standing near Amwell Road looking south. A snow-covered Olcott Avenue and several buildings can be seen. Today the area on the right side of the photo contains many more buildings! History buffs can find more historical photographs of Franklin Township at the library's website, www.franklintwp.org. Click on the Research menu.



CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL EXPANDS PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES!

The Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council (FTCAC) seeks to strengthen the Franklin community by bringing our many wonderfully diverse people, groups and interests together through the arts. This year the group has seen huge success in creating new programs throughout the Township. This success has created new opportunities and the FTCAC invites all residents and friends of Franklin to participate in planning and running arts events. Whatever gift you have to share, be it artistic, fundraising, grant writing, accounting, event coordination, marketing, publicity, time, enthusiasm or something else, you are invited to be a part an active and fun organization.

The Franklin Day Festival held at Colonial Park is a great example of the expanded programs. The event seemed destined for success from the start with the "buzz" that was felt in anticipation. The festival exceeded all expectations with over 5,000 people attending. There were over 100 exhibitors, 15 live acts and demonstrations including six bands, five great food vendors, crafters, a Township tent and 17 non-profits. There were games for the children and many Township vehicles for them to explore. The planning committee is already planning for next year! Contact them if you are interested in being a sponsor, volunteer, exhibitor or entertainer.

Special thanks go to Councilwoman Roz Sherman, Evelyn Garcia and the Franklin Day Festival planning committee for their tireless work in creating such a special day for the Township. They also thank the volunteers, sponsors and the amazing Township staff for supporting the event.

Great new programs are also happening at the new Better World Market venue on Route 27 and Skillmans Lane. Look forward to continued literary, visual and performing arts events in this great venue. Also look for the FTCAC 2015 Calendar featuring gorgeous photographs of Franklin taken by local artists.

The FTCAC is self-sustaining, and relies on volunteers and fundraising to support programs. Free will donations are always greatly appreciated and put right into the broad array of council programs. The FTCAC is incredibly grateful to all their wonderful volunteers and attendees for making events happen and supporting their work.

For More Information, please email FranklinCAC@gmail.com or call Michael Steinbruck, FTCAC Chair, at 732-754-5649. You can also visit www.FranklinCAC.org or www.facebook.com/FranklinCAC. Don't forget to join our mailing list on our website homepage to stay connected! Thank you!

SANTA PAWS IS COMING!

Second Chance For Animals

Like us on facebook

SANTA'S VISITS ARRANGED BY:
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THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ANIMAL SHELTER
AND OTHER TOWNSHIP ANIMALS IN NEED

WHAT? TWO 4X6 DIGITAL PICTURES WITH SANTA FOR \$20 OR A USB or CD WITH ALL POSES.

WHERE? SAMPSON G. SMITH SCHOOL: 1649 Amwell Road, Somerset

WHEN? SATURDAYS: DECEMBER 6, 13 & 20. 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

For more information, please visit our website www.secondchanceforanimals.org or send an email to santapaws@secondchanceforanimals.org or Call 732-748-7232

Dogs must be leashed and cats and other small animals in carriers

Bring a donation of pet food and receive a free gift!

Franklin Improves Its FEMA Flood Rating

Franklin Township joined FEMA's CRS (Community Rating System) program in May, 2009 with a Class 7 rating. This meant immediate relief to residents living in a SFHA (Special Flood Hazard Area, more commonly known as a 100-year flood zone) by way of 15% discounts on their Flood Insurance policies. Residents outside of the SFHA received 5% discounts on their policies.

One requisite of the program is a revaluation visit every five years. Due to the efforts of Franklin Township officials and employees in working to minimize flooding risks and improving emergency preparedness, FEMA has awarded the Township with an upgrade to a Class 6 CRS rating. This now means 20% discounts on SFHA flood insurance policies and 10% discounts on non-SFHA policies. The discounts will become effective on May 1, 2015.

Less than 5% of New Jersey communities have attained a CRS rating of 6 or better, with the majority of those being vulnerable shore communities. Franklin Township is proud of its continued commitment to informational outreach to residents, emergency preparedness planning, and hazard mitigation efforts in order to be as ready as possible for the next big storm.

December 2014 to March 2015

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Council

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
December 11

Reorganization meeting January 1, 2 p.m.
February 10, 24 • March 10, 17

Planning Board

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
December 3, 17 • January 7, 21
Further 2015 meeting dates TBA

Board of Adjustment

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 4, 18 • January 8, 22
Further 2015 meeting dates TBA

Advisory Board of Health

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 3
2015 meeting dates TBA

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 8 p.m.
December 18 • January 15
February 19 • March 19

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7 p.m.
December 1 • January 5
February 2 • March 2

Emergency Life Support

Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.
January 7 • March 4

Environmental Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m. --
December 15 • January 2 • February 3

Fire Prevention Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 11 • January 8
February 12 • March 12

Hamilton Street Advisory Board

Municipal Building 7 p.m.
December 1 • January 5
February 2 • March 2

Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 2 • January 6
February 3 • March 3

Human Relations Commission

Township Library 7:00 p.m.
January 26 • February 23 • March 23

Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.
December 17 • January 28
February 25 • March 25

Open Space Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
December 16 • January 20
February 17 • March 17

Recreation Advisory Council

Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.
December 10 • January 14
February 11 • March 11

Redevelopment Agency

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 15 • January 26
February 23 • March 16

Rent Leveling Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m. - As needed

Senior Advisory Committee

Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.
January 30 • February 27 • March 27

Sewerage Authority

70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.
January 6 (reorganization 6 p.m.)
January 6 (6:30 regular meeting)
February 3 • March 3

Shade Tree Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
January 22 • February 26 • March 26

Trails Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
January 14 • March 11

Youth Service Commission

Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.
January 28 • February 25 • March 25

Ebola: What Franklin Township Needs to Know

We hear your concern.

There has been a lot of news coverage in recent days about the Ebola virus, and some members of the community are asking questions and expressing unease. Seeing headlines about a disease outbreak can be worrisome, and you may be thinking about the safety of yourself, your family and your community. Somerset County Department of Health is concerned about protecting you as well, and is working towards ensuring prompt and effective response should a case of Ebola occur in our area.

We want you to know about the disease.

Ebola is a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with one of the Ebola viruses. Some people who become sick with Ebola are able to recover, while others do not. The reasons behind this are not fully understood. Recovery from Ebola largely depends on a patient's development of antibodies to fight the disease. Evidence shows that people who recover from Ebola infection develop antibodies that last for at least ten years, possibly longer. The current Ebola outbreak is most widespread and intense in some countries in West Africa, although travel and healthcare related cases have appeared in other countries. It does not naturally exist in the U.S. As of November 10, 2014 when the *Franklin Times* was sent to the printer, there are no people in New Jersey with Ebola and the risk to residents becoming infected with Ebola is currently very low.

Ebola isn't easy to catch. Unlike the flu and measles, Ebola is NOT spread through the air. You can only get Ebola from touching body fluids of someone who is currently sick with (has symptoms), or has died from, Ebola. Early Ebola symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, cough, stomach pain, vomiting, and diarrhea, while internal and external bleeding is common as the disease progresses. The time it takes from exposure to Ebola to actually getting sick is anywhere from 2 to 21 days. The only treatment doctors can provide is supportive care – they give the patient fluids and oxygen, and keep their blood pressure steady. However, early detection and treatment increases the odds of recovery.

We want you to know what we are doing.

The U.S. and world Ebola situation is regularly changing, but Somerset County Department of Health and our Public Health Partners are working to keep up with the changes and we are focused on being prepared to rapidly and appropriately respond as necessary to protect our communities.

Somerset County and the New Jersey Department of Health have a long-standing and well-established disease monitoring and tracking system in place that looks for many diseases, including Ebola. This system is a collaborative effort among state public health, federal health authorities including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and its office of Global Migration and Quarantine, local public health, and the health care community. This is a strong, effective team process that works.

Our County Health Officer, along with other county, state and federal Health partners have reached out to medical professionals and hospital administrators with reminders of the need to look for symptoms that could indicate Ebola virus disease, and then to ask about travel to affected countries or potential exposure. If there is a suspected Ebola case in our area, we have public health staff trained and ready to identify contacts of patients.

We are communicating with hospitals and emergency departments, emergency medical services and responders, health care providers and other partners so that everyone will respond appropriately in the unlikely event Ebola comes here. We are keeping up with the latest federal guidance and widely sharing that information. We are learning from the experience of other states that have received patients, and adjusting and strengthening our protocols based on what we are learning. We have reviewed our quarantine and isolation protocols to assure that the public is protected and affected individuals are afforded the most appropriate care, guidance and medical assistance.

We want you to have access to accurate, updated information.

The people in our communities need the most up-to-date, accurate and reliable information. We have updated our website to include fact sheets, links and resources most relevant to our residents, and have provided this information to our municipalities, schools, faith based communities and others to post on their websites and share widely, too. Somerset County Department of Health and our partners invite you to bookmark and visit these valuable and reliable websites:

www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/

<http://nj.gov/health/cd/vhf/>

www.co.somerset.nj.us/health/vhf.aspx

We want you to know Public Health is working for you.

In addition to keeping our eyes on Ebola disease prevention and response in our community, we continue to assure staff is prepared for and responds to all types of threats to your health. From routine inspections of retail food establishments, childhood health clinics, preparedness for storms and natural disasters, access to healthy foods and recreational opportunities, educational programs, and routine disease monitoring we work daily to protect our people and our communities. Our mission is to keep you well. For more information, please visit us online at www.co.somerset.nj.us/health.

Township Again Makes Money Magazine List

Money Magazine again recognized Franklin Township as one of the premier places to live in the United States. Coming in at No. 26 in the nation, Franklin's diversity was highlighted on the website <http://time.com/money/3312336/franklin-nj-best-places-to-live>. The author wrote: "Nearly every aspect of diversity is represented in Franklin, a Township with a wide range of ethnicities, income and home prices. It's ideal for those who love the outdoors; a third of the town is farmland or recreation preservation and features over 60 miles of walking trails."

Help 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) **Remember that consumer electronics must now be recycled!**

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

2015 Trails Calendar Features Photography Contest Winners

A limited number of the Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) 2015 calendars are available from the Municipal Clerk's office. The calendar showcases the submissions and winning images from the Trails Photography Contest. The cost is \$10, and all proceeds from the calendars will be deposited back into the Municipal Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Books and Your Kids

Did you know that you hold a secret treasure to share with your children? It is the books that *you* read as a child, including the books that were read to you. Introduce your children to some of these books and share why you liked them. You will probably find them at the library. If you can't remember the title, the children's librarians are very good at finding them for you.

Here are some more ways that you can encourage a love of reading in your children:

Let them see you reading. Talk about what you read and encourage discussion.

Read to your child. When you read to your child, you are doing more than building a reader. You are building a lifetime of wonderful memories and developing a relationship that will last beyond the parenting years. In the end, that's the most important thing of all.

Explore different kinds of books together: picture books, nonfiction, chapter books, folktales and fairy tales. No matter what type of book, there are pictures and topics to discuss. Ask your child questions about something that you read together. Have a discussion about what your child is reading at home and in school. Having a conversation about what you read together helps children learn how to talk to people, how to listen, how to articulate their thoughts, and how to imagine.

Here are some suggestions: Ask questions like, "What would you do if you found Winn-Dixie?" (*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo) or "Do you think the farmer knew that Charlotte was in his barn?" (*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White). Marvel at the pictures in any book that won the Caldecott Medal for excellence in illustration, like David Wiesner's *The Three Pigs*. Share the adventures of the Pye family when their beloved dog, Ginger, is kidnapped in *Ginger Pye* by Eleanor Estes. Watch the film *The Wizard of Oz* and then read the original book by L. Frank Baum (which was the "Harry Potter" of its time over 100 years ago) and see how the book and the movie are different.

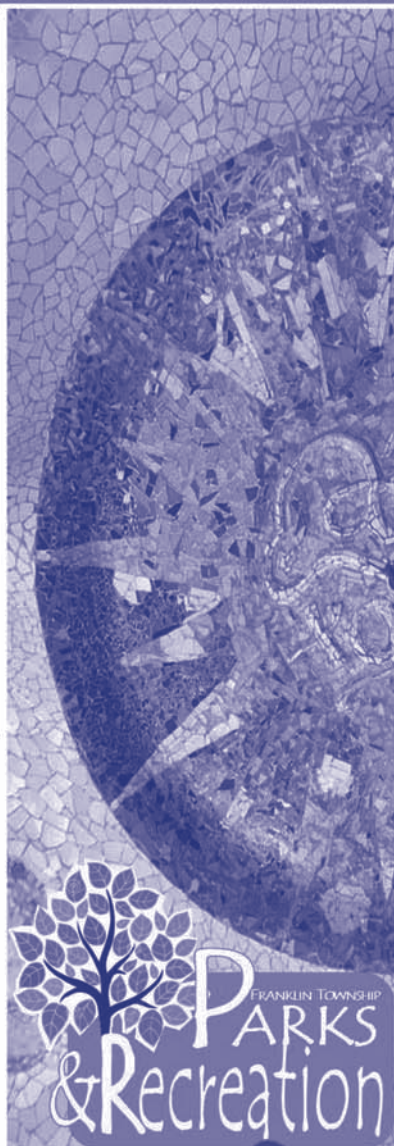
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Franklin Township Recreation
Tree Lighting
 Friday, December 12, 2014
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Prance the night away at our annual tree lighting. We're going to kick off the start of the holiday season and the Angel Giving Tree Campaign with festive music, good tidings, cookies, and cocoa!

Franklin Township
 Community/Senior Center
 505 DeMott Lane
 Somerset, NJ 08873

732
 873-1991
 for more details!



**Franklin Township
 PARKS & RECREATION
 JOB FAIR**
 January 10
 February 28
 March 21
 10:00AM - 12:00PM
 Community/Senior Center
 505 DeMott Lane
 Somerset, NJ 08873
 INFO: 732.873.1991, option 4

Camp Counselors • Lifeguards • Specialty Instructors in:
 Cultural Arts, Sports, Tennis, Computers, Swimming, Education & Enrichment • CDL Bus Drivers • Coaches & Officials

Camp/Youth Experience a Plus!
 18+ Candidates Preferred
 16+ Preferred for Lifeguard Positions (Current lifeguard certification required)

Please arrive with updated résumés and certifications (where applicable)

THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, SEX, SEXUAL PREFERENCE, AGE, AND/OR HANDICAP.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP IS A DRUG FREE WORK PLACE.

THE ANNUAL Giving Tree Campaign

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP WANTS TO SPREAD A LITTLE CHEER THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AS WELL AS NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR FAMILIES IN NEED AND CARE PACKAGE ITEMS FOR OUR U.S. TROOPS. DONATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FRANKLIN FOOD BANK, FAMILIES IN NEED, AND OPERATION JERSEY CARES. THE CAMPAIGN KICKS OFF AT THIS YEAR'S TREE LIGHTING! HELP US MAKE SPIRITS BRIGHT AND DONATE WHAT YOU CAN! VISIT www.franklintwpnj.org FOR DONATION LIST!

**Don't Wreck
 THE HOLIDAYS.**

Brought to you by the
 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
 FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

MEDICAL MINDS!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015
 5:30PM - 8:30PM ONLY

\$12 IN ADVANCE, \$15 AT THE DOOR!
[CHECKS PAYABLE TO FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP]

Ever wonder about different careers in the medical field? Discover those fields at Medical Minds brought to you by the Franklin Twp. Youth Council! Step into the shoes of real doctors through fun games, activities, and special guests!

FRANKLIN TWP. 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
 Health & Wellness Committee

Franklin Township Parks & Recreation
GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE
 Saturdays thru 3.28.15
 1:00pm - 4:00pm
 Sampson G. Smith School

Skills, drills, and league play will give your child the fundamentals of basketball in a recreation league setting. Players will learn that team work makes the dream work!

Don't forget about our Online Registration!

Perks!

- CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS
- TRACK ACCOUNTS/ACTIVITIES/SPENDING
- EASY AT HOME RECEIPT PRINTING
- THE PROGRAM SCHEDULE IS RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Visit www.franklintwpnj.org or call 732-873-1991 for more info!

| SENIOR PROGRAMS | | | | | | |
|---|---|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| PROGRAM | AGE | DATES | PROGRAM DATES | TIME | FEE | |
| All activities are held at the Franklin Township Community Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ | | | | | | |
| | Parkside Club Meeting | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Mondays | 10:30am | Annual Dues |
| | Franklin Twp Seniors Meeting | 60 Years + | Year-Round | Tuesdays | 10:00am | Annual Dues |
| | Franklin Park Club Meeting | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Wednesdays | 12:30pm | Annual Dues |
| | Senior Yoga | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Fridays | 9:30am - 10:30am | \$35 Residents \$70 Non-Residents |
| | Bridge Open Play on Mondays; Class Instruction on Fridays | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Mon. & Fri. | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | No Fee |
| | Pokeno | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Wednesdays | 10:00am - 12:00pm | No Fee |
| | Pinochle | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Thursdays | 10:00pm - 4:00pm | No Fee |
| | Dominoes | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Thursdays | 11:45am | No Fee |
| | Line Dancing | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Tuesdays | 1:30pm | No Fee |
| | Beginner Tai Chi (Registration begins 1/9/15) | 55 Years + | 1/23/15 | Fridays | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | \$40 Residents |
| | Beyond Beginner Tai Chi (Registration begins 1/9/15) | 55 Years + | 1/23/15 | Fridays | 1:30pm - 2:30pm | \$80 Non-Residents |
| | Zumba Gold (Mondays) | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Mondays | 11:30am-12:30pm 1:00pm - 2:00pm | \$40 Residents \$80 Non-Residents |
| | Zumba Gold (Fridays) | 55 Years + | Year-Round | Fridays | 11:30am - 12:30pm | |
| | Sit & Fit Exercise | 60 Years + | Year-Round | Mon. & Thurs. | 10:30am | No Fee |

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.



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YOUTH PROGRAMS

| PROGRAM | PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS | AGE/ GRADE | PAPERWORK REQUIRED | PROGRAM DATES | TIME | PLACE | FEE |
|---------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------|-------|
| | 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 1/17/15 - 2/21/15 | 9:00-10:00am | Community Center | \$35 |
| | | 25-36 Months | | | 10:10-11:10am | | \$35 |
| | Sport Squirts 6-week session where children will sample a variety of sports including: soccer; hockey; t-ball; lacrosse; & tennis, all in a safe, fun, structured environment with focus on movement, coordination, & skill improvement. | 3-5 Years | Birth Certificate | Saturdays 1/17/15 - 2/21/15 | 9:00-10:00am | Community Center | \$105 |
| | | 3-5 Years | | | 10:00-11:00am | | \$105 |
| | 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, & fun environment focusing on coordination. | 2-3 Years | | | 11:10am-Noon | | \$105 |
| | 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-8 | Birth Certificate | Mondays 1/5/15 - 3/9/15 (NO PROGRAM 1/19/15, 2/16/15) | 6:00-7:30pm | Community Center | \$96 |
| | | Grades K-8 | | | 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 and general education children). | 4 & 5 Years (NOT in Kindergarten) | Birth Certificate | Saturdays 1/24/15 - 2/21/15 | 9:00-9:45 am | Franklin Park School Annex | \$40 |
| | | | | | 9:45-10:30 am | | \$40 |
| | | | | | 10:30-11:15 am | | \$40 |
| | | | | | 11:15am-Noon | | \$40 |

BASKETBALL PROGRAMS: YOUTH/TEEN/ADULT

| PROGRAM | PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS | AGE/ GRADE | PAPERWORK REQUIRED | PROGRAM DATES | TIME | PLACE | FEE | |
|---------|---|--------------|------------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| | Girls' Hot Shot Basketball BOYS' Hot Shot Basketball** HOT SHOT BASKETBALL PROGRAMS These 8-week programs will concentrate on fundamental skill development through drills and lead-up games. **Other Boys classes will be added, if necessary, from 1:30-2:30pm; 2:30-3:30pm; and/or 3:30-4:30pm. | Grade K - 1 | Report Card | Saturdays 1/17/15 - 3/7/15 | 8:30-9:30am | Franklin Park School | \$50 | |
| | | Grade 2 - 3 | | | 9:30-10:30am | | \$50 | |
| | | Grade: K | Report Card | Saturdays 1/17/15 - 3/7/15 | 10:30-11:30am | | \$50 | |
| | | Grade: 1 | | | 11:30am-12:30pm | | \$50 | |
| | Girls' Basketball These programs started in November with a 4-week clinic 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 until 3/28 | 1:00-4:00pm | Sampson G. Smith School | \$185 | |
| | | Grades 3 & 4 | | | Saturdays until 3/28 | 1:00-4:00pm | Franklin Middle School | \$185 |
| | | Grades 5 & 6 | | | Saturdays until 3/28 | 9:00am-12:00pm | Franklin Middle School | \$185 |
| | Adult Executive Basketball Pick-up basketball games for adults 25+. Walk-in or Mail-in Registration | 25 Years+ | Drivers Lic. with Picture ID | Mondays until 5/18/15 (No Program 1/19, 2/16, 4/6) | 7:00-10:00pm | Franklin Middle School | \$30 | |

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAMS

| Program | Program Descriptions | Age/ Grade | Paperwork Required | Program Dates | Time | Place | Fee |
|---------|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | 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. through May | 7:00-9:00pm | Franklin Middle School | Free |
| | 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 | Tues. until 5/26/15 (No Class on 4/7) | 7:00-10:00pm | Sampson G. Smith School | \$30 |
| | Adult Zumba Vidhu Goyal-6:20p Robin McCoy-7:30p An 8-session class that's a fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, fun, and effective fitness system. | 16 Years+ | Birth Certificate or Drivers Lic. | Thursdays 1/15/15 - 3/5/15 | 6:20-7:20pm 7:30-8:30pm | Comm. Ctr. | \$30 |
| | Zumba Toning Robin McCoy Body sculpting & Latin-Infused Zumba moves to bring you a total toning fitness party! | 16 Years + | Birth Certificate or Drivers Lic. | Tuesdays 1/20/15 - 3/24/15 (No Class: 2/10, 3/10) | 7:30-8:30pm | Comm. Ctr. | \$30 |
| | Total Body Works Carol Bender Low Impact aerobics and light weight work that gives your body a total work-out. | 16 Years+ | Birth Certificate or Drivers Lic. | Mon & Wed 1/12/15 - 3/11/15 (No class:1/19, 2/16) | 7:00-8:00PM | Community Center | \$50 |
| | Hatha Yoga Carol Bender A mind body experience beginning with clearing the mind & warming the muscles; moving through fluid & balancing poses; & ending with relaxation. | 16 Years + | Birth Certificate or Drivers Lic. | Mon. & Wed. 1/12/15 - 3/11/15 (No class:1/19, 2/16) | 8:10-9:00PM | Community Center | \$50 |
| | Bollywood Bhangra Vidhu Goyal An expressive form of movement, fusing classical Indian steps w/folk, Latin & hip-hop music providing a fast moving workout! | 16 Years + | Birth Certificate or Drivers Lic. | Tuesdays 1/13/15 - 3/3/15 | 7:00-8:00pm | Sampson G. Smith School | \$30 |
| | Adult Ceramics Participants will work with slab clay as well as paint/glaze/fire their pieces. | 16 Years + | Birth Certificate or Drivers Lic. | Fridays 1/23/15 - 3/27/15 | 6:00-8:00pm | Franklin Middle School-Rm 519 | \$125 |

FRANKLIN IN TECHNOLOGY

Franklin In Technology computer classes are designed for the adult learner, age 18 and older. With a maximum of nine 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 |
|---|--|--------------|-------------------|--|---|
| COPY OF CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION | | | | | |
| Internet/ E-mail | Basic Computer skills required. You will learn how to search on the web, communicate via e-mail and more. | Tues./Thurs. | 1/26/15 - 2/12/15 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am | \$60 Res/ \$120 Non-Resident |
| 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.) | Tues./Thurs. | 1/26/15 - 2/12/15 | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm | \$60 Res/ \$120 Non-Resident |
| Cell Phone Skills for Seniors | Smart Phone Cell Phone Tricks for Seniors (1-Day Class.) Select preferred date. | Tuesday | 2/17/15 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am | \$20 Resident \$40 Non-Res |
| | | Thursday | 2/19/15 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am | |
| | I-Phone Cell Phone Tricks for Seniors (1-Day Class.) Select preferred date. | Tuesday | 2/17/15 | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm | |
| | | Thursday | 2/19/15 | 11:15 am - 12:15 pm | |
| 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! | | | | | |
| One on One | Sign up for one on one instruction. The instructor will dedicate an hour to help you with your general technical questions or project. You must let us know what you would need help with when you sign up. | Tuesday | 2/24/15 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am 11:15 am - 12:15 am | \$20 Resident \$40 Non-Res per session |
| One on One | Sign up for one on one instruction. The instructor will dedicate an hour to help you with your general technical questions or project. You must let us know what you would need help with when you sign up. | Thursday | 2/26/15 | 10:00 am - 11:00 am 11:15 am - 12:15 am | \$20 Resident \$40 Non-Res per session |

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Winter 2015 Information & Registration

REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE AT WWW.FRANKLINTWP.NJ.ORG



CULTURAL COFFEEHOUSE

Saturday, January 10, 2015

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

\$10.00 in advance \$12.00 at the door

Come enjoy the global community that is Franklin Township with amazing performances from around the world!

Refreshments will be served.

Franklin Township Community Senior Center
505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ
Call us at 732-873-1991 for more details!



Franklin Township Youth Council's Youth & Community Committee Presents:

SAFETY RULES!

In this interactive event, kids will learn about fire safety, stranger danger, basic first aid, and bullying from trained professionals. With games, crafts, and activities, this will be a fun-filled and educational event. Learn more about health and safety from the best to discover that safety does rule!



OPEN TO GRADES K-4!

Date: 12/13/14

Time: 1 - 3 PM

Cost: \$8 in advance /\$10 at the door More Info: 732-873-1991

Location: 505 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873

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 12 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 online/mail-in registrations starting with postmark dates of December 12, 2014. No walk-ins accepted until Dec. 19, 2014 (unless noted).

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

****PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****

We will be accepting online/mail-in registrations with postmark dates of DECEMBER 12 OR LATER. Registrations with earlier postmark dates will be returned to sender.

Registrations need to include the following information:

- Fully completed registration form, including: Participant(s) 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 19, 2014.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

PROGRAM CONFIRMATIONS

Program confirmations are made via e-mail only. Please make sure that you have an updated e-mail address on file with the Franklin Township Recreation Department. Please make note of your program dates. You can also call to confirm your placement into a class beginning Friday, **December 19, 2014**. 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.

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 22-January 2: Holiday Break
February 16: President's Day January 19: 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 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.

| Participant Name | | AGE | GENDER | BIRTH DATE | GRADE | ACTIVITY TIME | ACTIVITY NAME | PAYMENT | |
|--|----------------|-----|--------------|------------|--------|-----------------|---------------|---------|-------|
| LAST | FIRST | | | | | | | CASH | CHK # |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| ADULT PARTICIPANT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN REGISTRATION INFO | LAST NAME | | FIRST NAME | | | | | | |
| | ADDRESS | | | | | | | | |
| | CITY | | STATE | ZIP | E-MAIL | | | | |
| | DAY | | EVENING | | | CELL | | | |
| | 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.

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 15, 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 5 and January 12**
- **Drop off Location: Convenience Center, Berry Street:** Trees can be brought to the Convenience center on any date the Center is open (standard pass charges will apply).
- **Drop off Location: Colonial Park, Parking Lot F, December 26 through January 31:** For more information call 732-873-2459, ext. 21.

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 11, 26 January 8, 22 February 5, 19

Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

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

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.

1st Saturday of each month

Newtech Recycling, 600A Apgar Drive, Somerset; 732-564-3110, www.newtechrecycling.com

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 21, 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 box in the lobby of the Public Safety Building:

Local Plastic Bag Recycling Trial Ends

The popular plastic bag recycling program, which was available solely through containers located in Municipal Buildings and the Library, ended October 1.

Residents may be able to continue recycling clean and dry plastics at major grocery stores or large box stores. The recyclable plastics include grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, overwrap from toilet paper, napkins and paper towels, shrink wrap from cases of water and soda, and bubble wrap.

The company providing the free service to Franklin and other communities and organizations downsized and was overwhelmed by the short-lived but very successful program. In six months, the Township collected over 991 pounds of plastics, or an equivalent of 74,918 plastic grocery bags. In addition, the company paid the Township \$277.48.

Another problem was that some people were using the collection containers, designed for only clean and dry plastics, for disposal of other items. This led to the expensive, time-consuming sifting through of all contents.

This program was independent of the recycling program provided by Somerset County. Residents should continue to put their plastic bottles at curbside along with glass bottles and cans.

Yes, You Do Need Permits

A CONSTRUCTION PERMIT is authorization from the Construction Official to proceed with work which, according to the UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE of New Jersey, requires inspection and approval that said work was performed in accordance with UCC regulations.

SUBCODE TECHNICAL SECTIONS: Building (B), Electrical (E), Fire (F), Plumbing (P) and/or Elevator (ELV) will also be required depending on the scope of the project. Please call the Construction Code Office for forms and questions. Their number is 732-873-2500, ext. 6224.

| TYPE OF WORK | REQUIRED TECHNICAL SECTIONS | TYPE OF WORK | REQUIRED TECHNICAL SECTIONS |
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| ACCESS CONTROL | B, E, F | GENERATOR – | |
| ADDITIONS | B, E, P, F & ELV (Requirements Will Vary By Project) | Portable (If Direct Plug Into Box) | E |
| AIR CONDITIONING – NEW | B, E, P Needs F If On Roof; (E Must Be Sealed) | HEAT PUMP | E |
| AIR CONDITIONING – Replacement | E, P - Needs F & B If On Roof; (E Must Be Sealed) | HYDRANTS | F |
| ALARMS – | | HVAC –NEW | B,E,P,F |
| (Residential) Burglar And/Or Fire, Smoke, Co | E, F | HOOD | B, E, P, F (Requirements Will Vary By Project) |
| ALARMS – (Commercial) – Burglar | E | KITCHEN RENOVATION | E, P (No Seal Required) |
| ALARMS – (Commercial) Smoke, Co | E, F | LAWN SPRINKLER | B |
| ALTERATIONS | B, E, P, F, ELV (Requirements Will Vary By Project) | LEAD ABATEMENT | E – May Also Require B If Lighting Being Installed |
| ASBESTOS REMOVAL – | | LIGHTING, RECESSED | In A Fire Rated Ceiling Assembly |
| (Educational Facilities & Public Buildings Only) | B | MAG LOCKS | B, E, F |
| AWNING (Commercial Only) | B | MOVING A STRUCTURE | B |
| BASEBOARD HEAT | E | NEW BUILDING | B,E,P,F, ELV – (Requirements Will Vary By Project) |
| BASEMENT FINISHING | B, E, P, F (Requirements Will Vary By Project) | PLUMBING WORK | P |
| BATHROOM FIXTURES – | | POLE BARN | B, E, P, F (Requirements Will Vary By Project) |
| Direct Replacement/Piping Change | P | POOL – Installation (above & inground) | B, E |
| BATHROOM RENOVATION | B, E, P (Requirements Will Vary By Project) | POOL DEMOLITION – INGROUND | B, E |
| BOILER – New | E, P, F, Chimney Certification | POOL HEATER | P, F |
| BOILER – Replacement | E, P, Chimney Certification | PORCH | B |
| BOILER – Oil To Gas Conversion | E, F, P, Chimney Certification - Also Requires Tank Abandonment/Removal Application | PROPANE TANK | P |
| CANOPY | B, F | RACKS | B, F (May Also Require E) |
| CARPET – Commercial Only | B, F | RADON | B, E |
| CARD ACCESS | B, E, F | RAMP | B |
| CAR PORT | B | ROOF | B - if more than 25% of roof area |
| CHIMNEY RELINE | F | ROOF TOP UNITS | B, E, P, F |
| COMMUNICATION POINTS | E | SATELLITE DISH Over 24" Dia. | B |
| COMPUTER WIRING | E | SHED (OVER 100 SQ. FT.) | B |
| CUBICLES | B, E, F | SHEETROCK | B – if more than 25% of wall area in room |
| DECK | B | SIDING | B |
| DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE | B | SIGNS | B, E |
| DOORS – | | SOLAR PANELS | B, E, P (Requirements Will Vary By Project) |
| Adding, Changing Size, Or Eliminating | B | SPA/HOT TUB | B, E |
| ELECTRIC SERVICE CHANGE | E | SPRINKLER SYSTEM | F |
| ELECTRIC ALTERATIONS/NEW | E | STEPS | B |
| ELEVATOR INSTALLATION | Contact: State of NJ | STUCCO | B |
| EMERGENCY & EXIT LIGHTS | B, E, F | SUMP PUMP | P, E |
| FENCE – | | STOVE (Woodburning Or Gas Logs) | B, P, F |
| If Around A Pool/Spa Or If Over 6' High | B | TANKS – Installation | P, F |
| FIREPLACE | B, F | TANKS – Abandonment Or Removal | P |
| FLAGPOLE | B | TELEPHONE | E |
| FRENCH DRAIN | B, E, P | TENANT FIT OUT | B, E, P, F (Requirements Will Vary By Project) |
| FURNACE – NEW | E, F, P, Chimney Certification | TENTS | B, E (Requirements Will Vary By Project) |
| FURNACE – Replacement | E, P, Chimney Certification | TRAILER – Construction | B, E |
| FURNACE – Oil To Gas Conversion | E, F, P, Chimney Certification - Also Requires Tank Abandonment/Removal Application | TRAILER – Sales | B, E, P, F |
| GARAGE | B, E, F | TEMPORARY MOBILE HOME | B, E, P, F |
| GAS LOGS | F, P | VOICE DATA | E |
| GAZEBO | B | WALK IN COOLER | B, E, P, F (Fire Only Required For Interior Boxes) |
| GENERATOR – Standby | COMMERCIAL: B,E,P,F RESIDENTIAL: E,P,F | WATER FILTER/PURIFIER/SOFTENER | P |
| | | WATER HEATER (Including Tankless) | GAS – P, Chimney Certification; Electric – E, P |
| | | WINDOWS – Adding, Enlarging Or Eliminating | B |