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Preserved Open Spaces A Source of Pride

"If you think New Jersey is nothing but a mass of turnpikes and highways, then you've never heard of Franklin Township."

This quote from *Money Magazine* in 2012, when Franklin received its second award as one of the top 100 places to live in the United States, points out something many residents have come to appreciate about Franklin—the permanently-preserved open spaces. There are state-owned and Somerset County-owned properties, as well as Township-owned farms and parks. Of Franklin's 46.846 square miles, 34%, or 9,562 acres are preserved.

FUNDING

The Township collects five cents per hundred dollars of assessed property value for the open space trust fund. This open space tax brings over \$4 million into the trust fund each year. The money is reserved for any land acquired, developed, maintained, or utilized for recreation, conservation, farmland or farmland or historic preservation purposes.

In addition, the Township has received grants from the State of New Jersey and Somerset County for the preservation of open space.

Several Boy Scouts have earned their Eagle Scout Award and Girl Scouts their Gold Award by undertaking projects on open space properties, such as benches along the trail at the Bunker Hill property.

TOWNSHIP-OWNED PARKS

The parks offer a variety of facilities for residents. Information about group rentals are available from the Department of Parks and Recreation, (732) 873-1991.

Bascom Park, 178 Delmonico

Baseball/softball; parking/ picnic space, playground, shelter, basketball

Castleton Park, 28 Grandview/Castleton Avenue

Baseball/softball, basketball, parking, picnic area, playground, shelter, soccer, tennis and pickleball courts

Consovoy Park,

12 Pinegrove Avenue/112 Oakbrook Place

Baseball/softball, parking, picnic, playground, shelter

Nassau Park, 595 Nassau Avenue

Basketball open field, playground

Rutgers Heights Park, 125 Emerson Road

Basketball, open field, playground

Delar Park, 27 Delar Parkway

Baseball/softball, basketball, parking, picnic area, playground, shelter

Dunham Lebed Park, 64 15th Street/Dellwood Avenue

Baseball/softball, basketball, parking, picnic, playground, shelter, soccer

East Millstone Park, 10 Market Street, 2378 Amwell road

Basketball, parking, playground

Inman Park, 290 Leupp Lane

Baseball/softball, basketball, bathrooms, paved pathways, parking, picnic, playground, shelter, soccer, trails

Kingston School Park, 25 Laurel Street

Baseball/softball, basketball, open field, parking, playground

Naaman Williams Park, Mark Street/42 Matilda Avenue

Baseball/softball, basketball, bathrooms, hand ball, parking, picnic area, playground, running/walking track, shelter, swimming, trails

Middlebush Park, 421 DeMott Lane

Baseball/softball, basketball, bicycles permitted, exercise equipment, field lights, football, parking, playground, running/walking path, skate park, soccer, trails, turf field

Catalpa Park, 15 Old Vliet Road—Opening date not yet determined

109 acre site, with 25 acres to be developed. Plans include cricket, basketball, tennis, park pavilions, restrooms, playground, walking trails, parking



TOWNSHIP-OWNED OPEN SPACE

"Things to Do and See" maps are available on the Open Space webpage on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org.

Bunker Hill, Bunker Hill Road

112 acres, Ten-Mile Run stream, 30-foot high red-rock cliff overlooking the stream, hiking, bird watching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, kiosks, bat-nesting boxes, benches, demonstration deer enclosure area

Butler Road Natural Area, Butler Road

185 acres, Ten-Mile Run stream, trails, hiking, bird-watching, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, kiosk, bat-nesting box

Negri-Nepote Native Grassland Preserve, Skillman Lane

163 acres, wetland/vernal pool for birds, waterfowl, and wildlife, bird-nesting boxes, kiosk, benches, wildlife observation blind, trails, handicap-accessible trail

Griggstown Grassland Preserve, Canal Road

447 acres, habitat for more than 40% of New Jersey's threatened, endangered species and species of special concern, trails with interpretive signs, kiosks, geocache trail

Environmental Education Center, 225 Bunker Hill Road

95 acres, trail, environmental center

PRESERVED FARMLAND

There are approximately 6,549 acres or 23.4% of the Township classified as farmland. This includes privately-owned farms totaling 4,849 acres or 17% of the Township's 27,985.9 acres. Of this total, 1,127 acres are permanently-preserved farms. In addition, the Township owns and leases to local farmers approximately 456 acres, of which 425 are tillable.

Some interesting facts about Franklin farms:

General

Locally-grown farm products are sold in various farm stands throughout the Township, as well as Better World Market on Rt. 27 at Skillman Lane which supports Elijah's Promise's work to alleviate hunger in the area.

Local farms are big contributors to the Franklin Township's Food Bank.

The Somerset County Board of Agriculture, of which a number of Franklin farmers are members, sponsors the Tom Everett Memorial Scholarship for those pursuing an education in agriculture.

Animals raised on farms in Franklin include horses, beef cattle, dairy cows, sheep, pigs, honey bees, ducks, fiber animals, goats, meat chickens, egg chickens, turkeys, quail and other livestock.

Pigs

It takes 5 months for a piglet to grow from 30 pounds to 300 pounds.

Pigs constantly communicate with each other. They have a range of different oinks, grunts and squeals which have distinct meanings.

Pigs are very clean, keeping their toilet area far away from where they lie down and eat. Even newborn piglets will leave the nest to go to the toilet within hours of birth.

Cows

The average cow will weigh about 1,200 pounds live weight and produces about 530 pounds of usable beef. This varies with the breed and cuts of meat.

The average dairy cow produces seven (7) gallons of milk a day.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- Main 732-873-2500
- Extensions
- Animal Control6255
- Assessor.....6320
- Clerk (Elections, Dog Licenses, Voter Registration)..... 6208
- 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 6274
- Human Resources..... 6202
- Municipal Alliance..... 6353
- Open Space..... 6279
- Planning Board..... 6215
- Public Works.....732-249-7800
- Purchasing..... 6239
- Recreation...6340 or 732-873-1991
- Redevelopment Agency..... 6271
- Rent Leveling Board 6274
- Senior Advisory 6347
- Special Projects..... 6427
- Township Manager 6201
- Vital Statistics (Marriage and Death Certificates) 6375
- Zoning Officer 6274
- Zoning Bd. of Adj. 6215

WEBSITE

www.franklintwpnj.org

TOWN HALL

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E-MAIL

Township Manager

bob.vornlocker@twp.franklin.nj.us

Township Tax Collector

carol.langone@twp.franklin.nj.us

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Board of Education

732-873-2400

www.franklinboe.org

Library

732-873-8700

www.franklintwp.org

Sewerage Authority

732-873-2121

Ftsa-nj.org

Health Department/Education

908-231-7155

NEW – SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

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It takes more than 21 pounds of whole milk to make one (1) pound of butter.

Cows must give birth to a calf once a year in order to produce milk.

The typical dairy cow weights about 1,400 pounds and consumes about 50 pounds of dry matter each day and drinks from 30 to 50 gallons of water each day (about a bathtub's worth).

It takes 18 to 22 months for beef cattle to grow from birth weight of 60 to 100 pounds to a harvest weight of 1,200 to 1,400 pounds.

Sheep, Lambs

Lambs are less than one year of age and usually do not produce offspring. Sheep are wool bearing animals.

Sheep are sheared once a year.

One sheep produces anywhere from 2 to 30 pounds of wool annually. The wool from one sheep is called a fleece, from many sheep, a clip. The amount of wool that a sheep produces depends upon its breed, genetics, nutrition, and shearing interval. Lambs produce less wool than mature animals.

It takes one pound of wool to make ten (10) miles of yarn.

Chickens

The number of eggs a chicken lays decreases dramatically after three years. The average number of eggs laid in a lifetime depends on the breed and, of course, the age of the bird. An average chicken can lay as many as 300 eggs in a lifetime.

Egg-producing chickens are not as tender and generally not used for human consumption.

Chickens start producing eggs about the age of six months.

The average weight of a chicken is 5 pounds; the average weight of a quail is less than 2 pounds.

Honey Bees

Some Franklin farms maintain their own colonies of honey bees which produce uniquely flavored honey as a result of Franklin's floral sources.

A honey bee colony may contain as many as 60,000 or more individual honey bees. Collectively they may travel as much as 55,000 miles and visit more than 2 million flowers to gather enough nectar to make 1 pound of honey.

The average lifespan of a worker honey bee is five to six weeks during the spring and summer, and about 5 months or longer during the winter. Queen bees can live 2 - 3 years, and sometimes more than 5 years. Queen bees can lay as many as 2,000 eggs per day during the peak of the season.

Honey is proven to soothe sore throats and has shown to be an effective cough suppressant in older children. Honey should not be given to infants who are less than a year old.

Straw and Hay

Hay comes in a variety of grasses and bales weigh about 45 pounds.

Straw is a waste product of wheat that is used as bedding for barnyard animals. Hay is used as animal feed.

Vegetables and Fruits

There are generally two ears of corn per stalk.

The height of the stalks depends on the corn variety and the environment. On average, a corn plant measures 8 feet tall. The world record is over 30.

Grass and grain products grown include barley, corn (for grain and silage), grass for silage, alfalfa, hay, oats, rye, soybeans, wheat, as well as other field crops. "Silage" means the product is compacted and stored in airtight conditions, typically a silo, to be used as animal feed in the winter.

Christmas/Holiday Trees

It can take as many as 15 years to grow a Christmas/holiday tree to six to seven feet, or as little as four years, depending on the species. The average growing time is seven years.

Hunting

There are 153 white tail deer hunting permits issued each year for eight (8) locations in the Township.

Mark Your Calendars

SEPTEMBER 5 (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.) - Free shredding service at the Municipal Building

SEPTEMBER 9 - (6 p.m.) Hamilton Street meeting

SEPTEMBER 19 - Franklin Day Festival

SEPTEMBER 20 - Canal Road Walk and Roll

SEPTEMBER 22 (10 – 11:30 a.m. & 6:30 – 8 p.m.) – Composting workshop in the Municipal Building

SEPTEMBER 29 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) Senior Health Fair in the Community/Senior Building

OCTOBER 9 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) - Blood drive in the Municipal Building

NOVEMBER 1 - Quarterly tax payment due

NOVEMBER 2 - Election

NOVEMBER 11 (10:30 a.m.) - Veterans Day ceremony at the Municipal Building

Welcome to Councilwoman Robinson and Farewell to Councilman Regan

The Township Council on August 11 appointed Shanel Y. Robinson to fill Councilman Brian Regan's term which expires December 31, 2015.

Councilwoman Robinson has been a Franklin resident since 2001 and is a graduate of Rutgers University. She served in the United States Air Force Reserve and is currently an Information Technologies Manager at St. Peter's Healthcare System in New Brunswick.

Mr. Regan served on the Council for eight years and thanked the Township staff and his fellow Councilmembers. His resignation was effective July 18, 2015. He is currently running for a seat on the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Franklin Township Council

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Christopher Kelly -- Mayor 732-873-2500, ext. 6396..... Mayor.Kelly@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/15
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Rajiv Prasad – Councilman-at-Large, 732-873-2500, ext. 6319..... Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/15
Shanel Y. Robinson – Councilwoman-at-Large, 732-873-2500, ext. 6329..... Councilwoman.Robinson@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/15
Theodore Chase – Councilman, 1 st Ward, 732-873-2500, ext. 6318..... Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/17
Rozalyn Sherman – Councilwoman, 2 nd Ward, 732-873-2500, ext. 6316..... Councilwoman.Sherman@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/17
Phillip Kramer – Councilman, 3 rd Ward, 732-873-2500, ext. 6327..... Councilman.Kramer@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/17
Carl R. A. Wright – Councilman, 4 th Ward, 732-873-2500, ext. 6397 Councilman.Wright@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/17
James Vassanella - Councilman, 5 th Ward, 732-873-2500, ext. 6328..... Councilman.Vassanella@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/17

2015 ELECTION TIMELINE

General Election

October 13

Voter Registration Deadline

October 27

Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot by Mail

November 2 (by 3 p.m.)

Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Applications

**November 3
General Election**

2015 Polling Locations

Those locations highlighted in **bold** are those that have been relocated effective June, 2015

District	Polling Location
1	Kingston Presbyterian Church, 4565 Route 27, Kingston
2	Griggstown Firehouse, 1037 Canal Road, South of Bunker Hill, Princeton
3	Griggstown Firehouse, 1037 Canal Road, South of Bunker Hill, Princeton
4	Griggstown Firehouse, 1037 Canal Road, South of Bunker Hill, Princeton
5	Wynnefield Clubhouse, 31 DeSoto Drive, Franklin Park
6	Wynnefield Clubhouse, 31 DeSoto Drive, Franklin Park
7	Beacon Hill Clubhouse, 1 Beaconhill Way, Franklin Park
8	Society Hill III Clubhouse, 2 Bethany Court
9	Society Hill II Clubhouse, 111 Fisher Drive, Franklin Park
10	Society Hill I Clubhouse, 137 Pear Tree Lane, Franklin Park
11	Zarephath Christian Church, Children's Ministry Center 595 Weston Canal Rd, Somerset
12	Zarephath Christian Church, Children's Ministry Center 595 Weston Canal Rd, Somerset
13	Zarephath Christian Church, Children's Ministry Center 595 Weston Canal Rd, Somerset
14	Quailbrook Senior Citizens Center, 625 New Brunswick Road, Somerset
15	Quailbrook Senior Citizens Center, 625 New Brunswick Road, Somerset
16	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
17	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
18	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
19	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
20	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
21	Quailbrook Senior Citizens Center, 625 New Brunswick Road, Somerset
22	Quailbrook Senior Citizens Center, 625 New Brunswick Road, Somerset
23	Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 JFK Blvd., Somerset
24	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
25	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
26	Millstone Valley Firehouse, 2365 Amwell Road, East Millstone
27	Millstone Valley Firehouse, 2365 Amwell Road, East Millstone
28	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
29	Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
30	Consolata Missions, 2301 Route 27, Somerset
31	Consolata Missions, 2301 Route 27, Somerset
32	Consolata Missions, 2301 Route 27, Somerset
33	Consolata Missions, 2301 Route 27, Somerset
34	Consolata Missions, 2301 Route 27, Somerset
35	Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset
36	Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset
37	Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset
38	Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset
39	Parkside Community Center, 3 Parkside Street, Somerset
40	Parkside Community Center, 3 Parkside Street, Somerset
41	Parkside Community Center, 3 Parkside Street, Somerset
42	Somerset National Guard Armory, 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset
43	Parkside Community Center, 3 Parkside Street, Somerset
44	East Franklin Firehouse, 121 Pine Grove Avenue, Somerset
45	East Franklin Firehouse, 121 Pine Grove Avenue, Somerset
46	East Franklin Firehouse, 121 Pine Grove Avenue, Somerset
47	East Franklin Firehouse, 121 Pine Grove Avenue, Somerset
48	East Franklin Firehouse, 121 Pine Grove Avenue, Somerset
49	Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 JFK Blvd., Somerset
50	Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 JFK Blvd., Somerset
51	Somerset Presbyterian Church, 100 JFK Blvd., Somerset

New Equipment Brings Better Connection to FTTV

FTTV, the Franklin Township Government Access Channel, has just completed a total system upgrade to new modern broadcast equipment. The new equipment provides enhanced capabilities such as periodic local weather forecasts, improved emergency capabilities and live streaming via the internet. Now all residents can access our channel on our website even if you do not have cable TV with Comcast or Verizon. The previous equipment was the cause of the audio issues many of you were experiencing, so this new equipment has resolved those issues. We hope you take some time to watch the new FTTV!

To access our live streaming meetings visit <http://www.franklintwpnj.org/stream>

To find our broadcasting schedule visit <http://www.franklintwpnj.org/cableschedule>

HUNTING SEASON BEGINS

The Township hunting season for white tail deer is September 2015 through February 2016. There is no hunting allowed on Sunday.

Firearms and bows are allowed at these locations:

- Ten Mile Run Greenway (Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve and Bunker Hill Natural Area)
- Negri-Nepote Native Grassland Preserve

Bows only can be used at these locations:

- Butler Road Natural Area
- Wilson Road Natural Area
- DeMott Lane Open Space
- Willow Road Open Space
- Elizabeth Ave Open Space
- Weston Road Open Space

For more information, visit <http://franklintwpnj.org/government/boards-committees/open-space/hunting-information>

Congratulations to our Newest Retirees and New Employees

New Hires

Andrew Prochnow, 9-1-1 Telecommunicator
 Nicole Wlodkowski, Part-time Animal Handler
 James Pelech, Fire Prevention Inspector
 Leila Martinez, Court Administrator
 Marianne Zelinack, Police Administrative Aide (part time to full time)
 William Poling, Police Officer
 Robert King, Police Officer
 Cesar Vazquez-Santiago, Public Works
 Stephanie Tamashiro, Part-Time Court Clerk
 Jarred Bennerman, Public Works
 Atanas Entchev, GIS Specialist
 Racquel Edwards, Deputy Court Administrator

Retirements

Damaris Santiago, Court Administrator (27 years)
 Maria DiMarzio, Deputy Court Administrator (30 years)
 Lisa Aumack, Police Administrative Aide (31 years)

BEFORE YOU RENT...

There are certain procedures that must be followed before you rent a house or portion of any house. Contact:

- Planning and Zoning Office to confirm the rental is legally permitted. E-mail vincent.dominach@twp.franklin.nj.us or call 732-873-2500, ext. 6274.
- Fire Prevention to schedule a smoke detector and carbon monoxide inspection. E-mail rachel.dupree@twp.franklin.nj.us or call 732-873-2500, ext. 6303.
- Clerk's Office to register the property as a rental. The application is available on the Clerk's webpage, <http://franklintwpnj.org/home/showdocument?id=5492>. For information, call 732-873-2500, ext. 6208.

Franklin Township uses high school and college interns in various departments throughout the year. We would like to share the experience of one of our most recent interns, Bilva Chandra.

MY INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE: Looking Beyond the “Local” Label

The room was dark and dimly lit with a regulated temperature, an old jail cell. My first day on the job consisted of me inside a jail cell, fortunately it’s not nearly what it sounds like. This cell had been out of use for many years and currently is used as a room to store public records. As I creaked open a burgundy book coated with a layer of dust and observed the yellowed pages, I realized that I was holding a piece of history in my hands: Franklin Township Council meeting minutes from 1920.



I’ve always had a keen interest for international affairs and global politics and how things work on a bigger scale, a macro viewpoint of the world. Once I obtained this internship I was excited and had no idea what to expect, local government is just a microcosm of how our state functions. I began my journey with an ID made by the IT department and a desk at the Clerk’s Office. As a rising FHS senior working in a Municipal building full of people with more experience than I have, I thought I would feel inherently intimidated. But only warm smiles and kind hearts greeted me as I realized the difference between local government and larger sectors of government. From printing 1200 copies of an ordinance and filling out Open Public Record Requests to taking down minutes for a Chamber of Commerce meeting, writing press releases, and watching the Mayor’s words being translated into Chinese, I have had plenty of diverse experiences. As I tried to keep myself as busy as possible, I was able to expose myself to different subdivisions of Franklin Township and most importantly, different people with different experiences. Through the culmination of the efforts of these separate individuals united under a common goal of public service, our township is able to function and even flourish.

Someone once said, “History is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul.” Looking back to my very first day of work here, illuminated is the perfect way to describe how I felt when I opened up that historic document from 1920. My learning experiences in Franklin Township Municipal government are ones that I will always treasure and keep with me. Though a local government may seem very miniscule, it is an integral part for the formation of a greater society.

BILVA CHANDRA
Franklin High School Intern

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FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.njht.org

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 Thursday, July 2nd to participate in a great Township tradition.

A special thanks to the following contributors who made the 2015 fireworks display and entertainment a success, at no cost to the Township residents:

Appraisal Consultants Corp.
Arcari & Iovino Architects PC
Briar Manor Developers LLC
Buist Incorporated
Carroll Engineering Corporation
CME Associates, David Samuel
Dennis Auciello
Fancy Heat Corporation
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RPM Development LLC
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Trap Rock Industries
Venus Jewelers & Gemologists
Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, PC

Friends,

The July 4th fireworks display is an expensive event. Each year the cost of this event increases and *we need your support to ensure that future displays can continue.*

Raising the funds to help offset the cost can be a challenge. However large or small, your contribution will ensure that Franklin’s spectacular July 4th fireworks event will continue for years to come!

If you would like to contribute to the 2016 Fireworks Celebration, please send your tax-deductible donation to:

Franklin Township Fireworks Celebration
c/o Franklin Township Municipal Complex
475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

Thank You!

Bill Grippo, Fireworks Chairman

I Need A Paper Notarized!

There are three notaries in the Township Clerk’s Office in the Municipal Building.

A Notary Public is a public officer who serves as an impartial witness to the signing of documents and to the acknowledgement of signatures on documents. A Notary Public may also administer oaths and affirmations.

Previously-signed documents:

- A person must understand the contents and purpose of the document and affirm that the signature is their own and that the document was signed willingly. The affiant (signer) must sign the document again in the presence of the Notary. This type of notarization is called an “acknowledgement.” A valid ID is required.

Oath or affirmation:

- A person swears a pledge and signs a document that the facts of a specific statement or statements are true. The affiant signs the document in front of the Notary and takes an oath regarding the truthfulness of the statements of the document. The affiant must present proof of identification that provides a physical description of the signer, e.g., driver’s license. No proof of identity is required if the signer is personally known to the Notary or if a credible witness, known to both the signer and Notary, swears to the identity of the signer.

The current fees, as set by the Division of Revenue, are:

Administering an oath/affirmation	\$2.50 each
Executing a jurat.....	\$2.50 each
Taking proof of a deed (proof of execution)	\$2.50 each
Taking an acknowledgment.....	\$2.50 each

Frequently Asked Questions?

How do I sign up to have the Franklin Times delivered to my house?

You don't have to sign up. It is much less expensive to mail it as bulk mail without any addresses. Sufficient quantities are delivered to the post office for delivery to every house, apartment and business in the Township.

Are there any restrictions on the hours my neighbors or their landscapers can begin work in the morning?

This is covered by Municipal Code 167, Section 167-6. Non-commercial or non-industrial power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment can be used between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. every day. Commercial and industrial power tools and yard maintenance equipment (excluding emergency work) are allowed between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. weekends or federal holidays.

If traffic is backed up at a light and there is a corner bank or store with entrances on both streets by the light, can I cut through?

NJ Motor Vehicle Code 39:4-66.2 states that driving on private property (commercial or privately-owned) to avoid a traffic control signal is illegal. This includes corners where left turns are prohibited. Fines range from \$50 to \$200.

Who is responsible for cutting the grass on the islands at the intersections, like JFK and Easton Avenue on the canal side? Boy, it can look pretty bad there.

The Township or Somerset County is responsible, depending on the street where the island is located. At the location you mention, JFK and Easton, Somerset County owns the islands from the Stop and Shop driveway to Easton Avenue, as well as the island on the Canal side of Easton.

Why is the municipal complex not as well-groomed as it used to be? Now, it's all weeds. It isn't grass cutting anymore, it is weed cutting.

In an attempt to save tax-payer dollars, fertilizers and weed killers are not used on the municipal complex lawns. The only thing that is done is selective curb-line spraying.

HAMILTON STREET MEETING Save the Date

The officers of the Hamilton Street Planning Committee will be meeting to discuss future plans for this important section of Franklin Township. Public is welcome to attend and provide their input:

September 9 at 6 p.m.
at the
Chinese Christian Church
758 Hamilton Street

September 19 Franklin Day Festival in Colonial Park SOMETHING FUN FOR EVERYONE

On Saturday, September 19, the Franklin Day Festival will bring live music, artists and craftspeople, dance performances, great food, children's activities and more to Colonial Park. "Last year's festival was a wonderful day for our community to get together and enjoy what our town has to offer," says Franklin Township Special Projects Manager Tiffany Delaney. "We encourage residents and people from throughout our area to bring a lawn chair or a blanket to relax, have fun, and enjoy a picnic in the park in a beautiful scenic setting."

The festival will feature family-friendly, upbeat music to get the crowd moving and dancing. Bands include the **Community Fellowship Mass Choir of Somerset NJ**, Dave Matthews tribute band **Rhyme and Reason**, funk and country band **Pristine Raegn**, classic rockers **Party of 5**, and nine-piece rock and soul band **GoodWorks**.

What would a festival be without great food? Enjoy New Jersey festival favorite **Smitty's BBQ**, Italian-American cuisine from Google 4-star rated **Zinnas Bistro Mobile Food Truck**, homemade delicacies and pizza from **Ecco Bistro**, and more.

Featuring something special for all ages, adults can enjoy a classic car show while children can play in the Activities Zone featuring three large bouncy houses.

The event is being supported by **Diamond Sponsor** Investors Bank, **Gold Sponsor** Oasis Senior Advisors, and **Silver Sponsors** Robert Wood Johnson University, ProCure Proton Therapy Center, Herr Foods Inc., Anytime Fitness, Resta's Car Care, Coldwell Banker (Rebecca Matyash), and Somerset Fitness and Wellness/ Comprehensive Ortho Physical Therapy.

The Franklin Day Festival is on September 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Colonial Park (near the children's playground - Lot C). Cars can enter the park via Elizabeth Avenue or Mettlers Road. To learn more, visit the Franklin Township website at www.franklintwpnj.org/FranklinDay.



The Franklin Township Franklin Day Festival Committee is inviting entertainers, food vendors, and exhibitors of non-food items, crafters and business services, to participate in the second annual Franklin Day Festival on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

Exhibitor spaces are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. No space is guaranteed until payment has been received and applications have been filled out and returned.

Those interested in participating in the Festival need to register by **September 5th**. Please visit www.franklintwpnj.org/franklinday to download the **2015 Exhibitor Application** and to find out more about the event.

Do not miss out...spaces will be gone before you know it!

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the Festival Committee at (732) 873-2500, x 6428 or email at FranklinDayFestival@gmail.com.

Magazines, Museum Passes, and More

The Franklin Township Public Library has expanded its electronic services to include **Zinio for Libraries**, the world's largest newsstand that offers multi-user access to complete digital magazines. Currently, over 45 popular publications can be viewed on most Internet-enabled devices – inside or outside of the library. Resident library card holders can read complete digital editions of popular magazines and enjoy interactive elements such as audio and video. The library's Zinio selections are available anywhere on PCs, Macs and mobile devices (iPad, iPhone, Kindle Fire, Android and Windows 8) for patrons to keep as long as they like. Visit the Zinio link under the eReading tab on the library's website to get started viewing digital magazines today!

The library has also increased its **Museum Pass Service**. In addition to Grounds for Sculpture, passes for the Intrepid Museum, the Morris Museum, and the American Museum of Natural History are now available. Passes are free and are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Reference Desk. See the library's website and click on Services at www.franklintwpnj.org for more details.

And remember that your Franklin Township Public Library card can be used to borrow materials at the following area libraries: New Brunswick, South Brunswick, North Brunswick, Piscataway, Dunellen, Bernards Township, Bernardsville, Clarence Dillon, Metuchen, Middlesex, Raritan, and Highland Park. To register at any of these reciprocal libraries just bring your FTPL card to the reciprocal library during hours that FTPL is open so that the reciprocal library can verify your borrowing status with us.

September to November 2015

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Council

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
September 8, 29 • October 13, 27
November 10, 24

Planning Board

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
September 2, 16 • October 7, 12 • November 4

Board of Adjustment

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

Advisory Board of Health

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 2 • October 7 • November 4

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 8:00 p.m.
September 17 • October 15 • November 19

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
October 5 • November 2

Emergency Life Support

Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.
To Be Announced

Environmental Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 21 • October 5, 19 • November 2, 16

Fire Prevention Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 3 • October 8 • November 12

Hamilton Street Business

Community Board
Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
October 5 • November 7

Historic Preservation Commission

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 1 • October 6 • November 10

Human Relations Commission

Township Library 7:00 p.m.
September 28 • October 26 • November 23

Library Board of Trustees

Township Library 5:30 p.m.
September 30 • October 28 • November 18

Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.
September 23 • October 28 • November 18

Open Space Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 15 • October 20 • November 17

Recreation Advisory Council

Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.
September 9 • October 14 • November 11

Redevelopment Agency

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
September 21 • October 19 • November 16

Rent Leveling Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
As needed

Senior Advisory Committee

Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.
September 25 • October 30 • November 20

Sewerage Authority

70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.
September 1 • October 6 • November 4

Shade Tree Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 24 • October 22 • November 19

Trails Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
September 9 • November 18

Youth Service Commission

Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.
September 23 • October 28 • November 18

Protect Yourself, Your Family and Your Pets

What is Rabies?

Rabies is a disease caused by a virus that affects the brain. Rabies is usually passed from animal to animal but it can be passed from animals to people. Any warm-blooded animal with fur can get rabies. This includes humans, as well as pets such as cats and dogs. Rabies can affect farm animals like cows and horses and wild animals like foxes, skunks, groundhogs, raccoons and bats..

How Do I Know if an Animal Has Rabies?

Animals with rabies may act differently than normal. Some animals may act mad when they have rabies. They will be hostile and may try to bite people or other animals. In movies, animals with rabies look like they are foaming at the mouth. What's really happening is that the rabies makes them have more saliva and that makes them drool. Other Animals May Act Timid or Shy When They Have Rabies. This Is the Most Common Type of Rabies. The best thing to do is to **never feed or approach an unknown animal**. Even homeless puppies and kittens can carry rabies and give it to you or your pet. If you see a stray dog or cat, don't pet it. And if any animal is acting strangely, call your local animal control officer for help.

What is the Risk for my Pet?

Any animal bitten or scratched by a wild animal or a bat, or even by a stray dog or cat that is not available for testing should be regarded as having been exposed to rabies.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that **unvaccinated** dogs, cats, and ferrets exposed to a rabid animal should be euthanized immediately. If the owner is unwilling to have this done, the animal is required to be placed in strict isolation for 6 months and vaccinated one month before being released.

Exposed pets with expired vaccinations need to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Dogs and cats that are currently vaccinated are kept under observation for 45 days.

What is the Risk to Me and My Family?

Pets such as dogs, cats and rabbits and wild animals, such as skunks, raccoons, and bats, are able to transfer the rabies virus to humans via bites and/or scratches. **Rabies is serious, and can be deadly**. However, rabies in humans is 100% preventable through prompt and appropriate medical care. If someone is bitten or scratched by any animal, wash the wound with soap and water for at least five minutes, and then go see your doctor right away. In people, it may take one, two, or even three months to show signs of rabies. If there's a chance the animal has rabies, your doctor will want to give you the rabies vaccine to make sure you don't get rabies, too.

How Can Rabies be Prevented?

Everyone can take simple steps to help prevent rabies:

- Vaccinate your dogs, cats and ferrets against rabies;
- Keep your pets under your supervision so they don't catch rabies from a wild animal;
- Don't handle wild animals and if you see one acting strangely, call the local animal control officer.
- Don't pet, feed or bring home stray dogs, cats, puppies or kittens -- call your local animal control officer for assistance.
- Spay or neuter pets so they'll be more likely to stay home.

Looking for More Information?

- Speak to your veterinarian or health care provider
- Visit Somerset County Department of Health's website at www.co.somerset.nj.us/health -or-
- The New Jersey Department of Health at <http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/rabies/>
- Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at 1-800-CDC-INFO or search for information at <http://www.cdc.gov/Rabies>



Don't pet, feed or bring home stray dogs, cats, kittens or puppies.

**Call animal control
732-873-2500, ext. 6255 for assistance.**

RABIES CLINICS

Animal Shelter • 475 DeMott Lane

CATS

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
September 12, 2015
Cats should be in carriers

DOGS

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
December 12, 2015
Dogs should be on leashes

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)

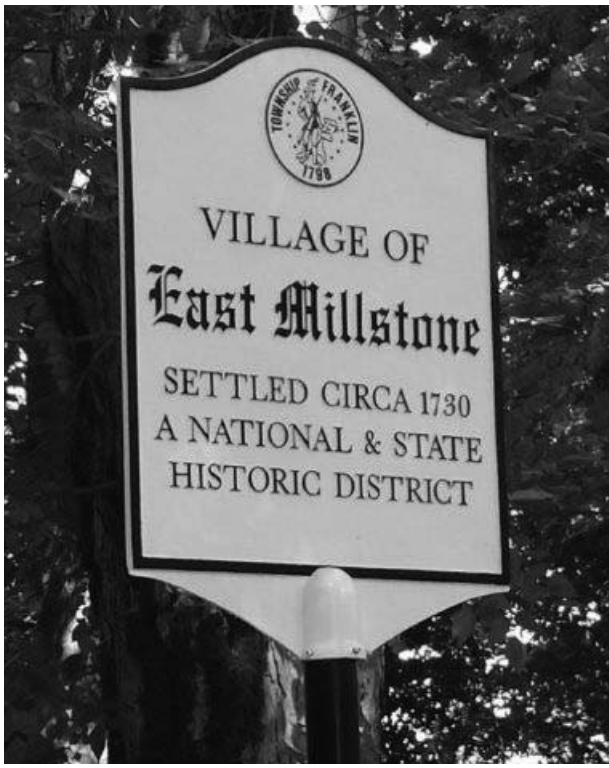
Don't feed wildlife – Ordinance #3254

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



Preserving the Past for the Present

East Millstone is a beautiful, small residential area in Franklin Township that is a special place of historical significance. Located off of Amwell Road near the Delaware and Raritan Canal and Hillsborough border, East Millstone is home to historic character that extends over 300 years.

In an effort to emphasize the unique nature of East Millstone's Historic District, Franklin

Township had new and more appropriate street signs erected in the district to help members of the public appreciate the history that is still intact and preserve it for our community and our visitors. The signs can be found at or near the intersections of Amwell Road and Market Street, Amwell Road and Mettlers Road, and Market Street and Elm Street.

Funding for the project was provided through a grant awarded to the Township by proceeds from sales of the **Discover NJ History License Plates**.

Increasing exposure to New Jersey's heritage sites is a goal shared by both state and local government. Residents can support grants for heritage tourism projects like this signage project by purchasing a "Discover New Jersey" license plate from Motor Vehicle Services at <http://www.state.nj.us/mvc/Vehicle/DedicatedPlates.htm> or call (888) 486-3339 to order your plates today! Money from the sale and renewal fees of these license plates goes to the "Discover NJ History" License Plate Fund for Heritage Tourism.

CEDAR GROVE BROOK CLEANUP

Cedar Grove Brook, alone among larger brooks in Franklin Township, drains directly into the Delaware & Raritan Canal, by the Imperia (formerly McAtteer's), rather than going under it in a culvert (the culvert for Seeley's Brook is visible from Easton Ave). It delivers an appreciable amount of sediment to the canal, which must be removed when canal water is processed for drinking water in New Brunswick.

The New Jersey Water Supply Authority, which manages the canal as a source of drinking water, is sponsoring several projects to improve the water quality in Cedar Grove Brook. On May 9 Water Supply Authority staff and Township Open Space Consultant Fran Varacalli planted over 200 willow shoots on the banks of the brook in the vicinity of Cedar Hill Prep School and Cedar Hill Swim Club. These will grow into trees, whose roots will stabilize the bank and decrease erosion of soil into the stream.



D & R Canal Lock at Griggstown, NJ (c. 1910) W. W. Tetlow Real Photo Post Card

The Delaware and Raritan (D & R) Canal provided an overland route to transport freight from Philadelphia to New York from 1834-1932. As the canal flows through Franklin toward New Brunswick, water levels change from 56.3 feet at Kingston to 32.5 feet at South Bound Brook. The locks on the canal allowed the water levels to be raised or lowered for the canal boats to continue their journey. The hours for locking through were usually 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Today the canal serves as a water supply system for area residents. The D&R Canal State Park was established in 1974 (see www.dandrcanal.com) and offers access to a number of recreational activities including hiking, canoeing, picnicking, and fishing.

FOR FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS 55 AND OLDER

FREE EVENT





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2015



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

10 A.M.—3 P.M.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER
505 DEMOTT LANE • SOMERSET • NJ • 08873

BLOOD PRESSURE • HEARING
CHOLESTEROL & MEMORY SCREENINGS
DANCE & SING TO MUSIC BY DJ GARY MORTON
2 P.M.—3 P.M.

PRESENTATIONS AND DEMOS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

TENTATIVE MINI FLU SHOTS CLINIC
(SPONSORED BY THE SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT)

AND MORE!

SPONSORED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AND THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPT.
CALL 732-873-1991 OPT. #4 FOR MORE INFORMATION

FREE



Department of Parks & Recreation Fall 2015 Program Schedule

YOUTH PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE/GRADE	PAPERWORK REQUIRED	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	PLACE	FEES
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 10/3-11/7	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 to 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 general and special education).	4 & 5 Years (NOT in Kindergarten)	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/19- 10/10	9:00-9:45 am	Franklin Park School Annex	\$40
					9:45-10:30 am		\$40
					10:30-11:15 am		\$40
					11:15 am-Noon		\$40
	Play & Learn: Tiny Time Travellers Take a trip back to the time of the dinosaurs or blast forward on an adventure through space! Play & Learn is a child-independent program that includes arts & crafts, music, story time, & peer play. This time travel themed program focuses on preparing your child for the upcoming social/educational environment of school.	3 Years Old	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 10/3-11/7	9:30-10:30 am	Community Center	\$45
		4 & 5 Years (NOT in Kindergarten)			10:45-11:45 am		\$45
	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 9/13-10/18	2:30-3:20 pm	Inman Park	\$115
	Total Sports Squirts This program features variety of outdoor sport activities in a safe, structured, fun environment with focus on coordination, movement, balance & more!	3-5 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/13-10/18	1:30-2:30 pm	Inman Park	\$115
	Pre-Academy Soccer This program introduces players to the basic techniques of dribbling, passing, and shooting through structured exercises and fun scrimmages.	5-7 Years	Birth Certificate	Sundays 9/13-10/18	3:30-4:30 pm	Inman Park	\$115
	Chess 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-8	Report Card	Mondays 9/28-11/16	6:00-7:30 pm	Community Center	\$96
		Grades K-8			7:30-9:00 pm		\$96
	Franklin Twp. Youth Council Are you smart, energetic, and creative? Are you looking to be more involved with helping to build your community? If so, then the Franklin Township Youth Council may be right for you! This is a volunteer teen community program. Applications are due 10.16.15 by 4:00 pm. Space is very limited. ONLY 20-25 applicants will be accepted this year. Applications available online.				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 & Boys Basketball Leagues	Starting in January 2016! For Grades 3-6. Look for Winter Newsletter; Fliers; and updates on the Township Website for more info and registration procedure.					
	Boys Junior Basketball Clinic	Grades 3-4	Report Card	Saturdays 11/14-12/12 (No Class: 11/28)	10:00 am-Noon	Franklin Middle School	\$40
		Grades 5-6			1:00-3:00 pm		\$40
	Tennis Programs: Youth/Teen/Adult* 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. RACQUET REQUIRED.	5-6 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 9/19-10/17	10:00-11:00 am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$40
		7-8 Years			11:00 am-Noon		\$40
		9-12 Years			11:00 am-Noon		\$40
		13-15 Years			9:00-10:00 am		\$40
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 Beginner	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Drivers License	Saturdays 9/19-10/17	9:00-10:00 am	Inman Park Tennis Courts	\$40
		16 Years +			9:00-10:00 am		\$40

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	FEES
	Adult Executive Basketball Basketball pick-up games for adults 25+.	25 Years +	Drivers License OR Picture ID	Mondays 9/21/15-5/16/16 (No Class: 12/28, 1/18, 2/15, 3/28)	7:00-10:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$55
	Teen Recreation Basketball, Arts & Crafts, Trips, Game Room, Life Skills, & Special Events. Register the first night you attend.	Grades 7-12	Report Card OR school ID	Tues., Wed., Thur. 11/10/15-5/19/16	7:00-9:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	Free
	Co-Ed Volleyball 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 +	Driver's License	Tuesdays 10/6/15-5/17/16 (No Class: 11/3, 12/29, 3/29)	7:00-10:00 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$55
	20/20/20 A 3 workouts in one! Designed to give you the ultimate challenge and total body workout. Sweat through 20 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of strength training, and 20 minutes of stretching and core work. Are you ready for the challenge?	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Driver's License	Mondays 9/28 - 11/30	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Community Center	\$60
		16 Years +			Saturdays 10/3-12/12 (No Class 11/28)		7:00 am - 8:00 am
	Yogalates A A combination of both Yoga and Pilates movements. Exercises are performed both seated and standing. All levels welcome.	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Driver's License	Mondays 9/28 - 11/30	7:10 pm - 8:00 pm	Community Center	\$60
		16 Years +			Saturdays 10/3-12/12 (No Class 11/28)		8:10 am - 9:00 am
	Zumba A An 10-session class that's a fusion of Latin and International music that creates a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system.	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Driver's License	Thursdays 10/1-12/10 (No Class: 11/26)	6:20-7:20 pm	Community Center	\$60
		16 Years +			7:30-8:30 pm		\$60
	Bollywood Fitness An expressive form of movement fusing classical Indian steps with folk, Latin & hip-hop music. Offers a fast moving & fun workout.	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Driver's License	Tuesdays 10/6-12/15 (No Class: 11/3)	6:45-7:45 pm	Sampson G. Smith School	\$60
	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.	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Driver's License	Tuesdays 10/6-12/15 (No Class: 11/3)	7:30-8:30 pm	Community Center	\$60
	Adult Ceramics Love working with your hands? Looking to find that inner artist? Participants will learn the various methods of clay construction; create a variety of projects. Beginner/intermediate levels welcome.	16 Years +	Birth Certificate or Driver's License	Fridays 9/25-12/11 (No Class 11/6, 11/27)	6:00-8:00 pm	Franklin Middle School	\$125

SENIOR PROGRAMS

		AGE	DATES	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	FEES
	Parkside Club Meeting	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	10:30 am	Dues
	Franklin Twp Seniors Meeting	60 Years +	Year-Round	Tuesdays	10:00 am	Dues
	Franklin Park Club Meeting	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wednesdays	12:30 pm	Dues
	Dominoes	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	11:45 am	Free
	Ladies Billiards	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	1:30pm - 2:30 pm	Free
	Bridge (Open Play on Mondays);(Class Instruction on Fridays)	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Fri.	12:30-1:30 pm	Free
	Pokeno	55 Years +	Year-Round	Wed. & Thurs.	10:00 am; 1:00 pm	Free
	Pinochle	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	10:00am - 2:00 pm	Free
	Bid Whist	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	12:00pm - 2:00 pm	Free
	Mahjong (Western Style) Must bring your own set	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	11:30am - 3:00 pm	Free
	Sit & Fit Exercise	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mon. & Thurs.	10:30 am	Free
	NEW! Total Body Fitness Silver (Beginner) We welcome Instructor Tom Allardice.	55 Years +	Year-Round	Thursdays	10:00-11:00 am	\$40*
	NEW! Total Body Fitness Platinum (Advanced) We welcome Instructor Carol Bender.	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	11:30am - 12:30 pm	\$40*
	Senior Yoga	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	9:30-10:30 am	\$35*
	Tai Chi Beginners	55 Years +	Sept. - July	Fridays	12:00-1:00 pm	\$40*
	Tai Chi Beyond Beginners	55 Years +	Sept. - July	Fridays	1:15-2:15 pm	\$40*
	Zumba Gold AM	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	\$40*
	Zumba Gold PM	55 Years +	Year-Round	Mondays	1:00 - 2:00 pm	\$40*
	Line Dancing	55 Years +	Year-Round	Tuesdays	1:30pm - 2:30 pm	Free
	Hi-Steppers Dance Troupe (Practice/Join)	55 Years +	Sept. - July	Mon & Wed	9:30 am	Free
	Swingin' Singin' Seniors (Practice/Join)	55 Years +	Year-Round	Fridays	1:30 pm	Free
	Healthy Bones. This is a County Program. Please register with the Somerset County Office on Aging 908-704-6339	60 Years +	Year-Round	Mon:12:45 - 2:30pm, Fri: 10 - 11:15 am, and Fri 11:45 am - 1:15 pm.		County Fee

ALL ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER, 505 DeMOTT LANE, SOMERSET, NJ 08873
*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 2015 Information & Registration

PUMPKIN PATCH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
\$5.00/CHILD ADMISSION

FUN GAMES STORYBREAK
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

Tree Lighting Ceremony

DECEMBER 11, 2015 6:30 P.M.

Ring in the holidays with family & friends at Franklin's 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 & cocoa!

MAKE SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY A LITTLE BRIGHTER
Angel Giving Tree - Donate a new, unwrapped baby gift to families in need and US Troops at home & abroad.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Franklin Twp. Food Bank

Franklin Township Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset
For More Info, Please Call (732) 873-1991, Option 4

FRANKLIN RECREATION

Harmony Club

Harmony Club is a socially engaging activity day filled with games, sports, and crafts. The program has been developed for teens and adult residents with special needs. This specially designed program, for ages 13 years and up, meets monthly:

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:
FRIDAY NIGHT 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.FTLBaseball.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.sbbsll.com /sbbsll@yahoo.com

ADULT SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL 609/395-9167

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

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

ALL Walk-in/Mail-in/Online registration will be accepted starting SEPTEMBER 9.
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THIS DATE. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. You must have a valid e-mail address on file with the Recreation Department in order to receive receipts and program updates.

Registrations need to include the following information:

- 1) Complete registration form, including: Participant(s) Name, Address, Day/Evening/cell phone number, age, grade, and program
- 2) Proper Registration paperwork as noted on previous page, i.e.: Birth Certificate, Report Card, etc.
- 3) If mailing, please include separate checks for each individual program and participant. Checks/Money Orders are accepted and should be made payable to: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP. Cash (Exact Change Only) will be accepted at the Franklin Recreation office. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL. Franklin Township Recreation, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

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

Franklin Recreation Online Registration!

NOW, REGISTERING FOR YOUR FAVORITE PROGRAMS IS EVEN EASIER!

LOG ON @ WWW.FRANKLINTWPNJ.ORG/ONLINEREGISTRATION

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

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. If schools close due to inclement weather, all programs held at schools are canceled.

HOLIDAYS: Regular activities will not be held on the following days:
Sept. (sundown) 13-15: Rosh Hashanah Sept. (sundown) 22-23: Yom Kippur
November 3: Election Day November 5-6: Teacher's Convention
November 11: Veterans Day November 25-29: Thanksgiving Wknd

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

MAKE-UP POLICY: Make-ups are only offered for program cancellations. No make-ups are given for absences.

SEE 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 UPON REGISTRATION. Program fees 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 double the listed fee.

REFUND POLICY: No refunds/credits will be given after a program begins. Written requests for refunds/credits will be approved only if: an activity is cancelled, an activity has reached maximum enrollment, a physician verifies that you are unable to participate in the program(s), 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	CASH/CHECK #		
		LAST	FIRST							
<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		
<p>PARENT/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION</p> <p>My child will be picked up by (Mother/Guardian Name) _____ (Father/Guardian Name) _____</p> <p>(Other) _____ (Relationship) _____ My child has permission to walk/bike home <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>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? _____</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Signature _____ Name Printed _____ Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> PARENT/GUARDIAN <input type="checkbox"/> PARTICIPANT</p>										



Franklin Township

OPEN SPACE PROGRAM CONTINUES NATURE WALKS

Explore wilderness right in the heart of Franklin Township!



The Township's open space program is, for the 11th consecutive year, sponsoring guided nature walks on Township open space parcels. **The walks are free to the public and held rain or shine.** The walks are along easy terrain and are great for kids.

GRIGGSTOWN FALL FOLIAGE – TREE ID AND BIRD WALK

Saturday, October 10, 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. Wear waterproof footwear and dress for the weather conditions.

This program will be led by Stephanie Punnett

Location: 1091 Canal Road, Princeton, NJ

No pre-registration is necessary.

For more information please visit

<http://www.franklintwpnj.org/about-franklin/things-to-do/open-space-list>
or contact

fran.varacalli@twp.franklin.nj.us or at 732.873.2500 x6279

SHADE TREE COMMISSION (updates, happenings, events)

9TH ANNUAL TREE SALE SPRING 2016

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

Shade Trees

Red Maple (*Acer rubrum*) – Red Sunset

London Plantree (*Plantanus x Acerifolia*) – Exclamation!

Ornamentals

Dogwood (*Cornus x Kousa*) – Venus (*Rutgers hybrid*)

Japanes Lilac Tree (*Syringa reticulata*) – Ivory Silk

A confirmed list with ordering information will appear in both the next issue of the *Franklin Times*, as well on our website.

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), *Agrilus Planipennis*

Do you have ash trees on your property? Is it infected? What is it and what can I do about it? Unfortunately, this imported destructive pest has now been sighted in central New Jersey. While the adult beetles nibble on ash foliage and cause little damage, the larvae (the immature stage) feed on the inner bark of ash trees, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Death may follow. Keep checking our website with links for helpful information.

Planting Trees this Autumn?

Besides planting our bare root stock next spring, autumn is also a great time for planting trees you buy locally. Want to know the proper way to plant? Check our website for printable instructions.

We Want You!

Our open volunteer position is looking for you.

Come Meet us at the Franklin Day Festival

Looking forward to seeing you at the Township's tent. Look for our Tree Sale sign.

Order Your 2016 Trail Calendars Support Franklin's Open Spaces

The Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) is proud to present the 2016 Trails Calendar showcasing the submissions and winning images of the Trails Photography Contest.

Each photo was selected by the 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.

The calendars make a unique birthday or holiday gift! Buy local and support open space preservation, farmland preservation, historic preservation and recreation in Franklin.

Calendars are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the Municipal Clerk's Office, 475 DeMott Lane, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting September 14. For more information, e-mail the Township's Land Preservation and Management Consultant, Fran Varacalli at fran.varacalli@twp.franklin.nj.us.

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

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 2015 in two categories: One for an outstanding individual, another for an 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 September 30, 2015. The Environmental Commission will review all nominations and select the individual and organization/corporation to receive this year's awards, based solely on the significance of their contribution to the environment.



Pickleball Anyone?

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America. A half century since its creation, pickleball has hooked Americans who are streaming into retirement. Boomers are bringing pickleball to their gyms, parks, country clubs and retirement communities. Many elementary, middle schools, and high schools offer pickleball as part of their curriculum.

The #1 reason to play pickleball is that it is FUN! #2 it's great exercise! #3 it's easy to learn! One of the greatest draws of pickleball is that it does not require great athleticism, but can escalate to high, competitive levels. Pickleball can accommodate people at every fitness level. The game helps develop reflex and coordination skills as well as quickness and agility. Playing pickleball helps to improve muscular strength and endurance, and increase cardiovascular activity. Pickleball is a little bit like tennis, table tennis, and badminton. Playing on a smaller court than tennis where the ball must bounce once on a side before you can hit it on a fly, with a low bounce wiffleball and hard racket makes it a game easy to play as long as you are young at heart.

No matter your age, it's time to get in the game. Pickleball can be addictive. When you become addicted to pickleball it is called being "pickled". If you would like to be pickled, come join us at Franklin Day from 1-3 p.m. at Colonial Park tennis courts for a free lesson and demonstration. You can also join us for four weeks of lessons and game play at Inman Park on Tuesday afternoons starting on 9/29 and Saturdays starting on 10/1 from 1-3pm.

If you would like to learn more about this racket sport visit <http://www.usapa.org/>. For more information and to register for the demo and lessons, visit the Recreation webpage at <http://www.franklintwpnj.org/government/departments/recreation> or call the Recreation Office at 732-873-1991 (option 4).



Live Above the Influence Ribbon Week Poster Contest

In celebration of Red Ribbon Week, tell us how you "Live Above the Influence." There won't always be someone to help us know what is right or wrong. In one second, you can make a decision that will affect the rest of your life. It's not easy. You may not always get it right. Here's the thing...it's your call...your life. This is your chance to define yourself. To stand up for who you are, instead of letting others define you.

Students are encouraged to show your true passions and natural highs that help you stay above the influence of negativity, gossip, substance use, underage drinking and other unhealthy influences. Posters will be recognized for promoting a drug-tobacco and alcohol-free lifestyle.

Posters created by students must be their own original artwork. No copyrighted characters or clip art. Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen & ink, crayon, chalk, markers, or they can be computer generated. Minimum size 8.5" x 11" and Maximum 18" x 24". Landscape layout only. Each entry must have the Name, Address, Phone #, Age and Grade on the back of the poster. Full contest rules can be found at www.franklintwpnj.org on the Municipal Alliance webpage.

The poster contest is open to students in grades K-12 and will be judged for grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. Contest winners will be recognized at a Township Council meeting in November. Posters should be submitted to the Franklin Township Department of Parks & Recreation no later than Monday, November 2, 2015.

Pre-register online at
www.sncnj.org
by Sept 30th

Join us as we run for
our lives
and for the lives of
others.....



Breast Cancer Awareness RUN/WALK 4LIFE USATF Certified Race

Saturday, October 3, 2015

NEW LOCATION—Colonial Park, Somerset
156 Mettlers Road, Somerset, NJ 08873

7:30 am Registration & Check In

Run begins at 8:30 am
Walk begins at 10:00 am

Team Awards
Live Entertainment
Children Activities
Lots of Vendors
(Vendor Form Online)

For more information or to register online please visit www.sncnj.org or call: 732-246-8300 Fax 732-246-3535

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Registration Fees:

Early Registration	\$25.00 (Before July 1st)
Registration	\$30.00
Seniors(62+)	\$20.00
Teens/Children	\$20.00

Make check/MO payable to **SNCNJ- 5K**: Mail form and registration fees to:

Sisters Network, 1201 Hamilton Street, Somerset, New Jersey 08873, Phone: 732-246-8300 Fax: 732-246-3535

Name _____ Team Name (optional) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Email: Address: _____ Participant Type () Runner () Walker

T-Shirts Sizes: _____ Gender: M F Age on Race Day _____

Child S M L XL 2XL 3XL Total Amount Enclosed _____

Race waiver and release: My requested signature below indicates I am a voluntary participant in this event and know this event is a potentially hazardous activity. I hereby assume full and complete responsibility for any injury or accident which may occur during my participation in this event or while on the premises of this event. I hereby release and hold harmless and covenant not to file suit against Sisters Network of Central NJ Inc., its local and national affiliates and affiliated individuals associated with this event. I hereby release them from any loss, liability or claims, I may have in this event, including falls, contact with other participants, conditions of the walk route, negligence of the host, the event site, or otherwise. If I do not follow all rules of this event, I understand I may be removed from the walk. I give my full permission to SNCNJ to use any photographs, videotapes, audiotapes and other recording of me that are made during the course of this event. This Waiver and Release will be stored electronically and I agree that a copy is authentic and admissible as evidence in any future dispute or proceeding.

Parents Make a Difference Survey

Did you know that despite glorified or humorous portrayals in the media, underage alcohol use contributes to a wide range of risks for teens, including:

- Alcohol-related injury or death (particularly associated with drinking and driving or riding with an intoxicated driver).
- Earlier sexual intercourse and unprotected sex.
- Having multiple sexual partners and having casual, unprotected sex when alcohol is being consumed.
- Decreased school attendance and achievement.
- Potentially altered brain functioning.

Did you know that you can make a significant impact on your child's decision making process by:

- Talking early and often to them
- Being a good role model
- Setting clear rules
- Being an involved parent
- Teaching your children to choose friends wisely
- Monitoring their activities and discouraging your children from attending unsupervised parties
- Not allowing your child or their friends to possess or consume alcohol or other drugs on your property
- Only hosting parties for them that are alcohol & drug-free

We believe that the majority of parents do not serve alcohol to teens under 21; however, we need your help to prove that. For information regarding the programs and services of the Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse, visit Alliance webpage at <http://www.franklintwpnj.org/government/boards-committees/municipal-alliance>. Complete the online survey regarding Franklin Parents Perspective on Underage Drinking and become eligible for one of four \$25 gift cards. If you are interested in getting involved in prevention initiatives, Alliance meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the Community/Senior Center. Remember that:

Parents Who Host, Lost the Most

Composting Workshop

September 22, 2015

2 Classes

10:00-11:30 a.m

and

6:30-8:00 p.m.

\$50

SOMERSET COUNTY
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
2nd Floor. Conference Room
20 Grove Street, Somerville

Pre-registration required by September 15

Spaces are limited and open to Somerset County residents and employees only

Fee includes compost bin and composting literature

For information, call

908-231-7109

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, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

September 5, 19

October 3, 17

November 14, 28

December 12

Mondays, 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

September 21

October 19

November 23

FEES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION at www.franklintwpnj.org

TRIP PASSES

available Monday through Friday at:

Public Works Building – 40 Churchill Avenue,
7:15 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, Freon appliances (additional fee),
tires (additional fees); see the Township website
for details.

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 wastes, cooking
oil, hazardous materials, pesticides, oil paint,
chemicals, driveway sealer, or propane tanks.

NO PASS REQUIRED FOR RECYCLABLE ITEMS

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

PROHIBITED VEHICLES

Rack body truck, flat bed, dump trucks, cube vans
and commercial vehicles (includes U-haul rentals)

CURBSIDE PICKUP FOR LARGE METAL APPLIANCES (to arrange pickup call 732-249-7800)

Curbside pickup is available Mondays April
through October for the following:

\$ 24.00 -- per refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner
or humidifier

\$ 6.00 -- per dryer, washer, dishwasher, stove, or
hot water heater

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.

**If you need a new or additional recycling bucket,
call Franklin's Public Works, 732-249-7800**

Franklin Twp/South Bound Brook Collection Dates

September 3, 17

October 1, 15, 29

November 12, 27

Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

September 4, 18

October 2, 16, 30

November 13, 27

Canal Walk and Somerset Run Collection Dates

September 11, 25

October 9, 23

November 6, 20

Society Hill I and II and Beacon Hill Collection Dates

September 8, 21

October 5, 19

November 2, 16, 30

NEW COLLECTION DATES:

**Residents living on Balboa Lane, Cabot Way,
Canoe Lane, Cartier Drive, Champlain Way,
Claremont Road, Cobblers Circle, Columbus
Drive, Conservancy Court, Decaire Lane,
Delar Parkway, DeLeon Circle, Desoto Drive,
Diaz Court, Garretson Drive, Hoagland Place,
Hudson Court, Magellan Way, Marco Polo
Court, Mine Brook Lane, Old Stage Road,
Pleasant Plains Road, Raleigh Way, Route 27
(between Claremont and South Middlebush
Roads), Timberhill Drive, Verrazano Drive,
Yardley Court and Yorkshire Road**

September 21

October 5, 19

November 2, 16, 30

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

September 12 Branchburg Township Public
Works Garage, 34 Kenbury Road, Branchburg,
NJ 08876

October 24 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 5, October 3, November 7,

December 5

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

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

RECYCLE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS*

* Be sure to check the Somerset County website
for changes and updates
Newtech Recycling, 600A Apgar Drive, Somer-
set, 732-564-3110

Monday through Friday

7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays, September 5, October 3, November 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 5 at the Franklin Township
Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane,
Somerset**
- September 12 at the Bridgewater Township
Municipal Building, 100 Commons Way,
Bridgewater
- October 3 at the Branchburg Municipal
Building, 1077 US Highway 202 North
- October 10 at the Bernards Twp Engineering
Services Building, 277 S. Maple Rd., Bask-
ing Ridge
- October 17 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 ac-
cepts unwanted, expired or unused prescription
and over-the-counter drugs in the drop box in
the lobby of the Public Safety Building. **Since
January, 2015, there has been over 400 pounds
of prescription and over-the-counter drugs
dropped off.**

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.

TIRE RECYCLING

Open to residents and farmers; maximum of eight
(8) tires with or without rims

South County Public Works Garage, 410 Royce-
field Road, Hillsborough; call 908-541-5021 for
more information

November 16 to 20

8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ANNUAL CURBSIDE LEAF COLLECTION

All leaves **MUST** be placed in the 30-gallon biodegradable 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.

During the months of October, November and December, the bags shall be placed by the occupant or owner of any residential dwelling or structure at the curbside on days designated and specified by the Department of Public Works. At all other times during the year other than the months of October, November and December, the owner or occupant of a residential dwelling or structure shall deliver the leaves in the biodegradable brown paper recyclable leaf bags to the convenience center, when open. No bags should be left after hours.

Leaf collection is weekly and will start the week of October 26 and will continue each week through the week of November 30.

Falling Leaves— Use Them Or Bag Them

**NOTICE: TOWNSHIP LOGO LEAVE BAGS
OR STICKERS ARE NO LONGER REQUIRED.**

Any purchased 30-gallon biodegradable brown
paper recyclable leaf bag from a home improve-
ment center or store can be used. The Township no
longer sells leaf bags or provides free replacement
bags when dropped off.