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Local 101

Council Meetings—Their Role in Governing Life in Franklin Faulkner Act/Council-Manager Plan



Franklin Township operates under the Council-Manager Plan, just one of several types of government in the Optional Municipal Charter Act, more commonly known as the Faulkner Act (N.J.S.A. 40:69A-1).

In the Council-Manager Plan, Franklin is governed by eight elected council members, one for each of Franklin's five wards, and three at-large members. The terms are four years, with elections staggered every two years.

The Mayor is the ninth member of the council, and is elected by the voters for a four-year term. The Mayor presides at all meetings of the Council, and has a voice and vote in its proceedings, and executes contracts on behalf of the municipality.

All powers of the municipality and the determination of all matters of policy are vested in the Council. The Council appoints a municipal Manager and a Municipal Clerk, as well as the municipal attorney and members of various municipal boards. The Council acts as a body, and its members cannot seek individually to influence the official acts of the municipal Manager or other employees.

Open Public Meetings Act

The 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, sometimes known as the Sunshine Law, establishes the right of all citizens to have adequate advance notice of all public meetings, and the right to attend meetings at which any business affecting the public is discussed or acted upon.

Meeting notices must be posted in a public place and forwarded to all official newspapers at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting. The annual meeting schedules for the Township Council and Planning and Zoning boards are sent at the first of the year to all official newspapers.

While the Sunshine Law allows government boards to exclude the public under nine specific circumstances, all votes must be in public. The subject matter which may require conferring in private session include:

1. Anything ruled "confidential;"
2. Matters that could damage the ability to receive federal funds;
3. Material that could invade an individual's privacy;
4. Collective bargaining agreements or negotiations;
5. The purchase, lease or acquisition of property with public funds;
6. Public safety strategies when disclosure would undermine those plans;
7. Pending or anticipated litigation;
8. Employment or worker discipline matters; and
9. Deliberations that may result in someone being fined or losing a license.

Anatomy of a Township Council Meeting

Besides approving the warrants (Township's bills) and previous meetings' minutes, the Township Council meeting provides an opportunity for the public to address the members of the Council on any matter.

Agenda Items

The tentative agenda is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building the Friday before a meeting. It is also posted on the Township's website. You may also call the Township's Clerk's office for a copy of an agenda, or for information about an upcoming agenda, at 732-873-2500, ext. 6208.

The Township Council may use the meeting to issue proclamations and commendations to recognize and honor special people and events. Reports from officials and committees are given at the meeting. A very important part of each meeting is the discussion and vote on resolutions and ordinances affecting the business of the Township.

Ordinance vs. Resolution

An ordinance includes any act or regulation of the governing body required to be reduced to writing, and read at more than one meeting and published. The multiple purposes for which ordinances can be adopted are provided in the state statute N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, and include, among other things, items related to finances and property, building regulations, officers and employees, and fees. It takes several weeks for an ordinance to take effect.

Meeting 1: Introduce the ordinance; advertise in the official newspaper (Courier News)

Meeting 2: Public hearing and vote; advertise in the official newspaper (Courier News)

Effective Date: 20 days after the second publication in the newspaper

A resolution is any act or regulation of the governing body that is required to be reduced to writing and has the same effect as an ordinance, but the effective date is immediate.

Meeting 1: First and only reading; vote; effective immediately.

Copies of all ordinances scheduled for public hearing are posted on the bulletin board in the main lobby of the Municipal Building. Ordinances and resolutions are linked to agendas posted on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org. They are also available at the meeting.

Consent Agenda

Consent agendas consist of grouped action items. They provide rapid, effective action on routine, non-controversial matters needing no discussion. Some examples include the approval of routine licenses, receipt of routing reports, and award of contracts. Any item on the consent agenda can be moved as a separate discussion item prior to the Council members voting.

Public Discussion

The public can speak at any public meeting during the "public discussion" portion of the meeting on any item of concern.

Township Council Meeting Schedules

The Township Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, except in July, August and December, when they meet only on the 2nd Tuesday. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building, and are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 25 and Verizon Channel 33. They are also rebroadcast on the cable channels and on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org. Also available on the website are the agendas and minutes of each meeting.

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

732-873-2500

E-MAIL

Township Manager

bob.vornlocker@twp.franklin.nj.us

Township Tax Collector

carol.langone@twp.franklin.nj.us

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Board of Education

732-873-2400

www.franklinboe.org

Library

732-873-8700

www.franklintwp.org

Sewerage Authority

732-873-2121

Ftsa-nj.org

Health Department/Education

908-231-7155

NEW – SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

Twitter.com/twpooffranklin

Facebook.com/townshipoffranklin

www.facebook.com/FTPDSomersetNJ

Twitter@FTPDSomersetNJ

Congratulations to Our Newest Retirees and New Employees

NEW HIRES

Shaw Keller, Engineering Inspector
 Jonathan Zumbana, Public Works (part time)
 Frank Kunz, Fire Prevention (part time)
 Nevin Olson, Public Works
 Ingebord O'Donnell, Police clerical (part time)
 Orchid Santana, Court (part time to full time)
 Deborah Puskas, Animal Control (part time)
 Jennifer Krempasky, IT (part time)
 Yuyi Arakaki, Public Works

RETIREMENTS

Robin Hague, Public Works (30 years)
 Jeffrey Jones, Public Works (27 years)
 Frank Snyder Jr., Public Works (28 years)

Thanks

FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT!

A huge thank you and congratulations is in order for our amazing Franklin Township community that has once again blown us away with your fantastic support, generosity, and kindness. As friends and supporters, we were able to bring three successful events to the Township because of the help of each and every one of you:

Fireworks Celebration
July 2, 2015

Franklin Day Festival
September 19, 2015

Canal Fest
October 17, 2015

Shade Tree Commission Announces Ninth Annual Tree Sale

For 2016, we are proud to offer a variety of trees, including two new varieties, as well the previously-sold favorites. There will be a limit of two trees per variety, a March 15th deadline, and uniform pricing. All proceeds are used to plant trees in the Township's parks, public lands, and right-of-ways.

A description and photo of each tree, along with printable planting instructions and an order form, are available at: www.franklintwpnj.org/treesale.

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) there is a maximum of two trees per variety, per resident.

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

We expect trees will sell out quickly, so order soon! The Shade Tree Commission thanks you for your continued support.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 11 – Blood Drive, Municipal Building, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

December 5 and 12 – Santa Paws

January 1, 2 p.m. – Council reorganization

January 31, 2016 – Deadline to register your dog and cat. Visit the Clerk or the Township website for details.

February 1, 2016 – Tax payments are due

February 20, 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Fire company elections



NOVEMBER 3, 2015 ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor

Philip Kramer

Township Council

Rajiv Prasad

Shanel Robinson

Kimberly Francois

The Gift of Blood is the Gift of Life

The next blood drive in the Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane is:

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. December 11

RABIES CLINICS

Animal Shelter, 475 DeMott Lane

DOGS 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

December 12, 2015 and January 9, 2016

Dogs should be on leashes

WINTER PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REMINDERS

- Shoveling or blowing snow onto the roadway is not allowed. This creates a traffic hazard, and the police non-emergency line (732-873-2300) should be called to report a major violation.
- Residents are required to remove snow from sidewalks within 24 hours of the snowstorm. Tickets can be issued for non-compliance.
- It is suggested that residents look to remove dead trees on their property before a storm to prevent damage to their property or to their neighbor's property.

Franklin Township Council

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Christopher Kelly -- Mayor 732-873-2500, ext. 6396..... Mayor.Kelly@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/15
Kimberly Francois – Deputy Mayor and Councilwoman-at-Large, 732-873-2500, ext. 6395..... Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us	12/31/15
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

Frequently Asked Questions?

Once in a while we run out of room in the recycling bucket that we put out at the curb every two weeks. What should we do? Ask for a 2nd bucket? Use our own bucket if it is needed for that pickup?

You can have up to two buckets. Extra buckets are available at Public Works. For occasional overflows, you can use another bucket of lesser or equal size.

I live in Franklin and belong to a scout troop. How can we notify residents about some of our activities?

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

Is Verizon expanding into Franklin? Isn't there something we can do to encourage them to provide service in the Township?

Verizon's representative said that, at this time, there are no plans for further expansion.

They are still working on providing service to the 70 communities that are required under their franchise agreement with the State of New Jersey.

How do I get a handicapped parking permit? What is the penalty for parking illegally in a handicapped spot?

Temporary parking handicapped permits are available at the Police Department. Long-term handicapped permit applications are available from the state Division of Motor Vehicles. The fine for parking in a handicapped parking space is \$250.



Middlebush Field Fire – 1937

Elton H. L. Wade, a Middlebush resident and amateur photographer, captured several photographs of local residents as they worked to put out a field fire near a residence in Middlebush on March 7, 1937. This shot shows two figures coming out of the smoke of the fire. Mr. Wade identified the figure in the foreground as Edgar van Middlesworth, another resident of Middlebush. The figure to the left, still mostly in the smoke, is unidentified. Additional photographs of the fire and many other historical photographs about Franklin Township can be found in Research at www.franklintwp.org.

Volunteering Makes A Difference

Excuses to not volunteer for EMS and Fire Companies:

- I'm too old.
- I can't lift anything heavy.
- I don't have time to get certified.
- I work full-time.

Reasons to volunteer for EMS and Fire Companies:

- Most volunteers are employed full-time. You respond or volunteer only when you are available.
- You don't have to get certified.
- Age doesn't matter. In-house help is needed for administrative activities, filing, bookkeeping, or working with cadets.
- You know your work is helping your fellow residents.
- You will meet new people with common interests.
- If you are capable and interested, certification training is paid for.

YOU ARE NEEDED AND CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Call or e-mail to find out more.

Fire Company Contacts:

<http://www.franklintwpnj.org/government/departments/fire-prevention/fire-companies>

First Aid Company Contacts:

<http://www.franklintwpnj.org/government/departments/first-aid>

Bollywood in Franklin

Did you know that Bollywood is at the Franklin Township Public Library? Due to the growing interest in Indian literature and culture, the library has been continuing to add Bollywood movies to its entertainment movie collection.

What is Bollywood? It is a nickname for the prolific Indian movie industry that releases over a thousand movies a year. Historically, the Indian movie industry took shape about the same time as America's. The first Indian silent feature, Raja Harishchandra, which explored Hindu Mythology, was released in 1913.

One of the most noticeable features of Indian cinema is that the actors regularly burst into song, and even into complex musical numbers that can feature hundreds of dancers. Early movies might have had anywhere up to 40 songs or musical numbers per film. More recent movies, however, have scaled down these musical numbers to seven or eight. These songs often become very popular, and are often played at weddings. Overall, Bollywood movies are visual feasts with elaborate costumes and large studio sets. Their stars are versatile and talented actors with devoted fans around the world.

In the past, the majority of Bollywood movies offered pure escapism. The most popular of these was romance, whether a romantic comedy or an epic romance. With the growth of the popularity of Indian cinema and the increasing sophistication of its viewers, newer movies offer more than an escape. Other themes, such as political activism, have emerged. Residents are encouraged to visit the library and check out these interesting movies for themselves.

TOURISM

Franklin Township is ready for business and tourism. As we continue our dialogue with the NJ State Tourism Department, and others, about how to bring more tourists to our area, we welcome your ideas and suggestions. The objective is simple: we want to meet the needs and exceed the expectations of visitors through market-driven tourism development. The tourism industry is largely comprised of facilities, attractions, and events designed to interest residents and the many non-resident visitors who come to our area each year. Help us by sharing your thoughts on what you would like to see done so that we can make Franklin a true destination. Email or call Tiffany L. Delaney at 732.873.2500 x6427, Tiffany.delaney@twp.franklin.nj.us.



Keeping the Dream Alive....

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP'S NINETEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Monday, January 18, 2016

8:45 A.M.

Breakfast Buffet & Celebration

Keynote Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Gilbert H. Caldwell

Worked & Marched with Dr. Martin Luther King

Dale G. Caldwell

*Author of "Intelligent Influence"
Founder of Middle Class Movement*

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For Ticket Information and Purchase

Visit www.FTMLK.org or Email FTMLKCF@gmail.com
or

Call us at 732-328-8378

Tickets may also be Purchased at
The Franklin Township Community/Senior Center
505 DeMott Lane.....Between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

Proceeds and Contributions will be used for the FTMLKCF Scholarship Program
Checks Payable to: FTMLKCF

If you cannot attend and wish to make a donation, please donate online or send it to:
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SANTA PAWS IS COMING!
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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

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL

The Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council (FTCAC) welcomes the participation of the residents and friends of Franklin to plan and run our many arts activities in the Township.

The council is self-sustaining and is not funded by the Township or any other organization. Free- will donations are greatly appreciated and put right into our broad array of programs.

Contact Michael Steinbruck at michael.steinbruck@gmail.com if you are interested in the performing, visual and/or literary arts or participating on our steering committee or advisory council. To learn more about the FTCAC, visit www.FranklinCAC.org or Facebook page www.facebook.com/FranklinCAC.

December 2015 to March 2016

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Township Council

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.
December 8
Reorganization meeting January 1, 2 p.m.
January 12, 26 • February 9, 23 • March 8, 22

Planning Board

Municipal Building
Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
December 2, 16 • January 6, 20
February 3, 17 • March 2, 16

Board of Adjustment

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 3, 17 • January 4, 18
February 4, 13 • March 3, 17

Advisory Board of Health

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 3 • January 7
February, March meeting dates TBA

Agricultural Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 8 p.m.
December 17 • January 21
February 18 • March 17

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7 p.m.
December 7 • January 4
February 1 • March 7

Emergency Life Support

Public Safety Building 7:00 p.m.
January 6 • March 2

Environmental Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
December 7 • January 4 • February 1 • March 7

Fire Prevention Board

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 10 • January 14
February 11 • March 10

Hamilton Street Advisory Board

Municipal Building 7 p.m.
December 7 • January 4
February 1 • March 7

Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 1 • January 18
February and March TBA

Human Relations Commission

Township Library 7:00 p.m.
January 25 • February 22 • March 28

Library Board of Trustees

Township Library 5:30 p.m.
December 16 • 2016 dates TBD

Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse

Community/Senior Center 6:45 p.m.
December 2 • January 27
February 24 • March 23

Open Space Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
December 15 • January 19
February 16 • March 15

Recreation Advisory Council

Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m.
December 9 • January 13
February 10 • March 9

Redevelopment Agency

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.
December 21 • January 18
February 15 • March 21

Rent Leveling Board

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

Senior Advisory Committee

Community/Senior Center 9:30 a.m.
January 29 • February 26 • March 25

Sewerage Authority

70 Commerce Drive 6:30 p.m.
December 1 January 5
February 2 (reorganization 6 p.m.)
March 1

Shade Tree Commission

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
January 28 • February 25 • March 24

Trails Advisory Committee

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.
January 13 • March 9

Youth Service Commission

Community/Senior Center 6:00 p.m.
December 2 • January 27
February 24 • March 23

FLOOD RISKS – Are you Ready?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30-day waiting period before National Flood Insurance Program coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

FLOOD SAFETY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
WINTER 2016 RECREATION PROGRAMS

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

Franklin Township Recreation

Tree Lighting

Friday, December 11, 2015
 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, option 4

Franklin Township PARKS & RECREATION JOB FAIR

March 19
 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Community/Senior Center
 505 DeMott Lane
 Somerset, NJ 08873
 INFO: 732.873.1991, option 4

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

Camp/Youth Job Experience Preferred!
 Applicants 18+ Preferred;
 16+ Preferred for Lifeguards (Current lifeguard certification required)

Please arrive with updated résumés and certifications (where applicable).

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP IS A DRUG-FREE EOE EMPLOYER.

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!

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP YOUTH COUNCIL'S DIVERSITY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015
 11:00AM - 1:00PM

\$8 IN ADVANCE, \$10 AT THE DOOR!
 CHECKS PAYABLE TO FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

KIDS, TAKE AN AMAZING GLOBE-TROTTING JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY! CONQUER CHALLENGES AND TAKE PART IN FUN ACTIVITIES IN THIS AMAZING EVENT!

FRANKLIN TWP. COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER, 505 DeMOTT LANE, SOMERSET, NJ
 CALL (732) 873-1991, OPTION 4 FOR MORE INFO

MEDICAL MINDS!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016
 5:30PM - 8:30PM

\$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, crafts, and activities!

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

DON'T WRECK THE HOLIDAYS.

buzzed driving is drunk driving

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

Franklin Township Parks & Recreation Girls Basketball League

Grades 3-6
 Saturdays 1.9.16 - 3.26.16
 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!

Franklin Recreation Online Registration

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
- ✓ SCHEDULES RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

SENIOR PROGRAMS						
	PROGRAMS	AGE	PROGRAM DAYS	REGISTRATION	TIME	FEES
	PARKSIDE CLUB MEETING	55 +	Mondays	SEE CLUB REP	10:30am - 12:30pm	Dues
	FRANKLIN TWP SENIORS MEETING	60 +	Tuesdays	SEE CLUB REP	10:00am - 12:00pm	Dues
	FRANKLIN PARK CLUB MEETING	55 +	Wednesdays	SEE CLUB REP	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Dues
	DOMINOES	55 +	Thursdays	NOT REQUIRED	11:45am - 2:00pm	Free
	LADIES BILLIARDS	55 +	Mondays	NOT REQUIRED	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Free
	BRIDGE (OPEN PLAY ON MONDAYS; CLASS ON FRIDAYS)	55 +	Mon. & Fri.	NOT REQUIRED	12:30pm - 1:30pm	Free
	POKENO	55 +	Wed. & Thurs.	NOT REQUIRED	10:00am & 1:00pm	Free
	PINOCHLE	55 +	Thursdays	NOT REQUIRED	10:00am - 2:00pm	Free
	BID WHIST	55 +	Mondays	NOT REQUIRED	12:00pm - 2:00pm	Free
	MAHJONG (WESTERN STYLE) MUST BRING YOUR OWN SET	55 +	Thursdays	NOT REQUIRED	11:30am - 3:00pm	Free
	SIT & FIT EXERCISE	55 +	Mon. & Thurs.	NOT REQUIRED	10:30am - 11:30am	Free
	TOTAL BODY FITNESS SILVER (BEGINNER)	55 +	Thursdays: CLASS BEGINS 1/7/16	12/3/15	10:00am - 11:00am	\$40*
	TOTAL BODY FITNESS PLATINUM (ADVANCED)	55 +	Fridays: CLASS BEGINS 12/4/15	11/13/15	11:30am - 12:30pm	\$40*
	SENIOR YOGA	55 +	Fridays: CLASS BEGINS 3/18/16	3/4/16	9:30am - 10:30am	\$35*
	TAI CHI BEGINNERS	55 +	Fridays: CLASS BEGINS 1/15/16 (Sept. - July)	11/6/15	12:00pm - 1:00pm	\$40*
	TAI CHI BEYOND BEGINNERS	55 +	Fridays: CLASS BEGINS 1/15/16 (Sept. - July)	11/6/15	1:15pm - 2:15pm	\$40*
	ZUMBA GOLD MONDAYS AM	55 +	Mondays: CLASS BEGINS 1/4/16	12/14/15	11:30am - 12:30pm	\$40*
ZUMBA GOLD MONDAYS PM	55 +	Mondays: CLASS BEGINS 1/4/16	12/14/15	1:00pm - 2:00pm	\$40*	
	ZUMBA GOLD FRIDAYS	55 +	Fridays: CLASS BEGINS 1/8/16	12/11/15	9:00am - 10:00am	\$40*
	LINE DANCING	55 +	Tuesdays	NOT REQUIRED	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Free
	HI-STEPPERS DANCE TROUPE (PRACTICE/JOIN)	55 +	Mon & Wed (Sept. - July)	NOT REQUIRED	9:30am - 11:30am	Free
	SWINGIN' SINGIN' SENIORS (PRACTICE/JOIN)	55 +	Fridays	NOT REQUIRED	1:30pm - 12:30pm	Free

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 Monday -Friday, 8:30 am-4:15 pm for Senior Citizen drop-in activities in the Reading 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 or online at www.franklintwpnj.org. For further information, please call 732-873-1991, Option 4.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT WINTER 2016 RECREATION PROGRAMS



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

YOUTH PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE/ GRADE	PAPERWORK REQUIRED	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	PLACE	FEE
	This early childhood program is designed to allow parents and children to work together in various activity areas such as: circle time, active play, parachute games, arts & crafts, & social interactive play.	12-24 Months	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/16/16 - 2/20/16	9:00-10:00AM	Community Center	\$35
		25-36 Months			10:10-11:10AM		\$35
	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 2/13/16 - 3/19/16	11:00AM-12:00PM	Community Center	\$45
		4 & 5 Years (NOT in Kindergarten)			12:00-1:00PM		\$45
	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, and skill improvement.	2-3 Years	Birth Certificate	Saturdays 1/16/16 - 3/5/16	10:00-10:45AM	Community Center	\$115
		4-6 Years			11:00-NOON		\$145
		7-9 Years			12:15-1:15PM		\$145
	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 1/4/16 - 3/7/16 (No Program 1/18 & 2/15)	6:00-7:30PM	Community Center	\$96
		Grades K-8			7:30-9:00PM		\$96
	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 1/16/16 - 2/6/16	9:00-9:45AM	Franklin Park School Annex	\$40
					9:45-10:30AM		\$40
					10:30-11:15AM		\$40
					11:15AM-NOON		\$40

BASKETBALL PROGRAMS: YOUTH/TEEN/ADULT

PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE/ GRADE	PAPERWORK REQUIRED	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	PLACE	FEE
	Kindergarten girls & boys will learn essential skills and drills for understanding game play.	Grade: K	Report Card	Saturdays 1/16/16 - 3/5/16	10:00-10:45AM	Franklin Park School	\$50
	Girls' Hot Shots concentrates on fundamental skill development through drills and lead-up games.	Grade 1 & 2	Report Card	Saturdays 1/16/16 - 3/5/16	9:00-10:00AM	Franklin Park School	\$50
	Boys' Hot Shots concentrates on fundamental skill development through drills and lead-up games.	Grade: 1 Grade: 2	Report Card	Saturdays 1/16/16 - 3/5/16	11:00AM-12:00PM 12:00-1:00PM	Franklin Park School	\$50 \$50
	Teams will have 4 weeks of skills & drills, followed by 8 weeks of non-competitive game play.	Grades 3-6	Report Card	Saturdays 1/9/16 - 3/26/16	1:00-4:00PM	Sampson G. Smith School	\$145
	Teams will have 2 weeks of skill work & team placement; the 3rd week will be team practice, followed by 9 weeks of non-competitive intramural play.	Grades 3 & 4	Report Card	Saturdays 1/9/16 - 3/26/16	9:00AM-12:00PM	Franklin Middle School	\$145
		Grades 5 & 6	Report Card	Saturdays 1/9/16 - 3/26/16	1:00-4:00PM	Franklin Middle School	\$145
	Pick-up basketball games for adults 25+. Walk-in or Mail-in Registration Only	25 Years+	Driver's License	Mondays Until 5/16/16 (No Program 1/18, 2/15, 3/28)	7:00-10:00PM	Franklin Middle School	\$30

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE/ GRADE	PAPERWORK REQUIRED	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	PLACE	FEE
	Basketball; Arts & Crafts; Trips; Game Room & Special Events. Advance/on-site registration.	Grades 7-12	Report Card or school ID	Tues. - Thurs. through May	7:00-9:00PM	Franklin Middle School	Free
	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+	Driver's License	Tuesdays until 5/17/16 (No Program 3/29)	7:00-10:00PM	Sampson G. Smith School	\$30
	Body sculpting & Latin-Infused Zumba moves to bring you a total toning fitness party!	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Driver's Lic.	Tuesdays 1/5/16-3/15/16)	7:30-8:30PM	Community Center	\$60
	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 1/4/16 - 3/14/16 (No Program 1/18 & 2/15)	6:00-7:00PM	Community Center	\$50
		16 Years+			Saturdays 1/2/16-3/12/16		7:00 - 8:00AM
	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 1/4/16 - 3/14/16 (No Program 1/18 & 2/15)	7:10-8:00PM	Community Center	\$50
		16 Years+			Saturdays 1/2/16-3/12/16		8:10-9:00AM
	A 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 Lic.	Thursdays 1/7/16-3/17/16	6:10-7:10PM	Community Center	\$60
		16 Years+			7:30-8:30PM		\$60
	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 1/5/16 - 3/15/16	6:45-7:45PM	Sampson G. Smith School	\$60
	Participants will work with slab clay as well as paint/glaze/fire their pieces.	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers Lic.	Fridays 1/8/16 - 3/11/16	6:00-8:00PM	Franklin Middle School-Rm 519	\$125
	Learn how to lay and cut out a pattern, sewing machine basics, garment construction and finishing hems and seams to make your very own wrap skirt! (All materials can be brought from home or purchased from the store.)	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Drivers Lic.	Mondays 1/11/16 - 2/8/16 (No Program 1/18/16)	5:00-7:00PM	More Than a Notion Fabrics 4437 Route 27, Princeton, NJ 08540	\$99
	This one-day session will teach you the hottest new trend-arm knitting! Make an infinity scarf in just 2 hours! Each participant will get a required materials list upon registration (One date per person please.)	16 Years+	Birth Certificate or Driver's Lic.	Tuesday, 12/15/15	5:30-7:30PM	Community Center	\$20
				Monday, 1/11/16	6:00-8:00PM		\$20
				Thursday, 2/4/16	6:30-8:30PM		\$20

FRANKLIN IN TECHNOLOGY

PROGRAM	PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS	AGE	PAPERWORK REQUIRED	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	FEE
	The instructor will dedicate an hour to help you with Introduction to Computing, Surfing the Internet, E-mail and Attachments, basic Microsoft Word or Cell Phone Tricks (pictures and texting). Tell us what you need help with when you sign up! Register in-person at least 1 week before your class begins.	18 Years+	Birth Certificate or Driver's License	Mondays or Wednesdays Beginning the week of 1/11/16	10:00-11:00AM 11:15AM-12:15PM 12:30-1:30PM	\$20 Resident \$40 Non-Resident each session (First come, first serve; One person/time slot)

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WINTER 2016 INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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

S.E.E.
SATURDAY ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES
SATURDAYS
9:30AM – 12:30PM
AGES 7-12 \$32.00

JANUARY 30TH: EARTH'S AMAZING WONDERS
FEBRUARY 20TH: SURVIVAL: PREDATOR VS. PREY
MARCH 12TH: LASERS & OPTICS

FRANKLIN PARK SCHOOL
30 EDEN ST. FRANKLIN PARK, NJ 08823
REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE,
IN-PERSON AND/OR BY MAIL.
INFO: CALL 732-873-1991, OPTION 4

FTYC EDUCATION COMMITTEE presents
GAME SHOW NIGHT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2016
5:00PM – 8:00PM
\$8 IN ADVANCE
\$10 AT THE DOOR
OPEN TO GRADES 3-6

FRANKLIN TWP. COMMUNITY / SENIOR CTR.
505 DEMOTT LANE
SOMERSET, NJ 08873
732.873.1991, OPTION 4

IT'S A WRAP!
MONDAYS, JAN. 11 – FEB. 8 2016
 (NO PROGRAM 1/18/16)
5:00-7:00PM JUST \$99!
 MORE THAN A NOTION FABRICS
 4427 ROUTE 27 PRINCETON NJ 08540

LEARN HOW TO LAY & CUT OUT PATTERNS,
 SEWING MACHINE BASICS, GARMENT
 CONSTRUCTION AND FINISHING HEMS & SEAMS
 TO MAKE YOUR VERY OWN WRAP SKIRT!

FOR MORE INFO: 732.873.1991, OPTION 4
 NOTE: All materials can be brought from home or purchased from the store.

WHERE DO WE CALL? FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SOCCER CLUB: (732) 699-0002 WWW.FTSCONLINE.COM FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BASEBALL LEAGUE: (732) 828-1233 WWW.FTLLBASEBALL.COM
 ADULT SLO-PITCH SOFTBALL: (732) 673-6815 POP WARNER FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING: (908) 208-4652 WWW.FTPW.ORG E-MAIL: FTPW@GMAIL.COM
 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP/SOUTH BOUND BROOK LITTLE LEAGUE: WWW.SBBSLL.COM

IMPORTANT: Please note that only classes with openings left will be available. Franklin Township Parks & Recreation is located in the Franklin Township Community/Senior Center at 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873, 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 Option 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: **DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 1:** Holiday Break **JANUARY 18:** Martin Luther King Jr. Day

FEBRUARY 15: President's Day

INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING: Franklin Recreation encourages individuals with disabilities to participate in all program activities. Please contact us for info regarding enrollment for our disabled population at 732-873-1991, Option 4.

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

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 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 at 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 in writing that you are unable to participate in the program(s), or if a request in writing is received 1 week prior to the start of the program.


******PLEASE READ CAREFULLY****** **REGISTRATION PROCESS:** ******PLEASE READ CAREFULLY******

ALL Walk-in/Mail-in/Online registration will be accepted starting DECEMBER 11
 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 name
 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 Parks and Recreation, 505 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 (732)873-1991, Option 4

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	
		LAST	FIRST					
 ADULT OR PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION		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 _____ Full Name _____ 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 problems that we should be aware of? Yes No. If yes, please indicate what they are?

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.

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 and publicity purposes by the Township of Franklin.

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

 SIGNATURE NAME PRINTED PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPANT DATE

Department of Public Works

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Franklin Township Convenience Center

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

SATURDAYS

2015

December 12 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

2016

January 9 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

February 13 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

March 12 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

April 9, 23 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

May 14, 28 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

June 11, 25 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

July 9, 23 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

August 13, 27 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

September 10, 24 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

October 8, 22 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

November 5, 19 8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

December 10 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

MONDAYS

2016

April 18 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

May 23 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

June 20 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

July 18 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

August 22 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

September 19 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

October 17 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

November 14, 28 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.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.

Leaf Bags 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. **NOTICE:**

The Township is no longer selling leaf bags or stickers. Any 30-gallon biodegradable brown paper recyclable leaf bag purchased from a home improvement center or store can be used.

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 4 and January 11**
- **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 28 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

Did you know...

Annually the Township pays Somerset County \$23.85 per household for curbside recycling, no matter the amount of items left out.

Items need to be on the curb no later than 7 a.m.

Franklin Twp/South Bound Brook Collection Dates

December 10, 24; January 7, 21; February 4, 18; March 3, 17, 31

Franklin Park/Griggstown Collection Dates

December 11, 28; January 8, 22; February 5, 19; March 4, 18

Society Hill I & II, Beacon Hill & Surrounding Areas (as notified in the Fall, 2015)

December 14, 28; January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 7, 21

Canal Walk and Somerset Run

December 4, 18; January 4, 15, 29; February 12, 26; March 11, 25

DROP OFF RECYCLING

Somerset Recycling Center

40 Polhemus Lane, Bridgewater

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. - January 9, February 6, March 5

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.—1st Saturday Drop Off

South County Public Works,

410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough

January 9, February 6, March 5

7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.—Weekdays

South County Public Works, 410 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough or

North County Public Works, 411 Chimney Road Road, Building B, Bridgewater

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

March 19, Bernards Township Public Works Garage,

277 So. Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge

April 16, Warren Township Public Works Garage, 1

Bardy Road, Watern

MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL

Sharp needles and other similar medical waste should never be recycled. Disposal containers and information are available. Call for hours and specific locations.

- **St. Peters** 732-745-8600, ext. 8282
- **Robert Wood Johnson** 908-685-2200, ext. 3258
- **Princeton Medical Center** 609-853-6140
- **Hunterdon Medical Center** 908-237-6920
- **Waste Management** 877-WASTE-MD

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:

“2016 TAKE A PHOTO FROM A TRAIL CONTEST”

SPONSORED BY THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

All trail users are welcomed to participate; last day to enter photos is Friday July 1, 2016

The Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) is interested in promoting trail use by the township residents. Toward that end, the TAC is continuing the following program: **Take-a-Photo-from-a-Trail contest.**

Franklin Township trails have places that, when captured in a photo, could encourage others to get out and explore. To encourage expanded trail usage, the TAC is soliciting photographs taken from trails located in the township and will award a prize to the best photograph taken from each trail. Entry rules for the photography contest will be as follows:

1. **Entries must be received by July 1, 2018. The TAC, at its first meeting after July 1, will select a winner in each category based on the minimum contest requirements.**
2. The photo may be submitted either:
 - a. electronically via email to Karen Buckley in the Township Engineering Office (karen.buckley@twp.franklin.nj.us); or
 - b. as a printed copy delivered to the Trails Advisory Committee, Municipal Building, 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873.
3. Each photo must be clearly identified as to the trail from which it was taken and the date taken. The submitted photo does not have to be taken in 2016. Photos can be submitted from any year as long as the date and location of the photo are identified.
4. The Trails Advisory Committee reserves the right to display entrants' photos at Township events, such as Franklin Day, CanalFest 2016, and other venues as part of this contest

TRAIL LOCATIONS

1. **Bunker Hill and Franklin Park Natural Areas**
2. **Butler Rd. Natural Area**
3. **Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve**
4. **Negri-Nepote Native Grassland Preserve**
5. **Colonial Park**
6. **Flemer Preserve**
7. **Six Mile Run State Park**
8. **D&R Canal State Park**
9. **Inman Park**
10. **Middlebush Park**

5. Winners will have their photo displayed on the Township's website and awarded a certificate and small prize (a baseball cap imprinted with "Franklin Township Trails").
6. Categories will be as follows.
 - a. One winner from each one of the ten listed locations.
 - b. One overall winner for "Best of 2015" Photo from a Franklin Township Trail.
7. Minimum Requirements for the Contest: For each trail, a minimum of 2 contestants will be needed in order to award the prize for that trail.
8. There is a limit of one photo per contestant per trail/location.
9. Franklin Twp. reserves the right to use the contest photo entries on the Franklin Township web site and in print or promotional township items including the Township Calendar.

OPEN SPACE PROGRAM CONTINUES NATURE WALKS

The Township's open space program will, for the 12th consecutive year, sponsor guided nature walks on Township open space parcels. The walks are free to the public. The walks are along easy terrain and are great for kids. Bring binoculars, if you have them, and waterproof footwear.

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

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

Friday, March 18th @ 7:00 pm

Friday, April 1st @ 7:00 pm

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

Walk will be approximately 45 – 60 minutes in length.

All walks are free.

Bring binoculars if you have them and preferably wear boots. Be sure to dress appropriately for current weather conditions. For detailed directions to the parks, information, and updates please visit www.Franklintwpnj.org/openspace

We ask that you kindly RSVP.

Questions? Contact Fran Varacalli at franklintrails@twp.franklin.nj.us or 732.873.2500 x6279

**Contest rules can also be found at the Franklin Township website:
<http://www.franklintwpnj.org> Trails Advisory Committee Page**