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**POSTAL CUSTOMER** Franklin Times 475 DeMott Lane Somerset, NJ 08873

### **Local 101 Property Maintenance**

The Township has several Chapters of the Municipal Code which addresses property maintenance. To name a few:

Chapter 88: Brush, Grass and Weeds

Chapter 94: Unfit Buildings

Chapter 112: Land Development (includes sign regulations)

Chapter 121: Numbering of Buildings

Chapter 167: Noise

Chapter 169: Nuisances

Chapter 183: Property Maintenance

The entire Municipal Code can be found on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org/. A search by "keyword or phrase" or a specific chapter number make the site easy to use.

### VIOLATIONS ARE THE PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY

With any violation to any Municipal Code, there are specific requirements on proper notification to the property owner and the owner's ability to rectify the problem within a reasonable time. Only after going through the steps outlined in the code can the Township take formal action, such as cleanup, demolition etc. Before all the legal steps are taken, the Township does not have any authority to enter the property unless there is imminent danger to the public.

A lien is put on the property and added to the taxes for the cost to investigate, administer the situation, as well as the cleanup. In addition, the owner must pay fines as determined by the Municipal

Questions and complaints should be filed with either Health (908-231-7155), Planning & Zoning (732-873-2500, ext. 6277) or Animal Control (732-873-2500, ext. 6255).

Franklin Township (Somerset), NJ 08873

" Enter park via either Elizabeth Avenue or Mettlers Road



My neighbor never rakes his leaves.

There is no ordinance that requires the raking of leaves.

### There is a house in my neighborhood with grass way over grown, and there is garbage, an old sofa, and junk all over.

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 10 inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. (Chapter 183-28E). All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe, and sanitary condition. (Chapter 183-28)

LOCAL

101

Government

### It looks like a used car parking lot next door. Any limit to the number of cars and where they park?

No inoperable or unregistered motor vehicle should be parked on any premise. Vehicles should be parked only on driveways or designated parking areas made of blacktop, concrete or stone. Grassy areas shouldn't be used for parking. (Chapter 183-28K-L)

In addition, the Code specifies the legal number of occupants per building based on space and sleeping and sanitary facilities. It requires the registering of all rental units. The owner-landlord could be fined the cost of school tuition if a non-resident is found to live in the building and sending a child to the Franklin schools. (Chapter 183-12E, Chapter 183-16)

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www.FranklinTwpNJ.org/FranklinDay FranklinDayFestival@gmail.com

475 DeMott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873

On Saturday, September 24, the 3rd Annual Franklin Day Festival will once again bring live music, artists, craftspeople, cultural performances, amazing food from premier food vendors, fun games, children's activities and more to Colonial Park. As in years' past, this festival is a wonderful day for our community to get together and enjoy what our Township has to offer. Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or a blanket to relax, have fun, and enjoy a picnic in the park in a beautiful scenic setting. We've added cultural performances that are scheduled to take place throughout the day, and also expanded our family fun with the addition of more free activities and entertainment such as miniature golf, paddleboats, bubble soccer, pony rides and inflatable games. The event runs from 12 noon-5 p.m., and admission is absolutely FREE!

Interested in participating as a vendor? Sign up NOW as we only have a few slots available. Be sure to visit www.franklintwpnj. org/FranklinDay for up-to-date information.

### MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY

POLICE, FIRE & RESCUE EMERGENCIES DIAL

9-1-1

### POLICE DEPARTMENT Non-Emergencies ......732-873-2300

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 Control	6255
Assessor	
Clerk (Elections, Dog L	
Voter Registration)	6208
Construction Code	
Enforcement 6220 or	732-873-7283
Collector	700 070 7004
(Tax, Water) 6335 or	
Community Resource	
Court6262 or	
Engineering	
Finance	
Fire Prevention	
Health Complaint 24/7	
Historic Preservation .	
Human Resources	
Municipal Alliance	
Open Space	
Planning Board	
Public Works	
Purchasing	
Recreation 6340 or	
Redevelopment Agen	•
Rent Leveling Board	
Senior Advisory	
Special Projects	
Township Manager	
Vital Statistics (Marria	ge and
Death Certificates)	
Zoning Officer	
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/twpoffranklin

Facebook.com/townshipoffranklin www.facebook.com/FTPDSomersetNJ Twitter@FTPDSomersetNJ Continued from page 1 - Property Maintenance

### I can hear the music playing from the townhouse several blocks away.

Prohibited is any excessive sound that is a hazard to the public health, welfare, safety and the quality of life. Sound measurements can be made to determine if they exceed 80 decibels. (Chapter 167-5)

### How early in the morning can I cut my grass and blow the leaves?

Prohibited is any noise from any noncommercial power tools and landscaping equipment between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. Commercial power tools and landscaping equipment cannot be operated within 250 feet of a residential property line between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. on weekdays and 6 p.m. and 9 a.m. on weekends. (Chapter 167-6)

There is a house down the street that is in bad repair. The gutter has fallen down, the garage door doesn't close, and there are broken windows.

The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound, and sanitary so there is no threat to the public health, safety and welfare. (Chapter 183-29)

### The neighbor has a lawn service that blows clippings into the street, which eventually end up in front of my house.

Sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing yard waste that is not containerized into any street is prohibited. (Chapter 183-32A)

#### My neighbor's dog likes to bark at every passing person, car, and squirrel. It is annoying.

Dogs should not be barking for more than 10 minutes consecutively or intermittently for 30 minutes, unless the dog is provoked. (Chapter 115-17)

### I noticed some houses don't have street numbers Do they need them?

Chapter 121-3 requires that all houses have street numbers. The number should be at a point near where the driveway enters the street or where the number is easily visible from the street, or both.

Signs, signs and more signs on street corners and light poles. Some are from the Township, others from non-profits, and others from those buying houses. Do they need permission? And how long can they be put up before the event or stay after it is over?

Before any signs are put up, they should contact Vince Dominach in the Planning/Zoning office, vincent.dominach@twp.franklin.nj.us, or 732-873-2500 (ext. 6274)

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**SEPTEMBER 10** (9 a.m. -1 p.m.) - Free shredding service at the Municipal Building

SEPTEMBER 24 - Franklin Day Festival

SEPTEMBER 18 - Canal Road Walk & Roll

**OCTOBER 14** (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) - Blood drive in the Municipal Building

**NOVEMBER 1** - Quarterly tax payment due

**NOVEMBER 8** - Election Day

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

### Congratulations to our Newest Retirees and New Employees

### **New Hires**

Glenn Rankins—Public Works Charles Metz—Public Works Sharene Davenport—Social Worker Raymond Cianfrani III—Public Works/Water Anthony Hughes—Public Works

#### Retirements

Joyce S. Miller—Purchasing Administrator (25 years)

Darrin Russo—Police Lieutenant (30 years)

William Ziarkoski—Police Sergeant (28 years)

### **HUNTING SEASON BEGINS**

The Township hunting season for white tail deer begins Saturday, September 10, 2016 and ends February 18, 2017. There is no hunting allowed on Sundays.

All trail users must become familiar with the hunting locations, dates and times since public access is restricted during these times. Trail users must abide by the restrictions and must wear orange while using the trails.

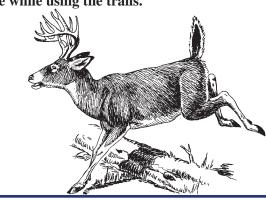
### Firearms and bows are allowed at these locations:

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

For more information, visit franklintwpnj.org/hunting.



FERM EXPIRES

### **Franklin Township Council**

NAME	TERM EAFIRES
Phillip Kramer Mayor	
<b>Theodore Chase</b> – Deputy Mayor and Councilman, 1st Ward Councilman.Chase@twp.franklin.nj.us	732-873-2500, ext. 6318
Kimberly Francois – Councilwoman-at-Large Councilwoman.Francois@twp.franklin.nj.us	732-873-2500, ext. 6395
<b>Rajiv Prasad</b> – <i>Councilman-at-Large</i> , Councilman.Prasad@twp.franklin.nj.us	732-873-2500, ext. 6319
Shanel Y. Robinson – Councilwoman-at-Large,	732-873-2500, ext. 6329
<b>Rozalyn Sherman</b> – <i>Councilwoman</i> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward,	732-873-2500, ext. 6316
<b>Charles Onyejiaka</b> – <i>Councilman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward,</i>	
Carl R. A. Wright — Councilman, 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward,	
James Vassanella - Councilman, 5 <sup>th</sup> Ward,	732-873-2500, ext. 6328

### **2016 ELECTION TIMELINE**

### **General Election**

October 18, 2016

Voter Registration Deadline

#### **November 1, 2016**

Deadline to apply for a Mail-in Ballot by Mail

### November 7, 2016 (by 3 p.m.)

Deadline for In-Person Mail-in Ballot Applications

### November 8 General Election

### **2015 Polling Locations**

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, Franklin Park
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
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## Fireworks a 'BOOMING' success!

On behalf of the Franklin Township Fireworks Committee, we would like to thank everyone that came out to the Independence Day Celebration on Friday, July 8th to participate in a great Township tradition.

A special thanks to the following contributors who made the 2016 fireworks display and entertainment a success, at no cost to the Township residents:

Adams, Buchan & Palo LLC Appraisal Consultants Corp. Arcari & Iovino Architects PC Briar Manor Developers LLC **Buist Incorporated** Carroll Engineering Corporation CME Associates DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole LLP Dennis A Auciello F. Greek Development Fancy Heat Corporation Garden State Exhibit Center Green Hill Manor Villa LLC Hatch Mott MacDonald Hodulik & Morrison, PA House Food America Corporation **Investors Bank** Joy Systems

Law Office of Charly Gayden McEnerny, Brady & Co. MICRO Corp. Novel Laboratories Inc. Oticon, Inc. Praise Presbyterian Church Rajiv Prasad Resta's Car Care **Revelation Coaching Services** RPM Development LLC Russo Development Shain Shaffer & Rafanello PC Stage House Inc. Trap Rock Industries VanCleef Engineering Assoc. Venus Jewelers & Gemologists Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, PC

The Township's 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 Independence Day fireworks celebration will continue for years to come!

If you would like to contribute to next year's 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



# Franklin Township Publics Schools are On the Move

### Join Us As We Prepare For The Future

Attend our

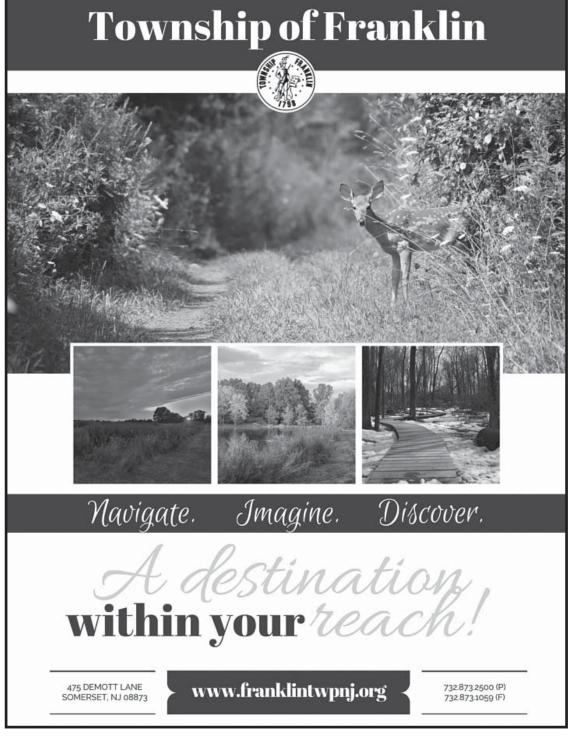
**Strategic Plan Community Workshops** 

in the cafeteria of Franklin High School

500 Elizabeth Avenue at 7 pm on

Thursday, November 3, 2016
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
Thursday, January 19, 2017





## **Cultural Arts Council Working For You**

The Franklin Township Cultural Arts Council (FTCAC) is an active and vibrant community organization that creates innovative programs designed to strengthen the Franklin community through the arts. The newly elected FTCAC Steering Committee is looking forward to a fun and productive year of art events that celebrate and utilize the many gifts and assets of our diverse community.

Contact the FTCAC Chair, Michael Steinbruck at michael. steinbruck@gmail.com or (732) 754-5649 if you are interested in supporting the performing, visual and/or literary arts. The FTCAC is self-sustaining and relies on fundraising to run programs. Free-will donations are always greatly appreciated.

To learn more about the FTCAC, visit their website at www.FranklinCAC.org or their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FranklinCAC. You can join their mailing list on the website homepage to stay connected to FTCAC activities.

### **SECOND LIBRARY LOCATION**

Did you know that the Franklin Township Public Library has a branch in Franklin Park? The Franklin Park Branch is located in the Franklin Towne Center, 3391 Route 27 South. Patrons can access free Wi-Fi, use one of the library's public computers, and browse the branch's collection of popular books, magazines, books on CDs, music CDs, DVDs, and Blu-Rays for adults, teens and children. If you cannot find what you are looking for at the Franklin Park Branch, simply use the library's online catalog, www.franklintwp.org/ibistro. htm, to place a hold on the title. Then, pick it up at the Franklin Park Branch when it is available. Library materials that have been checked out from the main library on DeMott Lane can be returned at the Franklin Park Branch, and materials checked out from the Franklin Park Branch can be returned to the main library.

The Franklin Park Branch offers library programs for all ages. On Monday mornings, staff offers rhyme programs for young children held at 10:30 am and 11:30 am, and on Wednesdays during the summer teens can learn how to knit or crochet at the Young Adult Yarn Club (Y.A.Y. Club). Be sure to check www.franklintwp.org for all of the exciting programs being held at the branch this summer.

The Franklin Park Branch's phone number is 732-873-8700, ext. 5.

### **HOURS ARE:**

Mon. - 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Tues. - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Weds. - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Thurs. - 2:30 pm - 9:00 pm Fri. - 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Sat. - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

# Forget the Rest, Get the Best! CHECK OUT FRANKLIN'S FARMS

Franklin Township is proud of its farming heritage. The town has preserved over 1,100 acres of farmland which is in private ownership. In addition to state and township-owned open space which is leased to farmers, there are additional smaller farms that operate in town.

Over twenty of these farms sell directly to the public. Franklin Township encourages its residents to "Buy Local", buy farm products from local producers, helping them continue to farm and aiding the local economy. We here list these farms and what they sell. (Before visiting them, please check when and what hours the farm is open for business, via their web site or phone.)

We also encourage residents to buy Jersey Fresh.

www.jerseyfresh.nj.gov/

### Frequently Asked uestions?

Why can't we rake our leaves into the street? It sure would be easier than putting them into bags. I've seen other towns doing it.

Several years ago, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection issued new regulations which prohibit leaves from remaining in public streets for more than seven days. It would be nearly impossible (and very costly) for a Township of our size to schedule leaf collection under this deadline. Leaves left in the street could result in a \$100 fine under the Township's litter ordinance.

### Where do I donate eye glasses?

There is a box at the Community/Senior Center, 505 DeMott Lane.

### I have a lizard I can't keep any more. What should I do with it?

Call the animal shelter, 732-873-2500 ext. 6255, and surrender the animal for adoption.

### What size shed requires a permit?

All sheds need zoning approval. However, a construction permit is required only if the shed is more than 100 square feet in size.

### Trivia

### Library collection

The Franklin Township library owns 191,654 items and adds about 1,335 items each month.

### Correction on latitude and longitude

The information in the last issue of the Franklin Times was incorrect. The exact location of the Municipal Building is:

Latitude. N 40°29'40"

Longitude. W 74°31'30"

Enter 40.4997,-74.5256 in Google and you will zoom in to the Municipal Complex.

### **Hamilton Street Street Cleaning Notice**

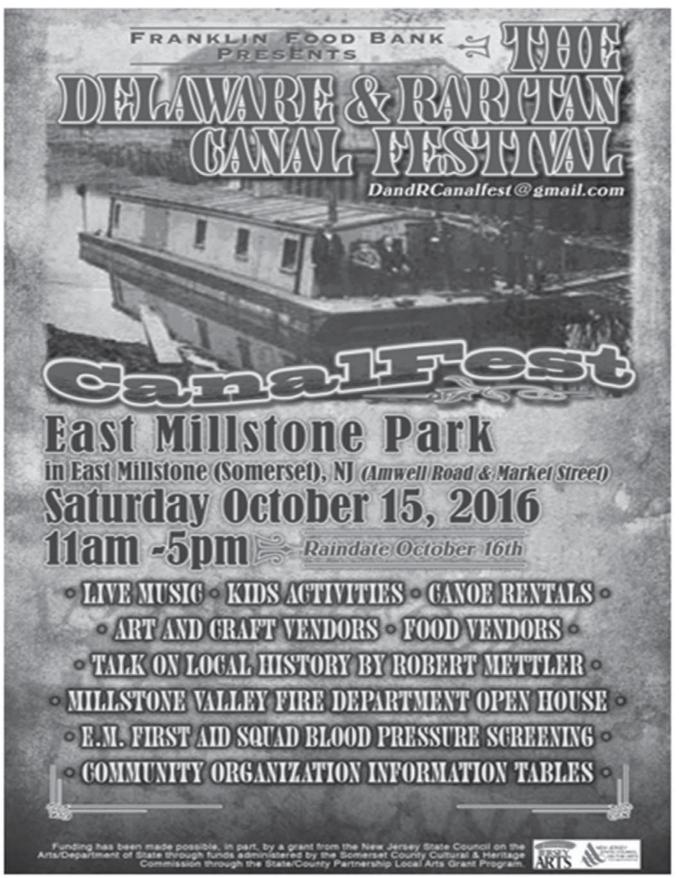
**Parking is restricted for street** cleaning on Hamilton Street. from Franklin Boulevard to the **New Brunswick border, from** 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

> **Westbound -- Mondays Eastbound -- Tuesdays**

### FRANKLIN'S **COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE**

Friday, October 14 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Municipal Building 475 DeMott Lane, Somerset** 

**DONATE BLOOD NOW** PEOPLE CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT!



### **DELAWARE & RARITAN CANAL FESTIVAL**

Saturday, October 15, 2016 presented by the Franklin Food Bank

Join us for another beautiful autumn day on the banks of the historic Delaware & Raritan Canal in East Millstone. It is a perfect backdrop for outdoor live music, arts and crafts, and amazing food! This is the sixth annual CanalFest, and it takes place on Saturday, October 15 from 11 a.m. to - 5 p.m. (rain date of Sunday, October 16). CanalFest is free, but a \$5 free-will donation is requested to help support our neighbors in need. Learn more online at www.franklinfoodbank.org

### CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS TOWNSHIP'S OPEN SPACES

The Franklin Township Trails Advisory Committee (TAC) is proud to present the 2017 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.

A unique Birthday or Holiday Gift! Buy local and support Open Space Preservation, Farmland Preservation, Historic Preservation and Recreation in Town!

Calendars are \$10.00. Beginning Monday, September 26, calendars are available for purchase at the Township Clerk's Office, located at 475 DeMott Lane, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m

Questions: Contact the Township's Land Preservation and Management Consultant, Fran Varacalli at fran.varacalli@twp.franklin.nj.us.

For more information: please visit: www.franklintwpnj.org

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

### **September to November 2016**

### PUBLIC MEETINGS

### **Township Council**

Municipal Building Council Chambers 7:00 p.m. September 13, 27 October 10 (Monday), 25 November 10 (Thursday), 22

### **Planning Board**

Municipal Building Council Chambers 7:30 p.m. September 7, 21, 28 October 5, 19, 26 • November 2, 9

### **Board of Adjustment**

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m. September 1, 15 October 6, 20 • November 3

### Advisory Board of Health

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m. November 9

### **Agricultural Advisory Committee**

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

### **Cable TV Advisory Committee**

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

### Emergency Life Support

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

#### **Environmental Commission**

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m. September 19 • October 3, 18 November 7, 21

### **Fire Prevention Board**

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m. September 8 • October 13 • November 10

### **Hamilton Street Business**

**Community Board** Municipal Building 7:00 p.m.

October 3 • November 7

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

Municipal Building 7:30 p.m. October 4 • November 1

### **Human Relations Commission**

Township Library 7:00 p.m. September 26 • October 24 • November 28

### **Library Board of Trustees**

Township Library 5:30 p.m. September 28 • October 26 • November 16

### **Municipal Alliance for the**

Prevention of Substance Abuse

Community/Senior Center 4:30 p.m. September 28 • October 26 •November 16

### **Open Space Advisory Committee**

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m. September 20 • October 18 • November 15

### **Recreation Advisory Council**

Community/Senior Center 7:00 p.m. September 14 • October 12 • November 9

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Redevelopment Agency Municipal Building 7:30 p.m.

### September 19 •October 17 • November 21

Rent Leveling Board

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

Senior Advisory Committee Community/Senior Center 10:00 a.m. September 30 • October 28

### November 18

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

### **Shade Tree Commission**

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m. September 22 • October 27 November 17

### **Trails Advisory Committee**

Municipal Building 7:00 p.m. September 14 •November 9

### **Youth Service Commission**

Community/Senior Center 4:30 p.m. September 28 • October 26 November 16

### ATTENTION FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP HOMEOWNERS

Have you done work in your home and you didn't know (or weren't quite sure) you needed a construction permit? Or do you feel a prior owner did work without permits and you don't know what to do?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please stop by our table at the Franklin Day Festival on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 12 noon to 5:00 pm and talk to us about your concerns.

Here at the Construction Department, SAFETY is our primary goal! If it turns out that permits were required on a particular project done in your home, we will be offering amnesty on any **penalties** that may apply. In order to be eligible, you must register with us on Franklin Day, and you must apply for the appropriate permits by October 24, 2016.

Please remember that the amnesty program only applies to current Franklin Township homeowners for work done in your home and does not apply to any violations that have already been issued.



Stormwater pollution is one of the greatest threats to clean and plentiful water. Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed into drains or ditches, and then into our rivers, lakes and the ocean. It's easy to do your part in keeping pollutants out of stormwater. Here's how:

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET - Pet waste is not only a nuisance; it can be washed into drains and streams and can cause sickness if it gets in our water supply. The Township Pet Waste Ordinance (Ord. #806) addresses proper disposal of pet waste.

DON'T LITTER! – Trash tossed into the street gets swept up in a storm and ends up in our waterways. Township Ordinance #1478 deals with littering.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE – Cleansers, lawn products, motor oil, batteries, and paints are among the many items in your home that contain hazardous ingredients. Dispose of these items at the proper location, such as at the Somerset County Recycling Center. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) covers the proper disposal of waste. **Remember that consumer electronics must now be recycled!** 

DON'T FEED WILDLIFE – The feeding of deer and other wild animals creates waste that can be washed into our water supply. Township Ordinance #3254 deals with wildlife feeding.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE – Don't rake or blow leaves and grass into roadways and storm drains. Public Works collects leaves in brown paper recyclable leaf bags during Mondays in the fall. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) covers the proper disposal of yard waste.

ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO STORM SEWERS – It is illegal to discharge domestic sewage or industrial waste into a storm sewer. Chapter 183 of the Township Code (Property Maintenance) deals with illicit connections.

KEEP CONTAINERS & DUMPSTERS COVERED – Keep all garbage containers covered and prevent them from overflowing and leaking. Township Ordinance #3861-10 covers refuse containers.

PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING – If a business or homeowner's association is resurfacing or making alterations near drainage structures, they are required to upgrade to eco-friendly inlets with restricted openings. Township Ordinance #3862-10 deals with inlet retrofitting.

### **Shade Tree Commission** (Updates, Happenings, Events)

### 9th Annual Tree Sale Spring 2017

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 reticulate) – 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 an ash tree 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.

### SEE RECREATION'S NEW DOUBLE ISSUE BELOW!

Franklin Recreation: Where Making the Healthy Choice is the Right Choice

\* FIRST TIME YOUTH PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS MUST SHOW PROOF OF AGE WITH A COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE OR A VALID PASSPORT \*

YOUTH PROGRAMS									
Prod	GRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	AGE/GRADE	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	FEE	PLACE		
AC	TODDLERS ADVENTURE	A program designed for a parent and child to work together in various activity areas such as: circle time, parachute games, arts & crafts & more!	12-24 Months 25-36 Months	Saturdays 10/1-11/5	9:00-10:00AM 10:10-11:10AM	\$35 \$35	Community Center		
	PLAY & LEARN	Child-independent program that includes: music, crafts, and indoor play. This pre-school age program is designed to prepare children for the independent school setting.	3 Years 4 & 5 Years	Saturdays 9/17-10/22	9:00-10:00AM 10:10-11:10AM	\$50	Community Center		
	P.L.A.Y. SHOOTING STARS	Introduces children to basketball fundamentals including shooting, passing and dribbling, while building positive development and confidence.	4 & 5 Years (NOTin Kindergarten)	Saturdays 11/19-12/17 NO CLASS 11/26	9:00-9:45AM 10:00-10:45AM 11:00-11:45AM	\$40	Franklin Park School Gym		
	P.L.A.Y. LACROSSE	P.L.A.Y. (Pre-Schooler's Learning Athletics Year-Round) is an Introduction to the fundamentals of lacrosse including scooping, cradling, passing, & shooting.	4 & 5 Years (NOTin Kindergarten)	Saturdays 9/17-10/8	9:00-9:45AM 9:45-10:30AM	\$40	Franklin Park School Gym		
	CREATIVE KIDS ART	Let your kids discover their inner artiste and explore their		Saturdays 10/15-11/5	9:00-10:00AM 10:10-11:10AM 11:20 -12:20PM	\$55	Community Center		
	CHESS BEGINNERS CHESS ADVANCED	Children will learn how to play the game of chess and develop strategies to become better chess players.	5-13 Years	Mondays 10/1012/5 NO CLASS 10/31	6:00-7:30PM 7:30-9:00PM	\$96	Community Center		
	KINDERGARTEN LACROSSE	Introduces children to advanced skills of lacrosse including scooping, cradling, passing, & shooting.	5-6 Years	Saturdays 9/17-10/8	10:30-11:15AM	\$40	Franklin Park School Gym		
7	1 <sup>ST</sup> & 2 <sup>ND</sup> GRADE LACROSSE	Will learn more advanced skills of lacrosse including scooping, cradling, passing, and shooting.	7-8 Years	Saturdays 9/17-10/8	11:15AM-12:15PM	\$50	Franklin Park School Gym		
A.	TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS: PARENT & ME	Children will participate alongside a parent to develop motor skills by engaging in a different sport within each class, including soccer, lacrosse, T-ball, basketball, floor hockey and flag football.	2-3 Years	Saturdays 11/19-12/17 NO CLASS 11/26	9:30-10:15AM	\$90	Community Center		
	TOTAL SPORTS SQUIRTS	Participants have the opportunity to experience lacrosse, soccer, basketball, T-ball, floor hockey & flag football. All sports are taught in a safe, structured and fun learning environment.	3-5 Years	Sundays 9/18-10/30	1:30-2:30рм	\$125	Inman Park		
				Saturdays 11/19-12/17 NO CLASS 11/26	10:30-11:30AM	\$90	Community Center		
SPP.	TOTAL SPORTS SENIOR SQUIRTS	Players will learn key skills through small-sided scrimmages in a variety of sports, including lacrosse, soccer and flag football.	5-7 YEARS	Saturdays 11/19-12/17 NO CLASS 11/26	11:30am-12:30pm	\$90	Community Center		
⊕ , 2	SOCCER SQUIRTS	Learn the fundamental skills of soccer, including dribbling, passing, shooting and defending. Players will be taught through structured activities, fun games, & scrimmages.	3-5 Years	Sundays 9/18-10/30	2:30-3:30PM 3:30-4:30PM	\$125			
	BOYS JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLINIC  A four week clinic of skill instruction and development along with some game-play. Guest speakers will be on	Grades 3-4	Saturdays 11/12-12/10	10:00AM-12:00PM	\$30	Franklin Middle School			
	BOYS INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL CLINIC	hand.	Grades 5-6	NO CLASS 11/26	1:00-3:00рм	φοσ	Upper & Lower Gym		
A	MARTIAL ARTS: TAE KWON DO	This program provides strength building, balance, agility, & flexibility. You will enhance self-confidence through self-defense skills & teamwork as you progress from white belt to black belt.	/+ Years	Wednesdays 9/21-12/14 NO CLASS 10/12 & 11/23	6:00-7:30рм	\$98	Sampson G. Smith Gym		
	RALLY RACQUETS SUPER SERVERS AMAZING ACES TENNIS TITANS	This youth tennis developmental program is designed to provide fundamental instruction and low level competitive tennis for youth. You must provide your own racquet and sneakers are required.	7-9 Years	Saturdays 9/17-10/22 Rain Date 10/29/16	10:00-11:00AM 11:00AM -12:00PM 12:00-1:00PM 9:00-10:00AM	\$65	Inman Park Tennis Courts		
* FIRST TIME TEEN/ADULT PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS MUST SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY WITH A COPY OF A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE OR UTILITY BILL OR SCHOOL ID *									

TEEN/ADULT PROGRAMS								
	FRAM NAME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	AGE/GRADE	PROGRAM DATES	TIME	FEE	PLACE	
BEGINNER/ADY BEGINNER		Looking to be the next Tennis champion? Teen/Adult tennis classes focus on fundamentals	16 Years+	Saturdays	9:00-10:00AM	\$65	Inman Park	
	INTERMEDIATE	including scoring, volleying, & game play.	16 Years+	9/17-10/22	9:00-10:00AM	]	Tennis Courts	
	CERAMICS	Tailored especially for the adult learner. Learn various hand-construction techniques, finish, and glaze projects!	16 Years+	Fridays 9/23-12/9 NO CLASS11/11,11/25	6:00-8:00pm	\$125	Franklin Middle School Rm. 519	
W. S.	SEAM DREAM	Are you a teen with a creative streak? Want to express your flair for fashion? Learn to sew, cut a pattern and create your own pajama pants!  (Materials Included)	12-16 Years	Tuesdays 9/20-10/18 NO CLASS 10/11	5:00-7:00PM	\$115	MoreThan a Notion Fabrics 4437 Route 27 Princeton, NJ	
	LIFE'S A STITCH!	Learn sewing machine basics and garment construction, finish seams & hems to make your own wrap skirt! (Materials can be brought from home or purchased at the store)	16 Years+	Mondays 9/19-10/17 NO CLASS 10/3	5:00-7:00PM	\$95	MoreThan a Notion Fabrics 4437 Route 27 Princeton, NJ	
	KNITTY GRITTY	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+	Tuesday, 10/18	5:30-7:30рм	\$20	Community Center	
			12-15 Years	Teen Tuesday, 11/15	6:00-8:00PM			
			16 Years+	Thursday, 12/1	6:30-8:30PM		Cerner	
<b>†</b>	20-20-20	3 workouts in one! Designed to give you the ultimate challenge & total body workout. Sweat through 20 minutes of cardio, 20 minutes of strength training, 20 minutes of stretching & core work.	16 Years+	Mondays 9/19-12/19 NO CLASS 10/3 & 10/31	6:00-7:00PM	\$72	Community Center	
	YOGALATES	A mind body experience beginning with clearing the mind & warming the muscles; moving through fluid, balancing poses ending with relaxation.	16 Years+	Mondays 9/19-12/19 NO CLASS 10/3 & 10/31	7:10-8:00рм	\$72	Community Center	
	CARDIO KICKBOXING	Get the cardio you want in this invigorating class. You will bob, weave, kick & punch your way to fitness.	16 Years+	Wednesdays 9/21-12/14 NO CLASS 10/12	6:00-7:00рм	\$72	Community Center	

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4	PILATES	This strengthening, lengthening and muscle toning class will improve your posture, flexibility & balance by uniting the body & mind.			16 Years+	Wednesdays 9/21-12/14 NO CLASS 10/12	7:10-8:00РМ	\$72	Community Center
3) ZVMBA	ZUMBA	A fusion of Latin and Interna a dynamic, fun & effe			16 Years+	Thursdays 9/22-12/15 NO CLASS 11/24	7:30-8:30PM	\$72	Community Center
S ZVMBA toning	ZUMBA TONING	A fusion of Latin and Interna dynamic, fun & effec			16 Years+	Tuesdays 9/20-12/20 NO CLASS 10/11, 11/8	7:30-8:30PM	\$72	Community Center
	FYI OPEN BASKETBALL	Open Basketball			Grades 7-12	Fridays 10/7/16-5/19/17 NO CLASS: 11/11, 11/25, 12/30, 4/17/17	7:00-9:00РМ	\$10	Sampson G Smith Gym
IXX	TEEN RECREATION	Basketball, arts & crafts, trips, game room, life skills, & special events. Register the first night you attend.			Grades 7-12	Tues., Wed. Thurs. 11/8-/16-5/25/17 NO CLASS: 11/10,11/23- 24; 12/27-29,4/11-4/13	7:00-9:00PM	FREE	Franklin Middle School Lower Gym
	CO-ED VOLLEYBALL	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+	Tuesdays 10/18-3/28 NO CLASS 11/8, 12/27	7:00-10:00рм	\$50	Sampson G Smith Gym
1	ADULT EXECTIVE BASKETBALL	Pick-up basketball games for adults 25+			25 Years+ * Photo ID Required	Mondays 10/10/16-5/22/17 NO CLASS 12/26, 1/2, 1/16, 2/20, 4/10	7:00-10:00PM	\$60	Franklin Middle School Upper Gym
SENIO	R PROGRAM	AS (FALL & WINTER	<u>R)</u>						
	1 HOUR EX	ERCISE PROGRAMS	DAY	PROGR	AM DATES	REGISTRATION	START T	IME	FEES
	CHAIR	OGA (10 CLASSES)	MONDAYS	9/19	9 - 11/28	9/12/16	9:30 AM		\$35*
TO THE PARTY OF TH	CHAIR	MONDAYS	12/5 - 12/19		11/28/16 9:30 A		М	\$10.50*	
60-		W/ANDREA (10 CLASSES) MONDAYS		9/12 - 11/21		8/29/16 11:30			\$40*
	ZUMBA GOLD W/ANDREA (4 CLASSES)		MONDAYS	11/28 - 12/19		11/21/16	11:30 AM		\$16*
ZVMBA'	ZUMBA GOLD W/ANDREA (10 CLASSES)		MONDAYS	9/12 - 11/21		8/29/16	12:45 PM		\$40*
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- Va	TOTAL BODY FITNESS - SILVER (10 CLASSES)		THURSDAYS	ONGOING 8/18 - 10/20		8/11/16	10:00 AM		\$40*
THE		TNESS - SILVER (9 CLASSES)	THURSDAYS	10/27 - 12/29		10/20/16			\$36*
		SIT & FIT	MONDAYS		IGOING	NOT REQUIRED	10:30A		FREE
	ZUMBA GOLD W/CHRISSY (10 CLASSES)						9:00 AM		

E-9 3110-60.	ZUMBA GOLD W/CHRISSY (10 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	9/2 - 11/4	8/26/16	9:00 AM	\$40*		
SAMBA, SOLD	ZUMBA GOLD W/CHRISSY (5 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	11/18 - 12/30	11/4/16	9:00 AM	\$20*		
	GENTLE YOGA (10 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	9/2 - 11/4	8/26/16	9:30 AM	\$35*		
	GENTLE YOGA (5 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	11/18 - 12/30	11/4/16	9:30 AM	\$17.50*		
ZVMBA GOLD	ZUMBA GOLD W/ANDREA (10 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	9/16 - 12/2	9/9/16	10:30 AM	\$40*		
	ZUMBA GOLD W/ANDREA ( 3 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	12/9 - 12/30	12/2/16	10:30 AM	\$12*		
200 5	TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS (8 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	9/2 - 10/28	SIGN UP NOW	12 NOON	\$40*		
1000 D	TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS (4 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	11/4 - 12/16	10/28/2016	12 NOON	\$20*		
" Contraction of the second	TAI CHI BEYOND BEGINNERS (8 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	9/2 - 10/28	SIGN UP NOW	1:15 PM	\$40*		
" 8	TAI CHI BEYOND BEGINNERS (4 CLASSES)	FRIDAYS	11/4 - 12/16	10/28/2016	1:15 PM	\$20*		
	CLUB MEETINGS	DAY	PROGRAM DATES	REGISTRATION	RUN TIME	FEES		
90000	PARKSIDE CLUB MEETING	MONDAYS	YEAR ROUND	SEE CLUB REP	10:30AM - 12:30PM	DUES		
<b>******</b>	FRANKLIN TWP SENIORS MEETING	TUESDAYS	YEAR ROUND	SEE CLUB REP	10:00AM - 12:00PM	DUES		
(91 91 94 91 91	FRANKLIN PARK CLUB MEETING	WEDNESDAYS	YEAR ROUND	SEE CLUB REP	12:30PM - 2:30PM	DUES		
	OPEN PLAY PROGRAMS	DAY	PROGRAM DATES	REGISTRATION	RUN TIME	FEES		
	BID WHIST	MONDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	12:00PM - 2:00PM	FREE		
	BRIDGE: OPEN PLAY	MONDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	12:30PM - 1:30PM	FREE		
	LADIES BILLIARDS	MONDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	1:30PM - 2:30PM	FREE		
	POKENO	WED. & THURS.	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	10:00AM - 12:00PM	FREE		
	MAHJONG (WESTERN STYLE) MUST BRING YOUR OWN SET	THURSDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	8:30AM - 4:00PM	FREE		
	PINOCHLE	THURSDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	10:00AM - 4:00PM	FREE		
	DOMINOES	THURSDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	11:45AM - 2:00PM	FREE		
	BRIDGE CLASS	FRIDAYS	RESUME 9/9/16	NOT REQUIRED	10:30AM - 11:30AM	FREE		
	SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS	DAY	PROGRAM DATES	REGISTRATION	RUN TIME	FEES		
8	HI-STEPPERS DANCE TROUPE (PRACTICE/JOIN)	MON. & WED	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	9:30AM - 11:30AM	FREE		
	LINE DANCING	TUESDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	1:30PM - 2:30PM	FREE		
	SWINGIN' SINGIN' SENIORS (PRACTICE/JOIN)	FRIDAYS	YEAR ROUND	NOT REQUIRED	1:30PM - 2:30PM	FREE		
	HEALTHY BONES (COUNTY PROGRAM)	MONDAYS	YEAR ROUND	SEE INSTRUCTOR	12:45-2:30PM	COUNTY FEE		
	HEALTHY BONES (COUNTY PROGRAM)	FRIDAYS	YEAR ROUND	SEE INSTRUCTOR	10:00-11:15AM 11:45AM-1:00PM	COUNTY FEE		
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A MONTHLY SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR WITH DETAILED PROGRAM INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER OR ONLINE AT <a href="https://www.franklintwpnj.org">www.franklintwpnj.org</a>

