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2023 Park Reservations

2023 Park Permit applications for Franklin groups or residents for reserving Lions Legend Park (Lions or Vernon E. Barg Pavilions), Market Square, Ken Windl Pavilion, Franklin Woods Pavilion, or Pleasant View Pavilion, will be accepted at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Applications must be made in person and permits will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. The front entrance of City Hall will open at 7:30 a.m. at which time numbers will be handed out. Once you receive a number, you must remain in the City Hall lobby until the Clerk's Office opens for business at 8:30 a.m. Park permit applications will be accepted and processed in the order of numbers distributed. No telephone or mail-in applications are accepted. Non-Franklin groups may apply after April 1st.



Vernon E. Barg Pavilion



Pleasant View Park Pavilion

- **Lions Pavilion**, 8050 S. Legend Drive, has available an open-air pavilion, electricity, picnic tables, water, and grills.
- **Vernon E. Barg Pavilion**, 8717 W. Drexel Avenue, has available an open-air pavilion, indoor serving area, electricity, picnic tables, water, and grills.
- **Ken Windl Pavilion**, 11615 W. Rawson Avenue, has an indoor air-conditioned/heated gathering space (maximum of 50 people), tables/chairs, kitchenette, picnic tables, electricity, and water.
- **Franklin Woods Pavilion**, 3723 W. Puetz Road, has available an open-air pavilion, electricity, picnic tables within the pavilion, and water. There are no grills available. A gas grill may be brought, however, no charcoal grills allowed. **Note: Kayla's Playground is not reservable—the playground and patio area must be shared with the general public.**
- **Pleasant View Pavilion**, 4620 W. Evergreen Street, has available an open-air pavilion, indoor serving area, electricity, picnic tables, and water. Maximum of 50 people.
- **Market Square**, 11230 W. Franklin Street, has available a gazebo, picnic tables, and electricity. There are no restrooms or water available at Market Square.
- **Playground equipment, tennis courts, and volleyball courts, where available at all of the above listed parks, must be shared with the general public.**

Rental hours for all park pavilions are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Lions Pavilion, Vernon E. Barg Pavilion, Franklin Woods Pavilion, and Market Square are available from April 15–October 31. Ken Windl and Pleasant View Park pavilions are available year-round.

Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 414-425-7500 with questions or to check park availability.

The Franklin Lioness Lions Club

would like to thank the Franklin community for all your support this past year. Each event allows the Club to give back 100% of it's fundraising, which means thousands of dollars back to the community. This year's projects included food banks, scholarships, Lions camp for children with disabilities, and Children's Hospital. *The Franklin Lioness Lions Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the City of Franklin. Visit www.facebook.com/FranklinLioness for upcoming events and latest club news or email FranklinLioness@yahoo.com if interested in joining.*



Snow & Ice Control



Residents with concerns regarding winter street maintenance may call the Public Works Department at 414-425-2592. Regular hours are Monday–Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or whenever weather conditions warrant winter street maintenance. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and someone will get back to you. If immediate attention is required, please call the Police Department at 414-425-2522.

Tips & Street/Sidewalk Winter Maintenance



- To maintain safety on City streets and sidewalks, the City of Franklin, through its Municipal Code, **prohibits any person from throwing, blowing, placing, or piling any snow or ice on any public street, public place, or public property. This also pertains to depositing plowed snow in roadside ditches and public road right-of-way of yours or neighboring properties.** Artificial snow accumulations can create a traffic or pedestrian hazard. Violators may be ticketed.
- **Please place garbage and recycling containers 2 feet back from the street during a snowfall.** This will help prevent the rolling snow from snowplows from covering or tipping them. **Garbage cans should never be placed in the street.**
- **The owner, occupant, or person in charge of any building or lot fronting or adjoining any street is responsible for clearing the sidewalk abutting such building or lot of snow and ice.** After snow or ice has formed on any sidewalk, the sidewalk must be cleared within 24 hours. When ice has formed on any sidewalk that cannot be removed, the walk must be kept safe by applying an abrasive material or salt within 24 hours. If any sidewalk is neglected, the Department of Public Works shall have the snow and/or ice removed and will charge the responsible party.
- **Mailbox Replacement Policy:** The City will repair any mailbox that has been determined to have been struck by a City snowplow or replace it with a standard mailbox; however, **damage to mailboxes caused by snow coming off City snowplows will NOT be repaired. Mailboxes and posts are expected to be in good condition and strong enough to withstand the force of snow coming off the City snowplows.**
- **Winter Parking Regulations:** City Municipal Code states that **from December 1 to April 1 there is no parking allowed on any City street between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., Mondays through Saturdays, and between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Sundays, except physicians on emergency calls.** Permission to park contrary to these provisions may be granted by the Police Department upon request for the reason of the emergency and unforeseen conditions, provided that such parking will not interfere with snow removal operations. **If a snow emergency is declared, then no parking is allowed on any City street between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.**
- **Sump Pump Discharge:** City Code prohibits the discharge of water from sump pumps upon any public street or highway from November 15 to April 15, as this leads to ice build-up on streets. During this period, property owners shall discharge water from their sumps onto their lawn at a point not more than 10 feet from their building.

The Franklin Noon Lions Club (FNLC)

recently presented classroom supplies to the Franklin Grade Schools as part of their Kids in Classrooms program. The FNLC is a community-based organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Franklin through many volunteer and charitable works such as the Kids in Classrooms program, food pantries, scholarships, and assisting local families in need. **The FNLC welcomes new members. If interested in joining, please contact Dennis Fons at 414-529-2474. We are here for Franklin!**



Property Tax Bill FAQs

For additional questions, call the Treasury Office at 425-4770

How are my taxes calculated?

The approved tax levies from all of the taxing jurisdictions are divided by the assessed valuation, as certified by the Board of Review, to determine the tax rates. Franklin has multiple school districts; therefore, there are three different tax rates that may apply to a citizen's tax bill. If you compare your tax bill to another property's tax bill, please make sure the tax bills have the same taxing authorities in order to complete a true cost comparison.

Where can I find the 2022 tax rates?

Tax rates are shown on the insert that is included with your 2022 Property Tax Bill. This insert shows the tax rates for all properties by school district as well as a breakdown by taxing entity.

What are the credits on my tax bill?

A **Lottery and Gaming Credit** is provided by the State for qualifying property owners for their primary residence only. If the credit was on your 2021 Real Estate Tax Bill, or you filed the 2022 Lottery Credit form, the credit will be on your 2022 Real Estate Tax Bill. If the credit is not on your tax bill and you are eligible in 2022, it can be deducted from your 2022 tax bill until January 31, 2023. A **First Dollar Credit** is provided for all taxable property with improvements, based on the equalized value of the school tax rate. Amounts vary by school district for both credits.

What are the additional charges on my tax bill?

Tax bills may contain other charges such as the solid waste fee, annual payments of outstanding special assessments, delinquent sewer and water bills as of November 15, and other unpaid miscellaneous bills outstanding at that time. All additional charges are due by January 31, 2023, and do not qualify for installment payments.

What if I do not receive my tax bill?

Tax bills are sent to the property owner of record. For properties recently purchased in the August–November time period, the City may not have received the transfer information from Milwaukee County and those tax bills will be sent to the seller. If needed, you may print a bill at www.franklinwi.gov (click the Property Taxes icon then "Property Tax Web Portal/Pay Your Taxes Online"), request the bill from the seller, or contact the Treasury Office to obtain the property tax information.

Property Tax Bill Payments

Property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed during the week of December 12, 2022. Payment is due January 31, 2023 and may be paid in the following ways:

- **Online:** Pay your taxes online via the "Property Taxes/Tax Web Portal" link under the "Quick Links" on the home page of the City's website at www.franklinwi.gov. To pay your taxes online, please refer to the instructions included with your tax bill. There is a nominal fee for paying your taxes online, and payment will be via an electronic check through your bank. **Online payments take one business day to process, so please plan accordingly related to due dates.**
- **Mail:** Payment is deposited the day received. Please include the payment coupon. Confirmation of your payment is available in the Property Tax Web Portal on the City's website after payment is receipted—see www.franklinwi.gov, click the "Property Taxes" icon and then "Property Tax Web Portal/Pay Your Taxes Online". Once you are viewing your property information in the Property Tax Web Portal, you can locate the payment information on the right-hand side of the "Taxes" tab.
- **Delivery to Drop Box:** The City has a drop box located right outside of the main entrance to City Hall that is available 24/7. The drop box is a good alternative to standing in line to pay your taxes or for submitting payment when the Treasury Office is closed. Please include the payment coupon, attached to your tax bill, with payment.
- **In Person:** In person payments may be made at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road. Depending upon demand, wait times vary, with the longest wait times occurring near December 31st. Your payment coupon will facilitate the payment process and a receipt will be provided. Checks and money orders are encouraged for your safety and speed of processing.

Daily payment hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday–Friday. For tax payment purposes, payment hours will be extended on the following dates: Monday–Friday, Dec. 12-16, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday–Thursday, Dec. 19-22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday–Thursday, Dec. 27-29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Treasury Office will be CLOSED December 23-26 and December 30-January 2.

2023 Election Information

Election Dates:

Spring Primary (if needed): **February 21, 2023**

Spring Election: **April 4, 2023**

Municipal Elected Offices:

At the April 4, 2023 Spring Election, the following municipal offices will be on the ballot:

- **3-year term for Mayor**
- **3-year term for 3rd District Alderperson**
- **3-year term for 4th District Alderperson**
- **3-year term for 6th District Alderperson**



The annual salary for the Office of Mayor is \$16,800 plus \$4,800 for mileage and expenses, and the annual salary for the Office of Alderperson is \$7,200 plus \$1,800 for mileage and expenses. Nomination papers for the above-listed offices are now available for circulation and must be filed (along with other required documents) in the office of the City Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on January 3, 2023. **If interested in obtaining the documents required for these offices, or would like additional information on the Election process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 414-425-7500.**

Ghana-Based Niche Cocoa Opening Location in Franklin Business Park

On October 4, 2022, local, state, and federal officials announced that Niche Cocoa, a cocoa company from the western Africa nation of Ghana, is turning the 44,000 square foot space at 9705 S. Oakwood Park Drive in the Franklin Business Park into its first North American manufacturing facility. Niche produces high-quality semi-finished cocoa products for chocolate, ice cream, and bakery industries.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corp (WEDC) confirmed that this would mark the largest food and beverage investment by an Africa-based company in the U.S., and the largest Ghana foreign direct investment ever in Wisconsin. Niche chose Wisconsin due to the strength of the food and beverage industry; and, with cocoa powder, as well as chocolates, the dairy industry is very important.

Expected to be fully operational by January 2023, Niche will initially employ around 24 employees to process approximately 1,200 containers of Ghana-imported cocoa cake each year into cocoa powder, finished chocolate, and cocoa liquor for nationwide distribution.

Holiday Safety Reminders

Child Supervision Goes A Long Way

- Toys should be durable/unbreakable for children who are teething.
- Be sure to check that batteries are secured by screws and cannot be removed.
- Always check labels and for parts that could become loose or break off.
- Never leave children unattended by water and ice.
- Keep holiday plants (poinsettias) out of reach of small children as they can be poisonous if ingested. Poison Control number is 1-800-222-1222.
- At home or when visiting relatives, make sure all medications have child-resistant packaging and are put up, away, and out of sight.
- Have a "Kid-Free Zone" of at least 3 feet in areas where hot food/drinks are prepared.



Fire Safety

- Never leave fire, heat, or stove unattended.
- Adopt A Hydrant: Shovel 3 feet all around hydrant and a 3 foot path from the hydrant to the roadway for firefighter access.
- Don't block exits.
- Never use damaged accessories, frayed or cracked cords, or lighting sources.
- Be sure all electric outlets used are GFI.
- Choose holiday decorations that are non-flammable and labeled "fire-resistant".
- Make sure fresh-cut trees are well watered, secure from tipping, and kept away from heat sources.
- Turn off holiday lights when you sleep and leave home.
- Prepare and check fireplaces before the first burn.
- Choose battery-operated candles – great gift idea too!
- Give space heaters 3 feet of space all around, plug directly into a wall outlet (not a power strip or extension cord), and unplug when not present or sleeping.



Remember Your Loved Ones During the Holidays

- Check on your loved ones more frequently, making sure they have a "File of Life"—available at the Franklin Fire Department, 8901 W. Drexel Avenue.
- Make sure home addresses are clearly visible from the roadway for emergency responders.
- Be alert for falling and tripping hazards: cords, rugs, toys, ice, ladders, snow, etc.
- Make sure homes are being heated appropriately.
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors—have a 10-year life span—a great gift idea!
- Dress for the weather and plan ahead if you travel.
- Help someone shovel. Be aware of cardiac symptoms and cardiac arrest when shoveling.
- Bystander CPR can save a life. Join a FREE class with Franklin Fire Department—see details at <https://www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Fire/Public-Education.htm>.



Call 414-425-1420 with any safety questions.

www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Fire.htm



Please WELCOME the Following Businesses to the City of Franklin!

Diamond Freight Systems, Inc., 6703 W. Ryan Road
(Transportation and Logistics Provider)

Ideal Dental of Franklin, 7255 S. 76th Street
(Dental Office)

Republican Party of Wisconsin, 7174 S. 76th Street
(Political Office)

United Axle of S.E. Wisconsin, LLC
6705 W. Ryan Road
(Truck and Trailer Repair)

W. Knipfer Agency, 5060 W. Rawson Avenue
(Insurance Agent)



SUPPORT FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!

Annual Pet Licensing

Pet licenses are required to be obtained annually by Franklin residents who own a dog, cat, or tiny horse that is at least 5 months of age on January 1st, or 5 months of age within the license year. **License applications are due by April 1st of each year, or within 30 days from the adoption of your new pet.** A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate issued by your veterinarian is required as proof of vaccination.

The cost of a pet license is as follows:

- Altered Pet—\$12**
- Unaltered Pet—\$24**
- Late Fee for Altered Pet—\$6**
- Late Fee for Unaltered Pet—\$12**



The City prefers that you pay for your pet license directly through the City of Franklin either in person at the Treasurer's Office at City Hall, by mail, or by use of the drop box outside of City Hall at 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132. **Please be sure to include your pet license application (available online at www.franklinwi.gov, click on "I Want To..." and then "License a Pet"), vaccination records, and a check made payable to the City of Franklin.**

The Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) has overall responsibility for issuing pet licenses in Milwaukee County. As such, pet licenses may also be applied for online by visiting the MADACC website at www.madacc.org. Payments made via MADACC's website can be made by check or by credit card.

CITY AND EDC HOST BUSINESS APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

Franklin business and elected leaders gathered with the Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC), Common Council, and City staff to honor the business community and some of their outstanding accomplishments. Approximately 110 guests gathered at Tuckaway Country Club on October 20th to network, applaud the finalists of the Excellence in Business awards, and listen to keynote speaker Tracy Johnson, President and CEO of the Commercial Association of REALTORS Wisconsin (CARW). Tracy gave an insightful and interesting review of real estate and related business trends for the SE Wisconsin regions. She focused on Franklin's successes in "leading the region into the recovery" with projects such as Ballpark Commons, Saputo Cheese, HSA Warehouse, and the Wangard Flex building. EDC Chairman Steve Bobowski and other speakers noted economic development accomplishments including Franklin Public School's internship and apprenticeship programs in collaboration with the Franklin Business Consortium (FBC). The FBC also collaborated with MobilISE to improve workforce transportation in Franklin, including establishing FlexRide, which is described as a workforce Uber service.



EDC Chair
Steve Bobowski

Winners and finalists for the Excellence in Business awards were all honored for their accomplishments. **Northwestern Mutual was awarded the Excellence in Large Business award**, with Lubrizol, Saputo, and Innovative Pain Care receiving nominations. **Honey Butter Cafe received the Excellence in Small Business award**, with Harry's Ace Hardware and Gaia Micro Spa receiving nominations. **The Excellence in Innovation award went to Hunger Task Force**, with the YMCA, Luxe Golf Bays, and S&C Electric receiving nominations. **Stewart Wangard of Wangard Partners, Inc. was presented the Excellence in Leadership award**, with Jonathan Wichmann of JMW Innovation, LLC receiving a nomination.



Your Health Matters

Franklin Health Department, 425-9101, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Holiday Food Safety Tips

Gatherings with family and friends is part of many holiday celebrations. Follow these simple tips to keep safe from food poisoning during the holidays.

- Wash your hands before, during, and after preparing food.
- Separate raw meat, poultry, seafood, and eggs from other foods in your shopping cart and cooking surfaces.
- Cook thoroughly using a food thermometer to ensure meat, seafood, poultry, and eggs reach their appropriate temperature to kill harmful bacteria.
- Chill foods quickly to slow the growth of new bacteria. Allow cold air to circulate in refrigerators by not over stuffing them.

Visit www.fightbac.org for more information on holiday food safety techniques.

Healthy Holidays

TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY OVER THE HOLIDAY SEASON!



Flu Shot - Make sure to get your seasonal flu shot to stay healthy during flu season



Healthy foods - Add healthy options to your holiday menu, but still enjoy your holiday favorites and practice moderation



Hand Washing - single most effective way to prevent the spread of germs



Get plenty of sleep - a good night's sleep can be a great defense against getting sick



Exercise - any movement counts; take a walk, go out dancing, enjoy a yoga class



Holiday Traditions - celebrate and create new holiday traditions with your loved ones

'TIS THE SEASON TO INVENTORY YOUR ALCOHOL

With the holidays approaching and more guests entering your home, ask yourself:

1. What alcohol is in my house?
2. Would I know if any alcohol goes missing?

Securing alcohol keeps youth safe from physical harm and legal consequences of underage drinking.

Make a plan of how to monitor the alcohol in your home.
For helpful tips, visit www.volitionfranklin.org



With the Holidays approaching, we know this time of year can be difficult for many.

If you or someone you know is struggling to cope this holiday season, call or text **988** for immediate support.

Remember...You matter, You are not alone

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

The Library Story

9151 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132 ♦ 414-425-8214
www.franklinpubliclibrary.org / Jennifer Loeffel, Director

Hours: *May change per health/safety concerns
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
(Call for curbside pick-up times.)



NEW LIBRARY HOURS Beginning January 2023!



Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Adult Programs (18+)



Adult Book Clubs (No registration required)

Join the Brown Baggers and Night Readers for some great reading and interesting discussion. Monthly meetings are held at the Library; copies of books are available at the Library Check-Out Desk.

Brown Baggers: 3rd Tuesdays (except Dec.) at 12:30 p.m.

Jan. 17—The Guest List by Lisa Foley

Feb. 21—Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead

Night Readers: 4th Mondays (except Nov. & Dec.) at 6 p.m.

Jan. 23—The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald

Feb. 27—Resistance Women by Jennifer Chiaverini

DIY Crafternoons (Registration required)

2nd Wed. of each month, 12:30 p.m. A limited number of kits are available after the in-person program for patrons not able to attend.

Tech Tip Tuesdays (No registration)

Have a question about technology? Librarian Sam will answer your questions about library apps, eBooks and audiobooks, the CountyCat app and online catalog, and other digital library services! Email sam.molzahn@mcfls.org to get your questions answered.

Cricut Design Space Basics (Registration required)

Tuesday, Jan. 10, 6 p.m. Watch a demonstration of Cricut Design Space and then make a project with pre-cut Cricut vinyl decals. Once you have taken this class, you can utilize the Cricut available in our CreateSpace! Register online at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org or call 425-8214.



Great Decisions Series will be returning to FPL for another year of great speakers and fascinating discussions on various foreign policy topics. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from Feb. 1–March 22, 2023.** Sponsored by the Franklin Public Library Foundation with financial support from the Holz Family Foundation and Tom and Carole Donovan.

Exploring Exoplanets (No registration)

Thursday, Feb. 2, 6 p.m. Join Dr. Jean Creighton, UWM Planetarium Director, Astronomer, and NASA Airborne Astronomy Ambassador for a fascinating presentation on the James Webb Space Telescope and how it will enable scientists to view and search for new and exciting worlds beyond our solar system.

Cricut: Beyond the Basics (Registration begins Jan. 3–425-8214)

Saturday, Feb. 4, 1 p.m. Go beyond the basics of Cricut Design Studio and learn how to get more out of the Cricut craft machine. **Taking the Cricut Basics class or having a basic understanding of Cricut Design Studio is needed for this class.

Abstract Art Notecards (Registration begins Jan. 23–425-8214)

Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m. Make an abstract painting and cut it into notecards to send to friends or loves ones! Taught by local resident Beth Kirsling, a retired teacher who taught for 48 years.



2023 Calendar Raffle

The Franklin Public Library Foundation is holding a **cash calendar raffle** for the months of **January–March!** For just \$10, you will get two chances each week to win cash prizes ranging from \$10 to \$100! Pick yours up at the Library now. It makes a great stocking stuffer too!

Introducing Explore HQ!



What is Explore HQ? It's your headquarters for fun, learning, and creating at the Franklin Public Library! We are beginning a new collection of items you can check out to explore, create, and learn. This collection includes a tool library, including a Dremel, orbital sander, cordless drill, and drive socket set; crafting items like a Cricut Joy; and who doesn't want to check out a metal detector to possibly find treasure in their own backyard?! We also have new tools in our CreateSpace: a new PLA 3D printer, a Cricut Maker 3, Cricut Mug Press, and Cricut EasyPress. If interested in making a project on the 3D printer, email sam.molzahn@mcfls.org. If you would like information on using the Cricut and Cricut accessories, email keri.miller@mcfls.org.

We continue to add items to the collection and are looking for suggestions and donations from the community to help it grow. What things would you like to see go into our Explore HQ collection for the community to check out? Do you have any tools in great condition that you don't use and would like to donate to the tool library? Maybe you bought a pair of snowshoes, used them once, and now they are collecting dust. We want your input and help to make our Explore HQ Collection great! **For questions, or to donate, call Jennifer Loeffel or Keri Whitmore at 414-425-8214.**

Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

All programs below are free but require registration—call 414-425-8214.

Cookies & Canvas Painting Party: **Tuesday, Jan. 31, 4:30 p.m.** Bring your friends for an afternoon of painting and cookies! Paint an original work of art or use transfer paper to recreate a favorite masterpiece! Canvas, paint, brushes, and treats provided.

Valentine's Day Cupcake Decorating: **Saturday, Feb. 11, 2-3 p.m.** Get ready for Valentine's Day with a yummy treat and make one for your Valentine too! All supplies provided. A limited number of take-out kits will be available beginning Feb. 12 at the Information Desk for those who cannot attend the in-person program. One kit per teen while supplies last.



Teen Perler Bead Jewelry: **Tuesday, March 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Let your imagination run wild and create your own necklace, earrings, or keychain out of colorful perler beads! A limited number of take-out kits will be available beginning March 8 at the Information Desk for those who cannot attend the in-person program. One kit/teen while supplies last.

Teen Anime Afternoon: **Tuesday, March 28, 2-4 p.m.** Spend an afternoon during Spring break watching anime with other teens at the Library! Refreshments and special treats from the local Asian market will be provided.





Franklin Senior Travel Program

Join the Franklin Senior Travelers for a day of fun, entertainment, and the opportunity to make new friends. Franklin seniors choose and pay for their destination and the City of Franklin pays for the bus transportation. You can't go wrong!

CONTACT: Basil or Karen Ryan, 414-423-5481, or visit <https://franklinseniortravelers.com>

Thursday, April 13, 2023: Grumpy Old Men The Musical – Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson

This is the story of Max and John, neighbors who have been feuding for most of their lives. Invigorated by their shared affection for their beautiful new neighbor across the street, they face-off as romantic rivals until their hilarious shenanigans finally bring about a resolution to their long-standing differences. Based on the 1993 comedy film, starring Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon, this stage adaptation captures the lovable, crotchety characters through twinkling humor, great songs, and the affectionate depiction of a small town that feels like home to everyone.



Lunch includes chopped salad topped with the Fireside's pepper cream dressing and crisp tortilla ribbons, freshly baked breads, choice of entrée served with garlic parmesan Orzo and a corn and red pepper medley. Dessert is Oreo Delight, crushed Oreo cookies in homemade vanilla frozen custard with a layer of fudge in an Oreo crust. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea included. **Entrée choices include:**

PRETZEL CRUSTED STUFFED CHICKEN, skinless breast of chicken stuffed with Havarti cheese, dipped in egg, rolled in pretzel crumbs, sautéed to a golden brown and baked, served with a balsamic raspberry sauce.

GRILLED PORK RIBEYE, a boneless pork chop seasoned and grilled until perfectly tender and finished with a rich pork demi-glaze.

RAINBOW TROUT, seasoned with salt, pepper, and lemon butter and baked to perfection.

RSVP Deadline: March 10 / **Resident Fee:** \$77

Please visit <https://franklinseniortravelers.com> and download/print the flyer for the trip you want to take. Fill out the form and mail it with your check to the address listed on the flyer by the payment due date. If you do not have a computer, give us a call and we will mail you a flyer. If you are not a Franklin Senior Traveler, we welcome you. All you have to do is go on one of the trips and you become a Franklin Senior Traveler. There is no joining fee. The only requirements are you need to live in Franklin, be 55 years young, and enjoy having fun!

Franklin Seniors Walking Club

The Franklin Seniors Walking Club meets every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex, 6000 W. Ryan Road. Dues are \$9 which includes a T-shirt. You can walk rain or shine, and, best of all, you are exercising, meeting new friends, and getting out of the house! **Contact David and Judy Beine at 414-421-3490 for more details or visit <https://franklinseniortravelers.com>.**



Franklin Seniors Monthly Lunch

The Franklin Seniors, Inc. monthly membership luncheon takes place the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at Root River Center in Franklin. There is a nominal cost. **Reservations are required—please contact Marge Gebert at 414-425-5041 to reserve your spot.**

Franklin Senior Dining—Pickup or Delivery:

The Milwaukee County Department on Aging is committed to meeting the food needs of older adults. Pickup or delivery of meals is available to those 60 years and older at the Franklin City Hall Senior Dining location, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Diners are encouraged to contribute \$3 per meal. **Call 414-427-7696 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. to reserve lunch (24-hour notice needed).** For pickup of your meal, come in to the Community Room of Franklin City Hall between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. to receive your meal. *Dining gift certificates are available for purchase—4 for \$10—a 50-cent savings per meal.



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FRANKLIN, WI 53132

Milwaukee County Home Repair

The Milwaukee County Housing Division offers no-interest loans to income-qualified homeowners in the suburban communities of Milwaukee County, *excluding* the Village of River Hills and the Cities of Milwaukee and West Allis, through its Home Repair Program. Loans or grants are available through the program.



Owner-occupied homes are eligible if the homeowner(s) meet income guidelines and property requirements (see income guidelines in the chart below). These funds can be used to make emergency repairs, correct code violations, or improve the living quality of your home. Common items repaired include hot water heaters, furnaces, sewer laterals, roofs, siding, trim, windows, porches, foundations, plumbing, and electrical. Projects funded by Home Repair loans will be secured by a lien on the home.

Program staff will help you through the application process, work with you to create a scope of work, and screen contractors to make sure they are right for your project. Once a contractor is selected, program staff put together an agreement with the contractor and oversee the project while in progress. Upon completion, the County pays the contractor directly. The homeowner repays the County according to the terms of the loan.

The City of Franklin has been awarded grant funds specific to residents of Franklin. For residents who qualify, a portion of the project cost could be covered by the City's grant funds. Grant amounts may be up to half the project cost, generally targeted for up to \$5,000, and do not have to be paid back. **To apply or for questions, please contact Milwaukee County Home Repair at HomeRepair@milwaukeecountywi.gov.**

Income Guidelines

Household Size	2022 Gross Annual Income
1	\$52,850
2	\$60,400
3	\$67,950
4	\$75,500
5	\$81,550
6	\$87,600

****NOTE:** HUD publishes income limits annually. Income limits are subject to change.



2023 Garbage & Recycling Information

—PLEASE SAVE THIS NOTICE—

FRANKLIN RESIDENTIAL BRUSH DROP-OFF AND RECYCLING CENTER

LOCATED AT THE FRANKLIN PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY, 7979 W. Ryan Road - 425-2592

(For residential drop-off only. Proof of Franklin residency is required.)

Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding holidays.

Items Accepted: brush (up to 6" in diameter), used motor oil, used oil filters (uncrushed with oil drained from them), used antifreeze (2 gal. max per visit), car/truck batteries, clean glass bottles and jars, clean plastic containers with Codes 1-7, clean tin and aluminum cans, newspapers, flattened cardboard boxes.

Items NOT Accepted: garden debris, grass clippings, leaves, household trash, styrofoam, plastic bags, windows, mirrors, glass cookware, light bulbs, tires, construction debris, appliances, and electronics. See below for alternative disposal sites.

WASTE MANAGEMENT METRO LANDFILL, 12200 W. South County Line Road - 529-6180

(For residential drop-off only. Proof of Franklin residency is required.)

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Closed Tues. & Thurs.)

Items Accepted: lawn and garden waste (including leaves), brush, furniture, carpeting, household trash, construction debris, recyclables, and tires.

Items NOT Accepted: appliances (including microwaves), electronics, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, furnaces, and hazardous waste such as gas, antifreeze, oil and paint.

Directions: Take Loomis Road southwest to Hwy 45 (124th Street), turn left (south) on Hwy 45 to W. South County Line Road, turn left (east) and proceed to the entrance at 12200 W. South County Line Road. OR, you may take 76th Street south to W. South County Line Road and turn right (west) to the entrance at 12200 W. South County Line Road.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION, 6060 S. 13th Street - 414-225-2066

(Proof of Milwaukee County residency is required / www.mmsd.com/what-you-can-do/home-haz-mat-collection)

Hours: Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items Accepted: oil-based and latex paint, varnish, weed killer, button and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, fertilizer, pesticides, sealers, gasoline and other fuels, cleaning solvents, full aerosol cans, and mercury thermometers. ***See full list at www.MMSD.com, under "Home Hazmat Collection".**

BRUSH AND LEAF PICK-UPS

There will be brush and leaf pickups beginning **May 8, September 11, October 30, and November 13.** Brush and leaves must be curbside and next to the driveway at 7 a.m. on these designated Mondays. **Leaves and yard waste must be in paper compostable yard waste bags or 32-gallon or smaller containers that can be emptied into the collection truck. PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT ALLOWED AND WILL NOT BE PICKED UP, which includes no "compostable green" or biodegradable plastic bags.** Brush is limited to ONE pile no larger than 4' x 4' x 5' per household with branches less than 6" in diameter and a pile weight less than 50 lbs. Brush must be piled or bundled (bundled piles are preferred).

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP

Christmas tree pickup by the Franklin Department of Public Works for the next 2 years will be **7 a.m. on January 9, 2023 and January 8, 2024.** Trees should be placed at the end of the driveway no more than 24 hours before the scheduled pickup and should be free of decorations, lights, and tree stands. Trees should not be covered with snow or be placed in a bag. (Wreaths are to be disposed of with the regular garbage.)

SHARPS (NEEDLES, SYRINGES, LANCETS)

Wisconsin Law requires that sharps be properly discarded. The City of Franklin Health Department is a sharps collection site for residents only. Biohazard containers may be purchased from the Health Department. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 425-9101 for further information. **Sharps may not be placed in household trash.**

SPECIAL PICK-UP - To dispose of large amounts of carpet, large furniture, electronics, and refuse not considered "regular household garbage", **call Johns Disposal Service at 1-888-473-4701 or 262-473-4700 to arrange a special pickup and for pricing** (prepay by credit card only).

AUTOMATED GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICK-UP



Garbage (brown cart) and recycling (green cart) are picked up weekly, both on your scheduled garbage collection day. **Cart Placement:** The arrows on the lid of the carts must point to the street. Handles and wheels should face away from the street. The garbage cart should be placed within 2 feet of the street on one side of the driveway and the recycle cart should be placed within 2 feet of the street on the other side of the driveway. Please keep 6 feet of clearance between the carts and other objects, especially mailboxes and vehicles. **Carts should not be placed in the street.**

Items to be placed in Green Recycling Cart:

aluminum cans, clean aluminum foil, tin/steel/aerosol cans, empty/dried paint cans, glass bottles/jars, #1-7 plastic, milk/soup/juice cartons, newspaper, magazines, books, mail, school/office paper, brown corrugated cardboard, cereal/shoe boxes, paper bags, shredded paper secured in a clear plastic bag. No other recycling should be placed in bags.

Items NOT to be placed in Green Cart:

styrofoam, yard waste, trash, household hazardous waste, construction materials, electronics, clothing

Items to be placed in Brown Garbage Cart:

plastic wrap, plastic bags, broken toys, ceramics, light bulbs, bagged garbage, food waste, styrofoam, other loose trash—please put bagged trash in the brown cart. Bags that are tied keep the carts clean.

Items NOT to be placed in Brown Cart:

yard waste, recyclables, household hazardous waste, cardboard boxes, construction materials, electronics, medical waste/sharps

Holiday Delays: As is current practice, when a holiday falls on a weekday, pickup of garbage and recycling will be delayed by 1 day for the remainder of that week. The schedule of holidays where garbage and recycling will not be picked up and be delayed by 1 day for the remainder of that week is as follows:

May 29th July 4th September 4th November 23rd December 25th

Garbage & Recycling Questions: Call Johns Disposal Services at 1-888-473-4701 or 262-473-4700.

APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Appliance DROP-OFF:

Refrigerant Depot, LLC—5311 S. 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53221, 414-627-1152, M-W-F, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m./T-TH, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. FREE Drop-Off: will recycle unwanted working/non-working item(s) dropped off at facility. **No appointment necessary and no residency restrictions or ID required for drop off. Visit www.appliancerecycling.net for a list of items accepted/not accepted.**

Electronics DROP-OFF:

Refrigerant Depot, LLC—5311 S. 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53221, 414-627-1152, M-W-F, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m./T-TH, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. TV's and computer monitors recycled for a fee; other electronics are recycled for free. **No appointment necessary and no residency restrictions or ID required for free drop off. Visit www.appliancerecycling.net for a list of items accepted/not accepted.**

Legacy Recycling—9825 Durand Avenue, Building 7A, Sturtevant, WI 53177, 262-930-4228, M-F, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residential drop off only. TV's and computer monitors are recycled for a fee; other electronics are recycled for free. **Please call or visit www.legacy-recycling.com for additional information.**

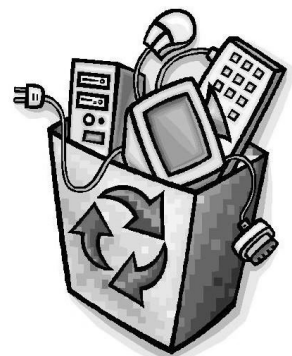
Best Buy—4610 S. 76th Street, Greenfield, WI 53220, 414-281-3434. Please contact for store hours and items accepted/not accepted. TV's and computer monitors are limited in quantity and size and are recycled for a fee. Other electronics are recycled for free.

Milwaukee PC—4160 S. 108th Street, Greenfield, WI 53228, 414-427-6965. Please contact for store hours and items accepted/not accepted. No TV's are accepted. Fees for some items (monitors, printers, shredders, etc.); other electronics recycled for free.

PICK-UP of Appliances and Electronics (for a fee):

John's Disposal: 262-473-4700 (appliances and electronics)

Refrigerant Recovery: 414-643-7740 (appliances only)





FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENING DOORS

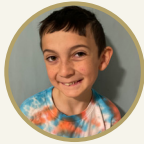
DECEMBER 2022

WHAT I AM PROUD to have learned this year...



"I am proud of learning new sight words to expand my vocabulary."

JURNEE, Pleasant View 1st Gr.



"Reading about the old non-fiction characters like Helen Keller, Amelia Earhart, and King Tut because they're real people and the events really happened!"

LOGAN, Robinwood 4th Gr.



"I am proud to learn about cultures in social studies because I learned more about my culture and other cultures as well."

ALYSSIA, Forest Park MS 6th Gr.



"I am proud of learning leadership skills this year. I have helped others grow and am learning to combine

other's ideas with mine to be successful in groups."

GWEN, Forest Park MS 7th Gr.



"I am proud to learn how to create a website and how to keep an accounting journal."

DEREK, FHS Senior

Better Place to Learn, Better Place to Work, and Part of a Better Community

ANNALEE BENNIN, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

These words hold the mission and vision of Franklin Public Schools and when paired with our core values, **Equity, Well-Being, Personal Growth, Innovation, and Stewardship**, it begins to tell our story. While these are precisely chosen words, they come alive when seen in action in our schools and community. Throughout this issue, we open our school doors to the stories that demonstrate our mission, vision and core values in action. Please enjoy learning more about them in the following ways:



Personal Growth & Equity

Learners share how they have found personal growth in their learning which demonstrates how our educators incorporate high-quality instruction and provide equitable access to learning opportunities.



Well-Being & Innovation

Administration and the school board established a Key Communicators group which allows stakeholders to develop relationships and provide feedback in a welcoming environment.



Fiscal Stewardship

Franklin Public Schools prides itself in being great fiscal stewards of taxpayer dollars, which allows the District to be a better place for our students to learn and a better place for our staff to work.



Innovation

The innovation of our educators and local business partners continues to improve our students' experiences and opportunities. We celebrate our continued partnership with our community.

We are here because of you and for you. Thank you for your continued support and making Franklin Public Schools Part of a Better Community.

Fiscal Responsibility to the Community

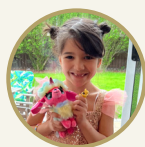
ANDY CHROMY, ASST. SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS & OPERATIONS

Franklin Public Schools continues to be excellent stewards of the community's investment in our schools. At the end of October, the Franklin Public Schools budget for 2022-23 was presented to the Board of Education. Part of the approved budget revolved around defeasing \$3.81 million of our long-term referendum debt. A defeasance is a prepayment of debt, similar to paying extra on your mortgage.



Even with the addition of this debt defeasance, we are proud to state that the mill rate for FPS will drop and property taxes will decrease by \$59 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

WHAT I AM PROUD to have learned this year...



"I am proud of learning math, writing, science and reading. I mainly like to learn about math and science. I also like gym, music and art!"

HAYA, Country Dale 2nd Gr.



"Something I am proud of learning so far this year is about the different illnesses in science. I think about that when I think I feel symptoms like we talked about in class."

KATELYN, Southwood Glen 5th Gr.



FHS Band Winter Concert

► Tuesday, December 13 | 7-9 pm

FHS Winter Choir Concert

► Thursday, December 15 | 7-9 pm

FPMS Winter Orchestra Concert

► Wed, December 21 | 7-9 pm



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For more details on Saber Center events, visit tinyurl.com/scpatix

District Develops Key Communicators Group

MIKE SPRAGG, PRESIDENT, FRANKLIN BOARD OF EDUCATION



At Franklin Public Schools, we often say "We are a better place to live and work, and part of a better community." We believe that great communities are built through engaged partnerships between students, their families, and educators. To that end, we developed a Key Communicators Group made up of approximately 50 parents, business leaders, students, community and religious leaders, teachers, school administrators, and school board members. Through our sessions together, the administration and Board can collaborate with stakeholders and create learning and dialogue around the work of FPS. We hope that all parties will both learn from and be informed by these conversations, ultimately sharing their newfound knowledge with a broader constituency.

This October, the Key Communicators Group met for the first time and discussed employee, student, and family engagement, fiscal stewardship, student achievement and growth, and closing gaps. The conversations were lively, rich, and engaging with plenty of ideas on both what the District does well and what can be done better. These meetings will be a further tool to continue to make Franklin Public Schools some of the best schools in Wisconsin.

Community Partnerships Help Students Flourish

ANDREW THOMPSON, COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR



As we approach the middle of the 2022-23 school year, Franklin Public Schools continues to see growth when it comes to experiential learning opportunities for our students. From where we started over 5 years ago, hundreds of students have been out in the community gaining valuable employability skills.

Each year, more students are being placed and finding success in our community, through opportunities such as Youth Apprenticeships or Community Internships. Our students continue to impress us, whether it be a Certified Nursing Assistant student working in healthcare and supporting the needs of patients - or a student working in a warehouse learning and contributing to the supply chain.

This great work and continued growth can only be attributed to the willingness of our community to take it upon themselves to be excellent stewards of our experiential learning programs. We truly appreciate our community partners and all of their hard work and dedication as they contribute to Franklin Public Schools being a better place to learn, while themselves playing a role in being part of a better community.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

Since the 2015-16 school year, FPS has significantly increased its experiential learning opportunities for students. In 2021-22, students participated in the following:



32

Students in Youth Apprenticeships



99

Students in Community Internships



139

FHS Student Internships



75

Student Formal Job Shadows



32

Students in Certified Nursing Assistant Program