



## 2024 Election Information



### Election Dates:

Spring Primary (if needed): **February 20, 2024**  
Spring Election: **April 2, 2024**  
Fall Primary: **August 13, 2024**  
General Election: **November 5, 2024**

### Municipal Elected Office:

At the April 2, 2024, Spring Election, the office for Municipal Judge (4-year term) will be on the ballot. The annual salary for the Office of Municipal Judge is \$21,000. Nomination papers for this office 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 2, 2024. **If interested in obtaining the documents required for this office, or would like additional information on the Election process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 414-425-7500.**

## 2024 Park Reservations



**2024 Park Permit applications for Franklin groups or residents for reserving any of the pavilions/areas listed below, will be accepted at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, beginning Wednesday, January 3, 2024.** 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 8:30 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 staff calls your number. 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.

- **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.**

**New! Burn Permits can now be obtained online. Visit the City Clerk or Fire Department web pages at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov) for link and instructions.**



## 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 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**

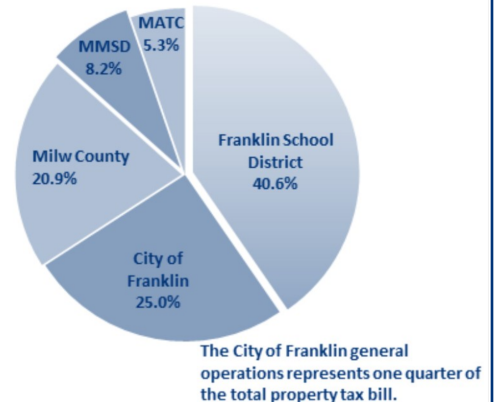
- To maintain safety on City streets and sidewalks, the City of Franklin, through its Municipal Code, **prohibits any person from throwing, blowing, placing, or piling any snow or ice on any public street, public place, or public property. This also pertains to depositing plowed snow in roadside ditches 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 Adopted 2024 Budget and the 2023 Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed during the week of December 11, 2023. These property tax bills reflect the total property taxes collected from all applicable taxing jurisdictions, including the City of Franklin, the local school district, MATC, MMSD, and Milwaukee County. Under the law, the City is required to collect property taxes from 7 different taxing authorities. As the pie chart illustrates to the right, the City of Franklin is directly responsible for approximately one-quarter of the total property tax charges.

The City of Franklin portion of this year's tax bill funds local municipal services provided by the City in 2024. That bill includes a 1.1 percent overall average resident City tax increase. The growth in the tax levy from the prior year is \$521,100, and the percent of the levy attributed to new development in the City in 2023 is approximately 1.76 percent. The increase for all property values in 2023 is about 13.01 percent; however, residential properties increased by roughly 11.37 percent, increasing the portion of the levy funded by residential property taxes. The change in individual tax bills is based on the assessed value multiplied by the established tax rate. The approved budget continues to focus on maintaining City services, protecting City assets, and using resources responsibly to serve the City of Franklin prudently.

Approximate Breakdown of Tax Dollars by Each Taxing Jurisdiction



**New development and changes in individual property values offset the increased levy such that the City's municipal tax rate will decrease from approximately \$4.38 to \$4.05 per \$1,000 of assessed value.** The taxing decisions of the other taxing jurisdictions and variations in assessment impacts between property types and locations will ultimately determine how an individual property's tax bill will change. Overall, including the State School Levy Credit, which the State uses to reduce the effective school districts' property tax levy, the approximate combined property tax rates will decrease from \$17.62 to \$16.18 in the Franklin School District, from \$17.40 to \$16.26 in the Oak Creek/Franklin School District, and from \$17.52 to \$15.46 in the Whitnall School District. For additional information, please go to [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov). **Please also see the related "Property Tax Bill FAQs" and "Property Tax Bill Payments" articles below for more details.**

### Property Tax Bill FAQs

For additional questions, please call 414-425-4770.

#### How are my taxes calculated?

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

#### Where can I find the 2023 tax rates?

Tax rates are shown on the insert included in your 2023 Property Tax Bill. This insert shows the tax rates for all properties by school district and a breakdown by taxing entity.

#### What are the credits on my tax bill?

The State provides a **Lottery and Gaming Credit** for qualifying property owners for their primary residence only. If the credit was on your 2022 tax bill or you filed the 2023 Lottery Credit form, the credit will be on your 2023 tax bill. If the credit is not on your tax bill and you are eligible, it can be deducted from your 2023 tax bill until January 31, 2024. 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 bills outstanding at that time. All additional charges are due by January 31, 2024, 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 August–November, the City may not have received the transfer details from Milwaukee County. Those tax bills will be sent to the seller. You may print a bill at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov), request the bill from the seller, or contact the Treasury Office at 414-425-4770 to obtain the property tax information.

### Property Tax Bill Payments

Property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed during the week of December 11, 2023. Payment is due January 31, 2024, and may be paid in the following ways:

- **Online:** Pay 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](http://www.franklinwi.gov). To pay your taxes online, please refer to the instructions included in your tax bill. There is a nominal fee for paying your taxes online, and payment options will be via a credit/debit card, personal Visa debit, or electronic check from your bank. **Processing online payments takes one business day, so 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 received—see [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov), click the "Property Taxes" icon and then "Property Tax Web Portal/Pay Your Taxes Online".
- **Delivery to Drop Box:** A drop box is located right outside of the main entrance to City Hall and is available 24/7. This is a good alternative to standing in line to pay your taxes or submitting payment when the Treasury Office is closed. Please include the payment coupon attached to your tax bill with the payment.
- **In Person:** In-person payments may be made at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road. Wait times vary, with the longest wait times occurring near December 31. Your payment coupon will facilitate the payment process and a receipt will be provided. Checks and money orders are encouraged for safety and speed of processing.

**Daily payment hours are Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For tax payment purposes, payment hours will be extended on the following dates: Monday–Friday, Dec. 11–15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday–Friday, Dec. 18–22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday–Friday, Dec. 27–29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Treasury Office will be CLOSED December 23–26 and December 30–January 2.**



## Please WELCOME the Following Businesses to the City of Franklin!

**Allied Pools, 11311 W. Forest Home Ave., #8**  
(Pool Services)

**AM Finger Insurance & Financial Services Agency, LLC,**  
**7761 W. Ryan Road, #208**  
(Financial Services)

**Bouvette & Young, LLP, 11610 W. Rawson Ave., #100**  
(Attorney's Office)

**Ehlers Pest Management, LLC, 7761 W. Ryan Rd., #207**  
(Pest Management Company)

**HSA Commercial, 3303 W. Oakwood Road**  
(Industrial Speculative Building)



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## 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 (visit [www.franklinwi.gov](http://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](http://www.madacc.org). Payments made via MADACC's website can be made by check or by credit card.

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## Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

### PICKING THE TREE

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

### PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least 3' away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

### LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

**GET RID OF THE TREE** after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.





# Thank You



For donating towards helping the Franklin Fire Department give back to the Franklin Community through fire education, prevention, and training materials. These donations helped educate children in fire safety programs at schools and other community members of all ages in CPR, AED, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, and Extinguisher training.

- FISCO AUTO BODY
- STATE FARM - JAMES TIMOTHY BILD
- BAKER POOL FITNESS & SPA
- FRANKLIN LIONESS
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- KRONES
- STATE FARM - VICKI KIPFMUELLER
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## Holiday Safety Tips



### Child Supervision Goes A Long Way

- Never leave children unattended by water and ice.
- Keep holiday plants (poinsettias) out of reach of small children - 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.



### Remember Your Loved Ones During the Holidays

- Check on your loved ones more frequently, making sure they have a File of Life. Get one at the Franklin Fire Department Headquarters, 8901 W Drexel Ave.
- Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. They have a 10-year life span.
- Save a Life this Holiday Season, learn Bystander CPR with your family and friends; join a FREE class with the Franklin Fire Department, more info at: <https://www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Fire/Public-Education.htm>



### Fire Safety

- Never leave fire, heat, or stove unattended.
- Adopt A Hydrant: Shovel 3 ft. around and a 3 ft. path to the roadway for firefighter access.
- Turn off holiday lights when you sleep and leave home.
- Choose battery-operated candles - great gift idea too!



# The Library Story

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

## Hours:

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.  
(Call for curbside pick-up times.)



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## 2024 Winter 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 of either \$20 or \$50! Pick yours up at the Library now. It makes a great stocking stuffer too!

## Winter Reading Program—All Ages

*January 8, 2024–February 23, 2024*

Kids, teens, and adults can read and complete activities for a chance to win prizes in the 2024 Winter Reading Program! Visit the Library's website for more information. Online registration begins January 8th at <https://franklinpubliclibrary.beanstack.org>. The last day to log reading and enter the prize drawing is February 23rd.



## Adult Programs (18+)

**DIY Crafternoons** (Registration required and begins 1 month prior)  
2nd Wednesday each month, 12:30 p.m. Register online or call 414-425-8214 one month prior. **Jan. 10: Beaded Bracelets / Feb. 14: Watercolor Winter Forest Painting / March 13: Charcoal Drawing.**

**Tech Classes** (Register online or call 414-425-8214)

- Jan. 23, 1 p.m.—Learn the Library Apps
- Feb. 27, 1 p.m.—Family Memory Digitization
- March 26, 1 p.m.—Intro to Virtual Reality

**Buying Your First Home** (No registration required)

**Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.** This free program will provide a comprehensive overview of home financing and the real estate process.

**Getting Your Home Ready for Sale** (No registration required)

**Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.** This free program will provide valuable tips and tricks to help you maximize your home's value.

**Library Lunch Ladies—Touchdown Tailgating** (Registration required)

**Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m.** Get ready for the big game with these yummy recipes! \$5 supply fee—register/pay at the Library beginning Jan. 8.

**2024 Great Decisions Series** (No registration required)

**Wednesdays, Feb. 7–March 27, 6:30 p.m.** America's largest discussion program on world affairs. More details will be available on the Library website come January 2024. Sponsored by Franklin Public Library Foundation, Holz Family Foundation, and Tom and Carole Donovan.



## Children/Family Programs

*Attend the programs appropriate for your child's age. For more information, or to register for programs, visit [franklinpubliclibrary.org](http://franklinpubliclibrary.org).*



**MakerSquare (Grades K5-5)** (Pick-up on date listed)

Pick-up a craft or activity at the Children's Desk to make at home. One per child. While supplies last. **Dec. 15: Glow Planets.**

**Holiday Chopped Challenge (Gr. K5-5)** (See website to register)

**Dec. 21, 6 p.m.** Compete in a holiday inspired "chopped" challenge! Kids must use all mystery ingredients to create a tasty snack!

**Yoga** (See website to register) Enjoy yoga at the Library during winter break! All classes are parent/child and 30 minutes long.

-Dec. 27, 9:30 a.m.—Tiny Yoga (Ages 2 & Under)

-Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m.—Yoga Storytime (Ages 3-5)

-Dec. 28, 1 p.m.—Little Kid Yoga (Grades K5-2)

-Dec. 28, 2 p.m.—Big Kid Yoga (Grades 3-5)



**Games with a Cop (Gr. K4-12)** (Drop-In—No registration required)

**Jan. 15, 1-3:30 p.m.** School is out and we are calling all school-aged kids to come join our Franklin Police Officers for an afternoon of board games and fun! Roger that? 10-4. Over and out!

**Tinker Time (Ages 7 and Up)** (No registration required)

**Every other Monday, 6-7:30 p.m.** Come enjoy themed nights in our CreateSpace! Play with our STEAM toys, learn a new skill, or create a new masterpiece. Tinkering is fun for everyone!

**Jan. 8: Lego Challenge / Jan. 22: Make Your Own Comic Book**

**Feb. 5: Valentine Sweets / Feb. 19: Robot Wars**

**March 4: Learn to Code** (limited laptops; please bring your own if can)

**March 18: Craftspolison!**

## Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

**Registration required for in-person programs—register online at [www.franklinpubliclibrary.org](http://www.franklinpubliclibrary.org) or call 414-425-8214.**



**Holiday Cupcake Decorating:** Dec. 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Decorate and eat delicious and sparkly holiday cupcakes! All supplies provided.

**Nerf Wars Lock-In:** Jan. 19, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join Milwaukee Area Nerf Outings for an indoor Nerf War—after the Library closes! Loaner nerf blasters/eye protection available or bring your own stock performance blaster (100 ft/s or lower) and eye protection. Ammo and pizza provided!

**Swiftie Friendship Bracelets Take-Out Kit:** Feb. 5. Celebrate "Galentine's Day" by making your own beaded Swiftie friendship bracelets. Limited number of kits/one kit per teen. Kits available for pick-up at the Info Desk beginning Feb. 5.

**Valentine's Day Cupcake Decorating:** Feb. 13, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Get ready for Valentine's Day with a yummy treat and make one for your Valentine, too! All supplies provided.

**Candy Sushi:** March 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Use colorful candy to create your own delicious candy sushi rolls! All supplies provided.

**Anime Afternoon:** March 26, 2:30-4 p.m. Watch anime and enjoy refreshments and special treats from the Asian Market!







## **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 at 414-423-5481 with questions. To sign up for a trip, visit <https://franklinsiortravelers.com> and download/print the flyer for the trip you want to take. Fill out the form and mail it with a 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. There is no joining fee—the only requirements are you need to live in Franklin, be 55 years young, and enjoy having fun!**

**Thursday, January 11, 2024: Jersey Boys — Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson**

**\*\* RSVP Deadline: December 10 / Resident Fee: \$83 \*\***

With phenomenal music, memorable characters, and great storytelling, **JERSEY BOYS** follows the fascinating evolution of four blue-collar kids who became one of the greatest successes in pop-music history. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, **JERSEY BOYS** takes you behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons to discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. Enjoy electrifying performances of chart-topping hits including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," and "My Eyes Adored You," which took The Four Seasons to the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. **Contains explicit adult language (a lot of naughty words).**

**Lunch entrée choices:** 1) **Creole Chicken:** skinless breast of chicken stuffed with Andouille sausage, onions, celery, bell peppers, and a blend of cheeses; rubbed with Creole seasoning, seared to perfection, and served with a smoked paprika tomato sauce; 2) **Seared Pork Ribeye:** boneless pork chop seasoned and seared until perfectly tender and finished with a rich pork demi-glaze; or 3) **Fresh Salmon:** steamed fillet of Atlantic salmon served with lemon and béarnaise sauce. **Lunch includes** freshly baked breads, creamy potato soup, Charleston rice with Jones sausage and creamed sweet corn, and New York cheesecake topped with strawberry sauce and fresh whipped cream for dessert. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea also included.

**Thursday, March 7, 2024: Fiddler on the Roof — Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson**

**\*\* RSVP Deadline: February 5 / Resident Fee: \$83 \*\***

Millions of people every year fall in love with Teyve, the long-suffering dairyman who struggles to find a balance between his traditions and his family. This brand-new revival is one of the most popular shows in history. The show's universal theme touches everyone, leaving audiences crying tears of both joy and sadness. Performance includes such iconic songs as "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Matchmaker, Matchmaker." **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** is the perfect mix of audience-pleasing humor and heart.

**Lunch entrée choices:** 1) **Chicken Cordon Bleu:** skinless breast of chicken dipped in buttermilk and egg, stuffed with herbed cream cheese with Dijon mustard, Jones cherrywood smoked Canadian bacon, and Jarlsberg Swiss cheese, rolled in breadcrumbs and sautéed to a golden brown; 2) **Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin:** chef carved medallions of roast beef tenderloin served with a red wine sauce; or 3) **Baked Almond Crusted Cod:** two tender Atlantic cod fillets coated with Dijon mustard and crusted with toasted almonds, Japanese breadcrumbs, and fresh herbs, baked to crunchy perfection and served with tarragon sauce. **Lunch includes** freshly baked breads, tomato bisque soup, cauliflower mashed potatoes and roasted Brussel sprouts, and Oreo Delight—crushed Oreo cookies in homemade vanilla frozen custard with a layer of fudge in an Oreo crust—for dessert. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea also included.

## **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://franklinsiortravelers.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:**

Nutritious, balanced, hot lunches are served Monday–Friday to those 60 years and older in the Community Room of Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, through Milwaukee County Department on Aging and Milwaukee Christian Center. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., meals served at 11 a.m., and doors close promptly at 12 Noon. **Diners are encouraged to contribute \$3 per meal. Call 414-427-7696 between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to reserve lunch (24-hour notice needed). View monthly menus at [www.franklinwi.gov/Services/Senior-Dining.htm](http://www.franklinwi.gov/Services/Senior-Dining.htm). Gift certificates are available for purchase—4 for \$10, a 50-cent savings per meal!**





## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER FRANKLIN, WI 53132

### 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. About 80 guests gathered at the Polish Center of Wisconsin on November 16th to network, applaud the finalists of the Excellence in Business awards, and listen to keynote speaker Steve Douglas, Senior Vice President of Saputo USA.



L-R: Mayor John Nelson, Brian Strandt, Ian Martin, and Emily Cialdini with Land by Label, winner of the Excellence in Business Innovation award.

Mr. Douglas, who has worked for Saputo for over 30 years, spoke about Saputo's Franklin facility, its operations, status, and gave an overview of the Saputo corporation that began in 1954 and is now a global company and the largest dairy processor in Wisconsin! The Franklin site will be operational in 2024, where it will prepare, package, and distribute a variety of cheeses produced at a number of Wisconsin plants and brands.

Mayor John Nelson and EDC Chairman Steve Bobowski also spoke noting 2023 economic development accomplishments and provided a glimpse into 2024.

Winners and finalists for the Excellence in Business awards were all honored for their accomplishments. **Vesta Inc./Lubrizol Corporation was awarded the Excellence in Large Business award**, with Forever Companies, Saputo USA, and Carma Labs receiving nominations. **Sweet Basil Restaurant received the Excellence in Small Business Award**, with Castleman & Sons Plumbing, JV Lawn Care, Mimosa, Ace Hardware, ROC Ventures, and GAIA Micro Spa receiving nominations. **The Excellence in Business Innovation award went to Land By Label**, with Innovative Pain Care and S&C Electric receiving nominations. **Rich Simonson of Carma Labs was presented the Excellence in Business Leadership award**, with Jim Pekar of Land by Label, David Myers of S&C Electric, Mike Zimmerman of ROC Ventures, and Gary LaCourt of Forever Companies receiving nominations.

### 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 meets 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 414-278-4917, by email at [HomeRepair@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:HomeRepair@milwaukeecountywi.gov), or learn more at <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/Housing>.**

Household Size	2023 Gross Annual Income (2024 limits will be set mid-year of 2024)
1	\$55,950
2	\$63,950
3	\$71,950
4	\$79,900
5	\$86,300
6	\$92,700
7	\$99,100

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



## **2024 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 - 414-425-2592**

**(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 - 414-529-6180**

**(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](http://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](http://www.MMSD.com), under "Home Hazmat Collection".**

### **BRUSH AND LEAF PICK-UPS**

There will be brush and leaf pickups beginning **May 6, September 9, October 28, and November 11.** Brush and leaves must be curbside and next to the driveway at 7 a.m. on these designated Mondays. **Leaves 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 8, 2024 and January 13, 2025.** 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 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 414-425-9101 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:

**January 1st    May 27th    July 4th    September 2nd    November 28th    December 25th**

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

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## **APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING**

### **APPLIANCE DROP-OFF:**

**Refrigerant Depot, LLC**—5311 S. 9th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53221, 414-627-1152, M–F, 8 a.m. to 4 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](http://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–F, 8 a.m. to 4 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](http://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](http://www.legacy-recycling.com) for additional information.**

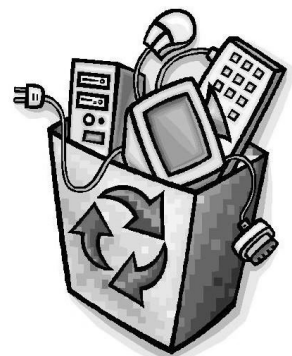
**Best Buy**—4610 S. 76th Street, Greenfield, WI 53220, 414-281-3434. Please contact for store hours and items accepted/not accepted. TV's and computer monitors are limited in quantity and size and are recycled for a fee. Other electronics are recycled for free.

**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 2023

## How does your partnership with FPS benefit our community?



"I have the privilege of seeing students daily while keeping them safe. This helps strengthen the relationships between police and schools, while allowing students to have positive experiences with a police officer."

**AMY HEMPE**, School Resource Officer, Franklin Police Department



"A strong partnership between the City of Franklin and Franklin Public Schools creates a mutually supportive environment that enhances the quality of life for residents, provides excellent educational opportunities, and contributes to the overall well-being and prosperity of the community."

**JOHN NELSON**, Mayor, City of Franklin



"Partnering with FPS has been essential in sharing important health messaging in our community. We are able to build health networks and collaborate to provide support, accessible health opportunities to Franklin community members—from youth and parents, to grandparents and beyond."

**ELLEN HENRY**, Public Health Specialist, Franklin Health Department



"Our partnership with FPS helps make our community like a dependable family; encouraging each other with time and presence, and offering emotional, practical, and tangible support."

**BILL LIMMER**, Pastor, Victory of the Lamb Church

## Franklin Forward: Continuous Improvement

### ANNALEE BENNIN, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Franklin Public Schools (FPS) celebrates and lives up to being a *Better Place to Learn, Better Place to Work* and *Part of a Better Community*. This section of the *Opening Doors* tells the story of the actions we are taking today to ensure we continue to live up to our vision for decades to come. We believe leadership comes from everyone in our system and community, and we align opportunities to collaborate around our work, feedback cycles to improve and action steps to create our desired state in Franklin.



**Annalee Bennin**  
District Administrator

### BETTER PLACE TO LEARN



Three times a year we survey all learners in FPS to ensure they are engaged in their learning, connected with their educators and feel safe at school. In our October survey, 94% of our students responded favorably to the statement, "My teachers help me think about my learning so that I can improve." This has improved from 85% last Spring.

- ▶ **As a district that strives to continuously improve, it is confirming to hear from our students that they feel their educators help them continually grow in their learning.**

### BETTER PLACE TO WORK



Shared leadership is vital to our organization and in FPS this means that we include a variety of stakeholders in our Coherence Planning, School Improvement Planning for Continuous Improvement, and task force work that addresses areas of interest for our staff and community. New for the 2023-2024 school year is the inclusion of a variety of staff from each school on our School Improvement Teams to collaborate around action steps for improvement in each school.

- ▶ **We held our first annual two-day Leadership Retreat in early August with approximately 100 staff members to launch our planning for the school year.**

### PART OF A BETTER COMMUNITY



As a few strategies for how we engage our internal stakeholders were shared above, it is also vital for FPS to engage our community members. On the backside of this issue, you will learn more about how we are paying down debt to better position FPS financially for the future. You will also hear more about the work the FPS School Board is doing as part of *Franklin Forward* to learn about the maintenance needed for our facilities and planning for the future.

- ▶ **The FPS School Board has been engaging in learning sessions about the maintenance and needs of our facilities as part of our *Franklin Forward* long-range facility planning.**

Thank you for staying engaged with the work we do in Franklin Public Schools and for being connected to part of a better community.

## How does your partnership with FPS benefit our community?



"We work together toward common goals for student, staff, and community member safety through the practices of fire prevention, safety drills, CPR and Stop

The Bleed training. Our partnership with FPS is extraordinary and truly invaluable to the community as a whole."

**SHANNON ANTHOINE**, Assistant Chief - EMS, Franklin Fire Department



"We love partnering with FPS! Our Board and volunteers love being able to provide great community events to raise

funding for scholarships, classroom grants, and opportunities to enhance students' experiences to help them "maximize their potential."

**VICKY CORDANI**, Executive Director, Franklin Educational Foundation



"Strong schools make our city a better place to live! Southbrook Church partners with our local schools by providing

teacher lunches, cleaning the buildings, and assisting in times of crisis. By working together, our schools, our students, and our city benefits in amazing ways!"

**JONATHAN MISIRIAN**, Pastor, Southbrook Church

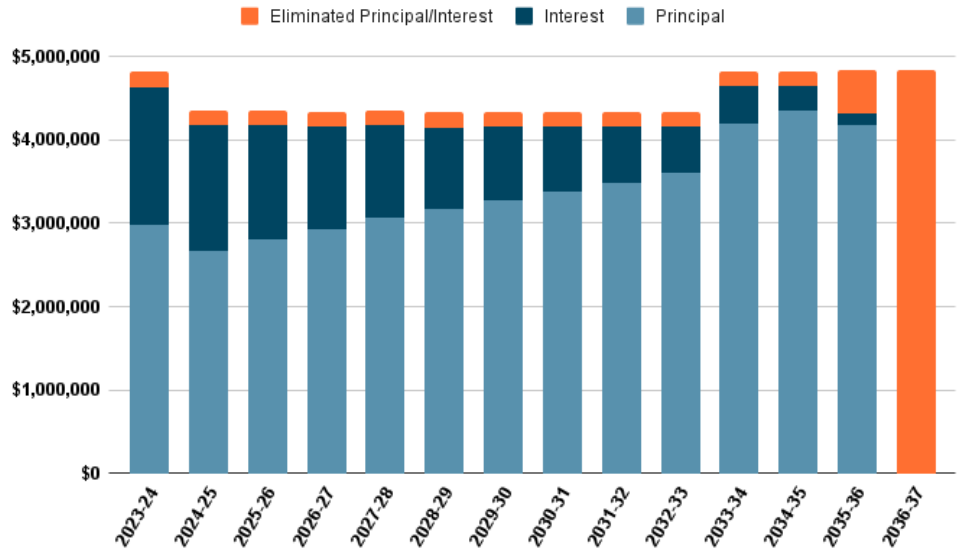


Visit us at [tinyurl.com/scpatix](https://tinyurl.com/scpatix) for winter event and ticket information.

## FPS Financial Update

**ANDY CHROMY**, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations

In 2022-23, the district levied an additional \$3.8 million and used these funds, along with another \$1.2 million, to prepay debt. This prepaying debt saved us over \$2.4 million in interest payments over the life of the loan. In addition, it allowed the district to remove the final year of payment on the debt related to the Saber Center addition at FHS. For 2023-24, the district is again proposing additional levy to apply to debt prepayments for the purpose of saving long term interest payments.



## FPS School Board Focus

**MIKE SPRAGG**, FPS SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

The FPS School Board has been actively engaged in learning sessions about *Franklin Forward* during School Board meetings since August 2023 and continuing through the Summer of 2024. District leadership, led by FPS District Administrator Annalee Bennin, and our community partners have been sharing with the Board about the conditions of our schools and planned growth potential

for our school district. In early September, the FPS School Board actively engaged in touring our facilities to see first hand the type of work this may entail. For more information about the Franklin Forward process, including links to past presentations given to the Board, please head to [www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklinforward](http://www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklinforward)



In addition, we also recently held our first Key Communicators meeting where we met with approximately 60 internal and external members of the community around the continued work, and upcoming refresh, of our 3-year Coherence Plan. This strategic vision for the district will also align to the work we are completing to build our Profile of a Graduate and the aforementioned Franklin Forward.

► **By bringing all these pieces together around a coherent vision, we can continue to offer our students a better place to learn.**