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From the Mayor's Office



Dear Franklin Residents: In our last newsletter we published a survey asking for comments about this newsletter and how it's delivered. We received a great number of replies and suggestions—and we are evaluating all the responses. An often mentioned request was for more information on new developments, road construction, and City services. Thank you to all who responded!

You may have heard that we are receiving proposals for new single-family residential subdivisions in the southwest corner of the City. We have concepts for almost 400 new home sites in several locations. There is a lot of work and approvals that need to happen; but, what's important, is that there continues to be unprecedented demand for housing here in Franklin.

Non-residential development is booming! Our new Corporate Park on 27th Street and Oakwood Road will be home to almost 1.5 million square feet of new industrial development with the announcement by Saputo Cheese of a new office and cutting and packaging operation that will bring approximately 700 jobs, Wangard Development building two spec industrial buildings, and HSA Development proposing another large building on Oakwood Road. These three developments continue a trend toward large out-of-state developers coming to Franklin to work with us. Along with these buildings, we will be building a new north/south street in the business park named Hickory Street. Details are available from the Economic Development Office.

We are pleased to announce that the 2022 Franklin Independence Day Celebration will be 4 days—taking place July 1, 2, 3, and 4, 2022. We are also diligently working on bringing another exciting event to Franklin for June/July of 2022—watch the spring newsletter for full details on both events!

There is an article in this newsletter about the 2022 budget. As a City, we are fortunate to be attracting new development and the increased property taxes paid by that new development is allowing us to add vital services. We were able to add two firefighter/paramedics and a laborer in the Department of Public Works (DPW). The small increase in City spending is less than the new property tax payments from the new development.

The Common Council, Commissions, and staff are working hard on plans for expanding our soon to be network of pedestrian and bike trails throughout the community. It's our goal to design these facilities to provide maximum accessibility and connectivity while minimizing impact on surrounding properties and environmental features. Information on these trails is available from the Engineering and Planning Departments.

One last item. Like practically all municipalities, we are short staffed in the DPW so our snow removal operations may not be as efficient as we'd like. We have new operators and a couple of vacancies, so please be patient. If you know of someone looking for a great job in public works, we have openings.

On behalf of all City employees and elected officials, I wish you a joyous, healthy, and peaceful holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mayor Steve Olson

Holiday Hours

City Hall will be CLOSED December 23rd & 24th for Christmas and December 30th & 31st for New Years.

Franklin Elected Officials and City Staff wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!



Franklin Economic Development Commission Holds 2021 Business Appreciation Celebration



Franklin business leaders and area business service providers gathered with the Franklin Economic Development Commission (EDC), Common Council, and City staff to celebrate the successes of the business community and to show support and appreciation for their efforts. Approximately 120 guests gathered at Tuckaway Country Club on October 14th to network, listen to keynote speaker Missy Hughes, Secretary and CEO of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, and learn who the winners were for the Excellence Awards Program.

Dash Medical Gloves was awarded the Excellence in Large Business award with Lubrizol, Carma Labs, S&C Electric, and Hermle USA, Inc. all receiving nominations. Victory Creek Accounting was awarded the Excellence in Small Business award with Castleman & Sons Plumbing, Inc. and Harry's Ace Hardware and Rental receiving nominations. With hundreds of new businesses locating in Franklin over the last three years, the EDC created a new award for Excellence in New Business. The winner of this award was Habitat for Humanity ReStore with nominations going to Askren Wrestling Academy, Sweet Basil, Havana Café, Honey Butter Café, and Wheel & Sprocket. The Excellence in Leadership award went to Tom Schulz of Kronos, Inc., with nominations going to The Physicians of Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital (MOSH) Performance Center, Doug Milinovich with First Weber Realtors, and Mike Zimmerman with ROC Ventures.

"Franklin is proud of our business community and pleased we are able to bring so many business leaders and community stakeholders together for an evening to recognize the businesses who provide goods and services, and the makers who produce products here in Franklin," said Mayor Steve Olson. "It is an honor to come together and recognize their successes and contributions made to the success of the City as a whole."

The Franklin Economic Development Commission is beginning to plan for next year's event and looking forward to honoring businesses who continue to define what Franklin is all about. Franklin business nominations for the Excellence awards are welcomed all year long via email to cberg@franklinwi.gov with winners selected by the EDC in September of 2022.

Please WELCOME the Following Businesses to the City of Franklin!

Anderson Commercial Group, LLC,
11217 W. Forest Home Avenue, #1
(Real Estate & Brokerage Office)

Big Daddy's BBQ & Soul Food, 7740 S. Lovers Lane, #400
(BBQ Restaurant)

EXOS Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine,
7095 S. Ballpark Drive, Suite 130
(Physical Therapy/Sports Medicine)

Mann Liquor, 7158 S. 76th Street
(Liquor Store)

Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital Performance Center, 7095 S. Ballpark Drive, Suite 100
(MOSH Performance Center)

Mora Trucking, LLC, 8911 S. 27th Street
(Transport Company)

Smokey's Vape & Tobacco Outlet, 7225 S. 76th Street
(Vape and Tobacco Store)

SS Controls, LLC, 5012 W. Ashland Way
(Industrial Automation Services)



SUPPORT FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!

2022 Garbage & Recycling Card

PLEASE NOTE that the 2022 Garbage and Recycling Information Card will be enclosed inside the February 2022 newsletter.

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 MasterCard or Visa credit card.

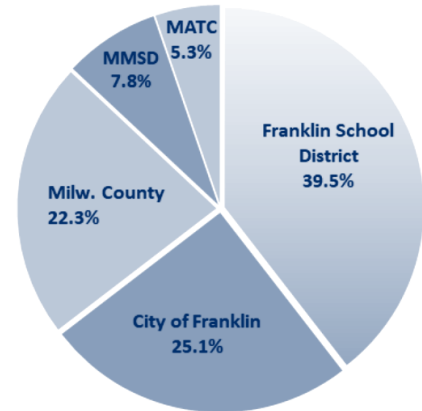
The Adopted 2022 Budget and the 2021 Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed on or about December 9, 2021. These property tax bills reflect the total property taxes to be collected from all of the 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 the property taxes for 7 different taxing authorities. As illustrated in the pie chart 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 2022. That bill includes a 2.3 percent increase in the tax levy. The increase in the tax levy from the prior year is \$513,900; and, the amount of the levy attributed to new development that has occurred in the City in 2020 is approximately \$548,500. The increase for all property values in 2021 is approximately 6.6 percent; however, residential properties increased in value by approximately 8.6 percent, increasing the portion of the levy that is funded by residential property taxes. The change in individual tax bills is based on the assessed value multiplied by the established tax rate. If a property's value remained the same as the previous year's value or increased by less than 4.5 percent, the taxes will be equal to or less than the previous year's taxes. If the property's value increased by greater than 4.5 percent, the taxes will increase. The approved budget continues to focus on maintaining City services, protecting City assets, and using resources responsibly to prudently serve the City of Franklin.

New development and changes in individual property values offset the increased levy such that the City's municipal tax rate will decrease from approximately \$5.05 to \$4.82 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 \$20.98 to \$19.21 in the Franklin School District, from \$19.80 to \$18.91 in the Oak Creek/Franklin School District, and from \$19.63 to \$18.59 in the Whitnall School District. For additional information, please go to www.franklinwi.gov. **Please also see the related "Property Tax Bill FAQs" and "Property Tax Bill Payments" articles below for information on tax bill payment options and Treasury Office hours.**

Approximate Breakdown of Tax Dollars by Each Taxing Jurisdiction



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, as illustrated in the pie chart above, 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 bill, please make sure the tax bills have the same taxing authorities in order to complete a true cost comparison.

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What are the credits on my tax bill?

A Lottery Credit is provided by the State for qualifying property owners for their primary residence only. And, 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, 2022, 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 on or about December 9, 2021. Payment is due January 31, 2022 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 50 cent 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 on the City's website after payment is receipted.
- **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. 13-17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday–Wednesday, Dec. 20-22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday–Wednesday, Dec. 27-29, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Treasury Office will be CLOSED December 23, 24, 30, and 31.**

Wisconsin Lottery and Gaming Credit:

Wisconsin Lottery and Gaming Credit is available for your primary residence only. If the credit was on your 2020 Real Estate Tax Bill, or you filed the 2021 Lottery Credit form, the credit will be on your 2021 Real Estate Tax Bill. If the credit is not on your tax bill and you are eligible in 2021, it can be deducted from your 2021 tax bill until January 31, 2022.

2022 Park Reservations & Increase to Park Permit Fees

2022 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 Monday, January 3, 2022. 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.



Vernon E. Barg Pavilion



Pleasant View Park Pavilion

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.

2022 Increase in Park Permit Fees & Change in Pavilion Hours

Effective January 1, 2022, all park permit fees will increase by \$100 and all security deposits will increase to \$250. Additionally, rental hours for all park pavilions will now be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

- **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.**

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. **Lions Pavilion and Vernon E. Barg Pavilion are not available for reservations June 23 through July 6. Please follow current COVID-19 orders and guidelines when using the City parks.**

Call the City Clerk's Office at 414-425-7500 with questions or for more information.

Snow & Ice Control

Residents with concerns regarding winter street maintenance may call the Public Works Department at 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 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.**
- * **When removing the snow from the end of your driveway, pile it on the right side when facing the street.** This will allow the snowplow driver to push the snow away from, rather than back onto, your driveway.
- * **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 directly struck by a City snowplow; 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.

Franklin Citizen Police Academy

Police Chief Rick Oliva has announced Class No. 30 of the Franklin Police Department Citizen Police Academy which will begin Wednesday, March 2, 2022, run for 12 consecutive weeks, and conclude on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, with a graduation ceremony. Classes meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., usually in the Franklin Police Department community classroom. Additionally, each graduate may participate in a ride-along with officers on the street.



The Franklin Police Department's mission is to establish and maintain a course of instruction for citizens to familiarize themselves with the operations of the Police Department and the profession of law enforcement. This 12-week academy presents an overview of all aspects of law enforcement such as patrol operations, crime scene processing, investigations, SWAT, K-9 unit, dispatch/communications, fire and emergency medical services, and much more. Students have an opportunity to present concerns and questions regarding public safety in the City and learn how citizens and the police can work together to fight crime in the community. Department employees present each session and interact with participants on a very approachable level—the aim is to inform, instruct, and involve citizens.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Live or work in the Franklin community (preference is given to Franklin citizens).
- Submit a written application.
- Pass a background check (no felony convictions).
- Be 18 years of age (16 and 17 year olds may attend with parent or guardian).

There is no cost to attend; however, class size is limited. If interested in attending, contact Police Officer Gary Wallace at gwallace@franklinwi.gov. Applications are available in the Franklin Police Department lobby, on the Franklin Police Department Facebook page, or can be sent via email.



The City of Franklin Emergency Communication Center has begun to accept text (SMS-Short Message Service) messages for those in need of help, who may find it *safer* to text than to place a call. **Text-to-911 is not meant to replace a voice 911 call** in an emergency; but can provide a different method of contact in an emergency situation where it may be safer *not* to speak. Text-to-911 is also beneficial to those who may be speaking or hearing impaired, and who would be better served by the ability to Text-to-911 versus the traditional TDD/TTY services.

Things to know before you Text-to-911

- **Only text when you are unable to make a voice call to 911. A voice call is the preferred method to contact 911.** Our dispatchers are cognizant of background noises and voice inflections and can provide the voice of reassurance until help arrives.
- It is imperative to know your location including apartment numbers, suites, business names, landmarks and entrances.
- If it is not safe for you to be heard, please silence your phone.
- When texting, use plain language and avoid abbreviations which can be misinterpreted.
- Text-to-911 is not available in many of our surrounding communities.
- If Text-to-911 is not available for a particular carrier, you will receive a bounce-back message stating the service is not available and to place a voice call to 911.

For further questions, see our Text-to-911 FAQ's at www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Police/Text-to-911.htm.



Your Health Matters

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



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Shoo the Flu! The winter months are peak flu season in Wisconsin. Many local vaccine providers, including the Franklin Health Department, have flu vaccine available for everyone 6 months of age and older. **Call 425-9101 to see if you are eligible and to schedule your appointment. Fighting flu starts with you!!**



Winter Readiness—As the weather gets colder, remember to winterize your home and car. Winter storms bring a higher risk of car accidents, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from over exertion. **Get tips to make sure you are "winter ready" at www.ready.gov/winter-weather.**



Is Radon Present in Your Home?

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. It is a gas you cannot see, smell, or taste and has been found in homes throughout Franklin. Testing your home is the only way to know if there is radon present. Radon test kits are available for a fee at the Franklin Health Department. Results from the test are sent directly to you for review and follow-up if necessary.



For more information, stop by the Health Department, call us at 414-425-9101, or visit www.epa.gov/radon.

Adult Programs (18+)

Cooking for Your Health (Registration required)

Friday, Jan. 7, 12 Noon. Sarah and Keri will demonstrate recipes to promote a healthy (and tasty) lifestyle. Registration now open at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org.

DIY Crafternoons (Registration required for in-person program only)

Second Wednesday of each month, 12:30 p.m. If you cannot make the in-person program, video tutorials will be available on Facebook the day of the in-person program and kits available for pickup at the Information Desk one week prior to the program. Register online at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org or call 425-8214.

January 12: DIY Woven Bookmarks

February 9: Rolled Book Page Heart Art

Glass Bead Making (Registration required)

Saturday, Jan. 29, at 1:30 or 3:30 p.m. Create your own fused glass beads! Each participant will make 2 glass beads which can be used for earrings, pendants, and more! Registration now open at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org (register for one time slot only).

Dinner for Two: Valentine's Day (Registration required)

Friday, Feb. 4, 12 Noon. Don't want the hassle of making reservations for Valentine's Day? Make a delicious and romantic dinner at home. Sarah and Keri will demonstrate recipes perfect for a homemade Valentine's Day! Registration begins Jan. 3 at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org.

The CreateSpace is Open for Use!

Stop by during open hours and use craft tools, tech toys, and art supplies to let your creativity shine! CreateSpace open hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday—10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday—4 to 8 p.m.; and Saturday—1 to 4 p.m.

Free Technology Help (Registration required)

Tuesdays 1-3 p.m. or Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m. Need help with a laptop, tablet, or smartphone, the Internet or Windows 10? Book a one-on-one tech help session—call 425-8214 or stop at the Library Information Desk to register for an appointment.

Genealogy Databases (Registration required—Limit 15)

Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m. Interested in researching your family history? The Library is a great place to start! With your Library card you have access to several databases including Ancestry Library Edition and HeritageQuest Online that can aid your research into your family history. Visit or call the Library at 425-8214 or register online at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org.

Gale & Language Online Courses (Registration required—Limit 15)

Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. Want to learn a new language, try a new skill, or learn all about computers? This class will cover the basics on how to sign up and use the great resources of Gale Courses, Transparent Languages, and Mango Languages. Gale Courses offers hundreds of free online classes and the language databases offer over 100 languages! Visit or call the Library at 425-8214 or register online at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org.

Learn the Library Apps (Registration required—Limit 15)

Tuesday, Mar. 22, 2 p.m. The Library offers many apps for our digital services. Learn how to use these apps to read eBooks, listen to audiobooks, check out magazines, and more! This class will cover the apps Libby and Hoopla! Visit or call the Library at 425-8214 or register online at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org.

—SAVE THE DATE—

2022 Great Decisions Series

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. from February 2 to March 23, 2022 (in person). More information will be available on the Library website and Facebook page come January 2022. Sponsored by the Franklin Public Library Foundation, Holz Family Foundation, and in memory of Dora Sargent.

Winter Reading Program—All Ages

January 3, 2022—February 25, 2022

Kids, teens, and adults can read and complete activities for a chance to win prizes in the 2022 Winter Reading Program! Visit the Library's website for detailed information. Registration begins January 3rd online at <https://franklinpubliclibrary.beanstack.org>. The last day to log reading and enter the prize drawing is February 25th.



January—Healthy Living Month at FPL!

A variety of health and wellness programs for kids, teens, adults and families will be offered at the Library in the month of January. Yoga classes, healthy cooking demonstrations, physical and mental health programs, and more will help you to set and reach your goals for 2022. Check the Library website and Events Calendar for more detailed information. Some programs may require registration.

Gift Ideas in the FPL Book Nook

Stop in the Library during open hours and shop CDs, DVDs, books, and our new selection of gifts for book lovers! Pick up a mug, bookmark, notecards, or a FPL stocking hat! Your purchases help fund new Library materials. Cash and checks accepted.



Help ensure the future of a strong and vibrant Franklin Public Library by considering a donation to the Franklin Public Library Foundation today. The Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization, financially supporting Library projects that enhance the Library for the benefit of the community. **For more information on how you can support the Franklin Public Library Foundation, go to www.franklinpubliclibrary.org, click the "Support FPL" tab and select "Foundation".**

Children & Teen Programming

We are hard at work planning for Winter!
For all Children and Teen programming information, visit www.franklinpubliclibrary.org or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI!





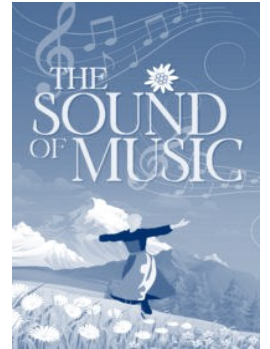
Franklin Senior Travel Program

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 www.FranklinSeniorTravelers.com

Wednesday, March 9, 2022: Sound of Music, Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson

Rodgers & Hammerstein's last Broadway show turned out to be their most enduring and popular of them all. Based on a true story set in Austria in 1938, THE SOUND OF MUSIC tells of a detour on Maria Rainier's journey to become a nun. Recognizing that Maria is not yet ready for religious life, Mother Abbess sends her to be the governess for the seven children of a widowed naval officer. Finding the household strictly run like one of his ships, Maria reintroduces music and warmth and quickly charms both the children and their father. Favorite songs such as "Do Re Mi" and "Climb Every Mountain" fill this time-honored show that practically invented the term "family entertainment".



Lunch includes freshly baked breads, cream of shiitake mushroom soup, choice of entrée, and Nuss Schnitten, a traditional Austrian dessert of walnut sponge cake with a layer of raspberry jam, topped with meringue and drizzled with chocolate ganache. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea included. **New this year at the Fireside, you will have your choice of three entrees:**

CHICKEN ALFREDO, skinless breast of chicken dipped in egg, lightly breaded and sautéed to a golden brown, served on a bed of linguine with homemade Alfredo sauce and steamed broccoli.

ATLANTIC SALMON, steamed and served with tarragon sauce, accompanied by garlic parmesan orzo and steamed broccoli.

SLICED ROAST BEEF TENDERLOIN, chef carved medallions of roast beef tenderloin glazed with a red wine sauce, served with garlic parmesan orzo and steamed broccoli.

RSVP Deadline: February 11 / **Resident Fee:** \$77

Please visit www.franklinsiortravelers.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!



*The best gifts are family and friends.
From our home to yours, we wish you a blessed and safe holiday season!*



Basil and Karen Ryan



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 at the Franklin City Hall Senior Dining location, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Monday–Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., to those 60 years and older. Diners are encouraged to contribute \$3 per meal. **Call 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. Enjoy lunch safer at home!

Dining Gift Certificates Now Available!

Milwaukee County Senior Dining now sells dining gift certificates. Certificates are available in the Franklin Senior Dining Room Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The price is 4 for \$10—a savings of 50 cents per meal. This is available for diners to purchase instead of paying each time they use the dining service. For family members of frequent diners, this would be a great Christmas gift or stocking stuffer!

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Election Update and Redistricting News

Election Dates for 2022:

Spring Primary (if needed): **February 15, 2022**
Spring Election: **April 5, 2022**

Fall Partisan Primary: **August 9, 2022**
Fall General Election: **November 8, 2022**

Following the 2020 Federal Census with Franklin’s population at 36,816, the City was required to adjust ward boundaries to conform to statutorily prescribed population ranges, effective January 1, 2022. Your aldermanic district and ward may have changed—see map below. A detailed map is also available on the City’s website at www.franklinwi.gov as well as included with your tax bill. Questions may be directed to the City Clerk’s office at 414-425-7500.

Polling locations remain as follows:

Aldermanic District 1 (Wards 1, 2, 3)
Franklin City Hall
9229 W. Loomis Road

Aldermanic District 2 (Wards 4, 5, 6, 7)
Franklin Law Enforcement Center
9455 W. Loomis Road

Aldermanic District 3 (Wards 8, 9, 10, 11)
Polish Center of Wisconsin
6941 S. 68th Street

Aldermanic District 4 (Wards 12, 13, 14, 15)
Milwaukee County Sports Complex
6000 W. Ryan Road

Aldermanic District 5 (Wards 16, 17, 18, 19)
Milwaukee County Sports Complex
6000 W. Ryan Road

Aldermanic District 6 (Wards 20, 21, 22)
St. Martin of Tours Church
7963 S. 116th Street

