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Assessor.....	425-1416
City Clerk .....	425-7500
City Hall .....	425-7500
Engineering .....	425-7510
Fire Department.....	425-1420
Health Department.....	425-9101
Human Resources.....	427-7505
Inspection Services.....	425-0084
Library .....	425-8214
Municipal Court .....	425-4768
Parks.....	425-7500
Planning Department.....	425-4024
Police Department .....	425-2522
Public Works .....	425-2592
Recreation.....	423-4646
Sewer & Water .....	421-2613
Treasury.....	425-4770

## EMERGENCIES-CALL 911

[www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov)

## From the Mayor's Office

Dear Residents,

Greetings to all the wonderful members of our Franklin community! As your Mayor, it is my great pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you. I hope this message finds you and your families in good health and high spirits.



Our beloved City holds a special place in all our hearts, and the community spirit truly makes Franklin shine. Whether you have recently moved here or have been a resident for generations, you are an essential part of the vibrant tapestry that makes up our City's identity.

On behalf of the City Council and myself, I thank you for making our annual Independence Celebration a success. Our well-attended celebration was a testament to your active participation and support, which exemplifies a strong sense of community that makes our City unique. The dedication and hard work of our City officials, volunteers, and local businesses contributed to the smooth operation of the celebration. From the lively parade to the entertaining performances, every aspect of the event was evidence of our City's unity and diversity.

Furthermore, I invite all residents and visitors to come and explore the rich history adorning the walls of my office in City Hall. Thanks to the efforts of our devoted Franklin Historical Society, the walls have been decorated with captivating snapshots from our City's past. It's an opportunity to journey through time, witnessing the growth and progress that has shaped Franklin into what it is today.

As we progress, I am committed to fostering an open, inclusive environment where every voice is heard. Your ideas, feedback, and involvement in shaping our City's future are invaluable. We can build a stronger Franklin that thrives on unity, progress, and community. I sincerely appreciate all of you for making Franklin a City we proudly call home. Your dedication and engagement make a significant difference, and serving as your mayor is an honor and privilege. Thank you for being a part of our community. Let's fill the upcoming months with positivity, growth, and shared memories.

With warmest regards,



Mayor John R. Nelson



## City of Franklin 2024 Annual Budget

Mayor John R. Nelson is strategically working on his City of Franklin Recommended 2024 Budget, which is expected to be released by the beginning of October. Once released, the Common Council will refer the proposed 2024 budget to the Finance Committee, scheduling budget review meetings in early October. These meetings will be held to review the budget in detail. The Finance Committee will then present its recommendations to the Common Council mid-October.

Check the City calendar at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov) for more information, as additional budget meetings may be scheduled as needed. A public hearing and final budget consideration are planned for a Special Common Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 14th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All budget-related meetings provide a 'citizen comment period' where citizens are encouraged to provide input and ask questions. Questions regarding the budget may also be directed to Danielle Brown, Director of Finance and Treasurer, at [dbrown@franklinwi.gov](mailto:dbrown@franklinwi.gov) or Kelly Hersh, Director of Administration, at [khersh@franklinwi.gov](mailto:khersh@franklinwi.gov).

Once available for viewing, the Mayor's Recommended 2024 Budget document will be available at the Franklin Public Library, in the Office of the City Clerk at Franklin City Hall, and online at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov).

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Franklin ProShred Event

**Sat., September 23—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

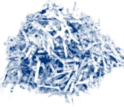
Franklin City Hall Parking Lot  
9229 W. Loomis Road

This is a secure **PAPER** document destruction event for **Franklin residents** facilitated by Pro-Shred. With the rise in identity theft and fraud, it is important to securely destroy **personal paper** documents. This event will provide Franklin residents the opportunity to have **personal paper** documents destroyed for free by on-site Pro-Shred trucks. **\*\*An ID confirming that you are a Franklin resident is required and limit of 4 banker boxes of material per car.**

### Items accepted include:

- \*Papers with staples and paperclips. No binder clips.
- \*Paperback books that are 1/2 inch thick or less
- \*Spiral-bound notebooks that are 1/2 inch thick or less

**Items not permitted:** Most non-paper material, electronic devices/media/hard drives/USB sticks, large metal objects, ink cartridges/toners, hanging folders, batteries, office supplies, X-rays, etc.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023**  
**FRANKLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**5-7:30PM**



### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**CHECK THE LIBRARY WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL  
REGISTRATION INFORMATION**



## Franklin Lioness Lions Club Craft Fair

**Saturday, October 28th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Milwaukee Area Technical College,  
6665 S. Howell Avenue, Oak Creek



**70 booths and a bake sale!**  
**\$2 Admission** (children under 12 free)

All proceeds support the Lioness Lions scholarship program.  
Visit [www.facebook.com/FranklinLioness](http://www.facebook.com/FranklinLioness) for upcoming events  
and latest club news, or email [Lioness@FranklinLioness.org](mailto:Lioness@FranklinLioness.org).  
Thank you for supporting the Franklin Lioness Lions Club!

Franklin High School UMPS  
Cinnamon & Cider

## CRAFT FAIR

Raffle • Bake Sale • Concessions • Live Music

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Forest Park Middle School**

**8225 West Forest Hill Avenue, Franklin**

Admission: \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00  
Children 12 and under free

For vendor information contact:  
[FHSCraft@gmail.com](mailto:FHSCraft@gmail.com)



**Franklin Civic Celebrations**  
*Home for the Holidays*  
**Lions Legend Park, Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Free Admission & Parking**

Come home for the holidays and gather as a community in Lions Legend Park on the Saturday after Thanksgiving! **Santa's Workshop & Market** will be open 11–5 p.m. in front of City Hall, where you can find treasures to make your holiday merry and bright. Enjoy roasted nuts and an artfully crafted beer from Component Brewing as you stroll through the market. Food trucks and seating will be available.

Innovative Health & Fitness will host the **Jingle Bell Run**, a family friendly 5K walk/run. Join us at 10:45 a.m. for a warm up. Run will start at 11 a.m. and will conclude with a post run stretch, Theragun session, and recovery snack. Strollers and kids are welcome! **Registration required; sign up at [www.Franklinwi.gov/About-Franklin/Annual-City-Events/Home-for-the-Holidays.htm](http://www.Franklinwi.gov/About-Franklin/Annual-City-Events/Home-for-the-Holidays.htm).**

**Sit With Santa** visits will be from 12:30–3 p.m. at the Franklin Public Library! Enjoy some hot cocoa, make a Christmas craft, and watch a Christmas movie on the big screen. **Registration is required for Sit with Santa—call 414-425-8214.**

**Entertainment from Noon to 5:15 p.m.:** GNO's Holiday Show will get the whole family up on their feet with interactive activities from Noon–1:30 p.m. **The Double D Dancers** will have you sliding and shuffling from 2–3:30 p.m. The **Lola Bard Holiday Carolers**, a critically-acclaimed troupe of vocalists, will sing an array of traditional Christmas carols to festive pop holiday favorites in custom-made Victorian costumes from 4:15–5:15 p.m.

**Home for the Holidays** will wrap up with the **City holiday tree lighting ceremony at 4:45 pm.** As the event is still being planned, please visit the Home for the Holidays web page under **Annual City Events** at [www.FranklinWI.gov](http://www.FranklinWI.gov) for updates as the event nears.

## Old-Fashioned Christmas Celebration

Sponsored by the Franklin Historical Society



**Saturday, December 2nd**



**Lions Legend Park, 8060 S. Legend Drive**

**Whelan School Christmas Program: 3–3:45 p.m.**  
(Children will present a Christmas program of poetry and songs)

**Old Town Hall: 4–7 p.m.** (Music, snacks, and beverages)

**Sheehan-Godsell Cabin: 4–7 p.m.** (Open house)

**St. Peters Chapel, Historic Church Services:**  
**4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7 p.m.**

(Non-denominational service with kerosene lamps and pump organ)

## 2024 Election Information

### Poll Workers/Election Inspectors Needed!



The City is looking for Chief Election Inspectors, Election Inspectors, Central Count Election Inspectors, and High School Poll Workers at all of our polling locations within the City of Franklin.

If interested in becoming an election worker, please fill out the application that is enclosed inside this newsletter and return it to City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, contact the City Clerk's Office at 414-425-7500, or fill out an application online at <https://www.franklinwi.gov/Elections.htm>.

### 2024 Election Dates:



**Spring Primary** (if needed): **February 20, 2024**

**Spring Election:** **April 2, 2024**

**Fall Primary:** **August 13, 2024**

**General Election:** **November 5, 2024**

## Buckthorn Identification & Control

- Buckthorn invades oak forests, riparian woods, savannas, prairies, old fields, and roadsides. It thrives particularly on well-drained soils, and can be problematic in green infrastructure storm water facilities designed to capture water and drain within a short amount of time.
- Common Buckthorn has ovate or elliptic leaves, with prominent veins curving toward tip. Mostly opposite leaves, 1-2.5" long, with tiny teeth. Leaves remain on plants and stay green into fall. Bark is gray to brown with prominent light-colored lenticels. Cut bark exposes an orange inner cambium layer.
- Glossy Buckthorn is similar to Common Buckthorn. Leaves are mostly opposite, with greater number of veins. Upper surface of leaves are shiny with undersides dull.
- Abundant clusters of round, black, pea-sized fruit ripen on female plants in late summer that are dispersed by birds and mammals. Fruits remain on plants into winter after all the leaves have fallen.

### Control

- Mechanical: Small plants may be hand pulled. Prescribed fire for seedlings. Larger plants can be dug or pulled using a leverage tool such as a weed wrench. Girdling trees requires stripping the bark to expose the inner hardwood at a minimum of 6 inches. Effective any time of year.
- Chemical: Cut-stump treatment with glyphosate in late fall is very effective. Cut stump, basal bark spray, or hand-wicking treatment around the stem with triclopyr in late fall through the winter to reduce environmental impact of chemical application.

## Call 911 In An Emergency!

In recent months, the Franklin Fire Department has seen an increase in residents and businesses calling the Franklin fire stations directly, using our 7-digit, non-emergency phone number in situations where they need immediate help. Many times, they say "We don't want to bother you" or "It's really not a serious emergency".

A risk in calling the fire station directly, is the chance that our crew will be out handling a previous emergency response and no one will be present to answer your phone call in a timely manner. **Please, if you need the help of our firefighters and paramedics, call 911!** Our 911 dispatchers will quickly assist in getting the help you need from the closest fire station. If your request is indeed a non-critical circumstance, our crews are instructed to respond in a "non-emergent" mode, meaning we do not use our warning lights and sirens—much safer for everyone involved.



**Your Franklin Fire Department is always on-duty and prepared to help no matter the situation!**



## In Wisconsin, Help is 3 Numbers Away



**211** maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

- Food
- Housing and Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services

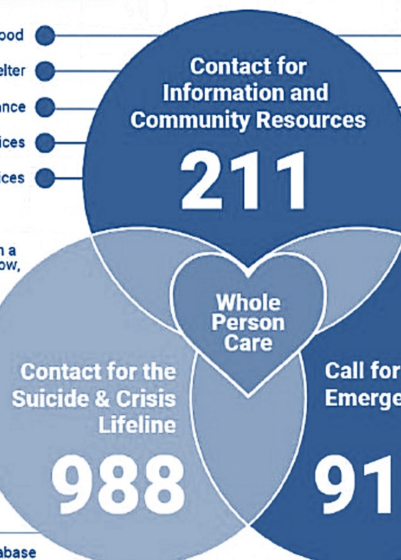
**211** also can connect people with information and referrals for:

- Substance Use / Mental Health Resources
- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Counseling and Support Groups
- Disaster Aftercare

**988** provides support when a person, or someone they know, is experiencing a crisis:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress

Referrals as needed, utilizing 211 WI's Resource Database



**911** provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation



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

**Amar Med Spa, 10500 W. Loomis Road, Suite 100**  
(Medical Spa Services)

**Brick Pizzeria & Ristorante, 7075 S. Ballpark Drive**  
(Restaurant)

**ETS, 5074-5080 W. Ashland Way**  
(Sports Training Facility)

**Kinsa Group, 9875 S. Franklin Drive, Suite 111**  
(Staffing Services)

**Metro Infusion Center,**  
**7720 S. Lovers Lane Road, Suites 240/250**  
(Infusion Therapy)

**Mr. Greens, 7740 S. Lovers Lane Road, Suite 400**  
(Food Truck Base/Future Restaurant)

**Renewable Energy & Drives Us, LLC,**  
**10130 S. 54th Street**  
(Industrial/Commercial Manufacturing and Assembly)

**Ringwala Allergy & Asthma,**  
**10500 W. Loomis Road, Suite 130**  
(Allergy and Asthma Clinic)

**The Salty Spa, 7720 S. Lovers Lane Road, Suite 200**  
(Salt Spa)



**SUPPORT FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!**

## Bus Rapid Transit for 27th Street



Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS) is planning a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) route along the 27th Street corridor connecting Franklin, Oak Creek, Greenfield, Milwaukee, and Glendale to jobs, healthcare, and education. The route includes 33 stops along the 18-mile route and is the second route planned for MCTS's CONNECT BRT system. The project is currently in the environmental review and design phase and is seeking public input on key project features.

**Scan the QR code/visit [www.mkenorthsouth.com](http://www.mkenorthsouth.com) for more information and to sign up for project updates.**

## What a GREEN SUMMER in Franklin!

**Thank you, Franklin!** This summer, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) and the Fresh Coast Guardians worked with City of Franklin residents to install green infrastructure in our neighborhoods. Residents



learned the benefits of managing stormwater where it falls. Green infrastructure (GI), such as rain barrels and rain gardens, capture, absorb, or store rain and melting snow, reducing the storm water runoff that can transport many pollutants to our local waterways. They also reduce the likelihood of flooding and basement backups, beautify neighborhoods, and manage water and sewer costs.

Over 100 rain barrels were installed and 8 rain gardens planted throughout the City of Franklin. Deep-rooted native flowers were also planted at Kayla's Playground.

**Visit [Facebook.com/FranklinGreenSummer](https://www.facebook.com/FranklinGreenSummer) to see photos from this summer's activities and to learn more about Franklin Green Summer. To learn more about green infrastructure and how you can help, visit <https://www.freshcoastguardians.com>.**

## Fall Brush & Leaf Pickups: Sept. 11, Oct. 30 & Nov. 13, 2023



The final 3 brush and leaf pick-ups for 2023 will take place Mondays, September 11, October 30, and November 13. The City's waste hauler will move through the City starting at 7 a.m. on these designated Mondays and work through the week until they are finished. All brush piles and leaves are required to be curbside and next to the driveway by 7 a.m. on these Mondays. Brush and leaves that are not out when the hauler goes by will not be picked up at a later date. Your regular garbage will be picked up on your normal garbage pickup day. Please call 414-425-2592 with any questions.

### Pick-up will include:

- **Brush** (tree limbs, bush cuttings, and similar) must be cut to no longer than 5 feet in length and no larger than 6 inches in diameter, must be piled or tied/bundled (preferred), and placed curbside next to your driveway. Each household is limited to one pile no larger than 4'x4'x5' and be 50 pounds or less. Larger piles, multiple piles, and brush thrown in the ditch will not be picked up.
- **Leaves** must be in paper compostable yard waste bags or 32-gallon or smaller trash containers weighing 50 pounds or less that can be emptied into the collection truck (no limit on number of bags or containers). Plastic bags of any kind are NOT allowed and will not be picked up. Please place bagged leaves away from your regular trash so they will not be missed. Leaves are not to be raked into the street.
- **No grass clippings, flowers, stumps, fruit, roots, or other garden debris will be accepted.** These items, as well as brush and leaves, may be disposed of at the Waste Management Metro Landfill, 12200 W. South County Line Road (414-529-6180, Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.).



# LATERALLY SPEAKING

## Plumbing 101: Keep pipes flowing—and avoid costly problems

*What's the homeowner's responsibility, what's the City's responsibility, and little-known facts about when to call a plumber!*

Have you ever experienced a basement sewer back-up? The heart-sinking experience of laying eyes on all your sewer water-soaked belongings, the cleaning, the odiferous basement air that seems to linger for weeks? If you've experienced it, you know how exhausting and expensive it can be. But good news: there are things we as homeowners can do to ensure it doesn't happen to us—and to make other plumbing situations keep flowing smoothly. Let's look at who's responsible for what.

**The homeowner's responsibility: The sewer lateral under your home.** The sewer lateral is the pipe that carries wastewater away from your home to the public sanitary sewer main located under your street. Many homeowners don't realize it, but the sewer lateral is your responsibility—all the way into the street. As that pipe system ages, defects can develop, making it that much more important to make sure your sewer lateral is in good working condition. If your sewer lateral has issues that clog it or make it susceptible to breakage, excess rainwater (also called "clearwater") can overwhelm it and increase the risk of back-up of dirty water. Connected downspouts and foundation drains are common culprits that contribute unwanted excess rainwater to your sewer lateral. Defects in the sewer lateral such as cracks, sags in the pipe joints, and tree root intrusions all allow groundwater to enter your sewer lateral. Homeowners should remove connected downspouts as required in Franklin Municipal Code 190-24 (4). In most situations, foundation drain connections are prohibited and the homeowner is best advised to redirect them to lessen the chance of problems.

To get on top of any potential issues, start by having your sewer lateral inspected by a plumber using video inspection in which a camera is fed through the pipe system to identify any issues and remedies. Request that the plumber record the video inspection and provide you a copy.

**The City's responsibility: The sanitary sewer main in front of your home.** There are more than 210 miles of sewer main line running through the City of Franklin, all of it the City's responsibility to keep flowing freely. The City performs camera inspections every 6 to 7 years to ensure that all pipes are clean and free of defects. If you live in the City of Franklin and experience a basement sewer back-up, please call 414-421-2613. If a back-up occurs late at night, call the non-emergency Police Dispatch at 414-425-2522 and they will have an on-call employee respond.

**When else to call a plumber: Two little-known facts.** Be aware of two little clues that a sewer lateral problem could be imminent. Call a plumber if you have:

- sewer water backing up through the floor drain, sinks, or toilets.
- debris around the floor drain—this can be evidence that water back-ups are occurring.

**Here's another little-known fact:** Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's (MMSD) "Pipe Check" program can cover some of the expense of lateral repair when it's needed. It provides homeowners flat-rate financial incentives as high as \$7,000 that cover a portion of the cost of completing repairs, including lateral replacements, foundation drain disconnections, and lateral lining. Funding availability is limited; early inquiries receive preference. For more information, please visit [www.mmsd.com/pipecheck](http://www.mmsd.com/pipecheck) or call 414-225-2250.

**Watch for more information under the title "Laterally Speaking" in future issues of the Franklin City Newsletter.**



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

## Your Health Matters

Franklin Health Department—425-9101

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## Adult Health & Wellness Fair



**Wednesday, October 4—9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road**

Enjoy talking with vendors, service providers, and exhibitors who offer information and screenings for seniors.

**Flu vaccines will be given by appointment—Call 425-9101.**

## 2023 Flu Vaccine Clinic Dates



**ALL FLU CLINICS ARE BY APPOINTMENT—Call the Franklin Health Department at 414-425-9101.**

### Adult Flu Clinic Dates:

*Wednesday, October 4 (65+)	9 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Library
Tuesday, October 10	1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, October 17	1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	City Hall

*\*In conjunction with the Adult Health & Wellness Fair*

*High dose vaccine will be available to those 65 and older. We accept Medicare and United Healthcare Advantage Plans only. Please bring your Medicare card, insurance card, and a photo ID.*

### All Ages Flu Clinic Dates:

Wednesday, October 18	2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	City Hall
Friday, October 27	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.	City Hall

*\*All children must be VFC eligible (uninsured, underinsured, American Indian or Alaskan Native, enrolled in Medicaid).*



## Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder

**Thursdays, Oct. 19, Nov. 2, & Nov. 16**

**1 p.m. to 3 p.m. / Cost is \$10**

*(You must be able to attend all 3 sessions)*

**Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road  
Inspection Conference Room**

**To register, call 414-425-9101**

Did you know that over half of women age 50 and older experience issues with bladder or bowel control at some time in their lives? These symptoms should not be considered a normal part of aging or blamed on being a woman. The Franklin Health Department is offering **Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder**, a workshop developed at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health. The sessions are designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their bladder and bowel symptoms.

The workshop consists of three, 2-hour sessions that meet every other week that will provide information and group activities along with simple exercises and dietary changes to practice at home. **Call 414-425-9101 to register. There is a \$10 fee; all materials will be provided.**

# 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.)

## 2nd Annual Fall Literary Luncheon

*Sponsored by the Franklin Public Library Foundation  
as a Fundraiser for the Franklin Public Library*

**Tuesday, October 10th, 12 to 2:30 p.m.**

Polish Center of Wisconsin, 6941 S. 68th Street

The Franklin Public Library Foundation cordially invites you to their 2nd Annual Fall Literary Luncheon fundraiser for the Library, featuring **Larry Watson**, critically-acclaimed author of *Montana 1948*, *Let Him Go*, and others. Enjoy an appetizers and sweets buffet with coffee, tea, and water while enjoying a moderated conversation with the author. A cash bar will be available. A book signing with Larry will be held after the event with a limited number of his books available to purchase. **All proceeds will be used to support the Library's future community programming. General Admission: \$65 / VIP Ticket: \$100 (General Admission plus a 45-minute author meet-and-greet prior to the luncheon).**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Library or online at [www.FranklinPublicLibrary.org](http://www.FranklinPublicLibrary.org).**



## Adult Programs (18+)

**DIY Crafternoons** (Registration required and begins 1 month prior)

2nd Wednesday of each month, 12:30 p.m. Register online at [www.franklinpubliclibrary.org](http://www.franklinpubliclibrary.org) or call 425-8214 one month prior.  
Oct. 11: Drawing Autumn Leaves / Nov. 8: Pine Cone Candle Wreaths / Dec. 13: Gnome Painting.

**Monday Movie Matinee** (No registration required)

3rd Monday of each month, 1 p.m. Sept. 18: *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret* / Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18 to be announced.

**Book Discussion Groups** (No registration required)

**Brown Baggers:** Tues., 12:30 p.m. (Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 12)  
**Night Readers:** Mondays, 6 p.m. (Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Dec. 11)  
Copies of books are available at the Library Check-Out desk.

**Tech Classes** (No registration required)

-Sept. 26, 1 p.m.—**Smartphone Basics** (absolute beginner)  
-Oct. 24, 1 p.m.—**Do More With Your Smartphone**  
-Nov. 28, 1 p.m.—**Family Memory Digitization**



**Banned Books Week** ([www.Facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI](http://www.Facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI))

Oct. 1-7. Test your knowledge of banned books with our daily trivia questions on Facebook and be entered into a prize drawing!

**Lincoln Among the Badgers** (No registration required)

Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m. Join historian and author Steven K. Rogstad, who has written *Lincoln Among the Badgers*, as he talks about the many interesting elements of Abraham Lincoln's visits to the Badger State.

**Cooking Programs** (Registration required and begins 1 month prior)

-**Holiday Cooking:** Nov. 6, 1 p.m. Join Keri and Sarah for some new holiday recipes! Register online at [www.franklinpubliclibrary.org](http://www.franklinpubliclibrary.org).

-**Christmas Cookie Decorating:** Dec. 7, 6 p.m. The Groves Bakery is back to show you how to make beautiful holiday cookies! \$5 fee for supplies—register and pay at the Library Information Desk.

**Family Programs** (\*=Registration required)

-**Diwali Dance Fiesta:** Nov. 4, 1-3 p.m. Join Aparna's Dance Studio for a Diwali celebration and dance performance! No registration required.

-**\*Kids Cookie Decorating (ages 4 and up w/adult):** Dec. 3, 1:30 p.m. Decorate and eat some yummy holiday cookies with The Groves Bakery. \$5 fee—register/pay at the Library Information Desk beginning Nov. 3.



## Children/Family Programs

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



**Sensory Sprouts (Ages 5 & Under)** (Pick-up on dates listed)

Pick-up a sensory kit with hands-on activities to play at home (1/child).  
Sept. 15: Apple Tissue Paper Art / Nov. 17: Corn on the Cob.

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

Pick-up a craft or activity at the Children's Desk to make at home (1/child). Oct. 20: Crystallizing Watercolors / Dec. 15: Glow Planets.

**Casper An Interactive Movie (All Ages w/Adult)** (Drop-In)

Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m. Enjoy an interactive movie experience of Casper (PG). Interactive movie kits will be available while supplies last.

**Play-Doh Reads (Ages 2-5 w/Adult)** (Registration begins Oct. 13)

Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m. Join us for a very doughy storytime—we will explore stories, songs, and activities with Play-Doh! See website to register.

**Bluey & Bingo's Fancy Restaurant (Ages 2 & Up w/Adult)**

(Registration begins Oct. 27) Nov. 18, 1:30 p.m. Play, create, and make a yummy snack with Bluey and Bingo! See website to register.

**Squishmallow Madness (Gr. K5-5)** (Registration begins Nov. 6)

Nov. 27, 2 p.m. Get ready for some squishy madness as we cuddle our way through activities, crafts, and more! See website to register.

**Nutcracker Tea Party (All Ages)** (Registration begins Nov. 17)

Dec. 9, 1 p.m. Enjoy a festive tea party with Nutcracker activities, music, and more! Dress in your finest! See website to register.

**Holiday Chopped Challenge (Gr. K5-5)** (Registration begins Nov. 30)

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

**Yoga** (Registration begins Dec. 6) All classes are parent/child and 30 minutes.  
Dec. 27: 9:30 a.m.—**Tiny Yoga** (Ages 2 and under) / 10:30 a.m.—**Yoga Storytime** (Ages 3-5).  
Dec. 28: 1 p.m.—**Little Kid Yoga** (Gr. K5-2) / 2 p.m.—**Big Kid Yoga** (Gr. 3-5). See website to register.

## Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

**Registration required for in-person programs—online or call 414-425-8214.**

**Blacklight Paint and Sip:** Sept. 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Paint your own canvas with a glow-in-the-dark twist! Use special blacklight paint to make your art come alive while sipping on tasty glowing drinks!

**Service Friday:** Sept. 29, 2-4 p.m. Earn service hours by volunteering at the Library (bring service hours form). There will be pizza!

**Take-Out Crafts** (Pick-up at Info Desk beginning on dates listed)

-**Hex Nut Wristband:** Oct. 2. Create a cool unisex wristband using hex nuts and string! Limited number of kits/one kit per teen.

-**Halloween Pendant Necklace:** Oct. 23. Make your own Halloween-inspired pendant necklace. Limited number of kits/one kit per teen.

**Mini Caramel Apples:** Oct. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Celebrate Autumn by dipping and eating your own mini caramel apples! All supplies provided.

**Marbled Paint Mugs:** Nov. 11, 1 p.m. OR Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m. Use swirling nail polish to create a marbled paint effect on a mug and then enjoy hot chocolate with a variety of toppings! All supplies provided.

**Bakers Needed:** We need bakers to donate goods for the Library Bake Sale. Keep track of your time spent baking and **drop your baked goods off at the Library between 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 6, or Thurs., Dec. 7.** Bring service hours form.

**Holiday Cupcake Decorating:** Dec. 12, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Decorate and eat delicious and sparkly holiday cupcakes! All supplies 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 at 414-423-5481 with questions. To sign up for a trip, visit <https://franklinseniortravelers.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—only requirements are you need to live in Franklin, be 55 years young, and enjoy having fun!**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023: Gypsy – Marriott Theatre, Lincolnshire, IL**

**\*\* RSVP Deadline: September 15 / Resident Fee: \$73 \*\***

**GYPSY** is known as the mother of all musicals—the tale of the ultimate ambitious stage mother, fighting for her daughters' success while secretly yearning for her own. Arthur Laurents' landmark show explores the world of two-bit show business with brass, humor, heart, and sophistication. This lavish classic boasts a celebrated score by Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim including, "Everything's Coming Up Roses," "Let Me Entertain You," "Some People," and "Together Wherever We Go."

Lunch includes **choice of two entrees—Chicken Florentine with Alfredo sauce or Parmesan Crusted Tilapia with lemon cream sauce**, accompanied with baby greens salad with apples, pecans, and champagne vinaigrette, and chef's choice of starch, vegetables, and dessert. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea included.

**Thursday, November 16, 2023: Scrooge The Musical – Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson**

**\*\* RSVP Deadline: October 13 / Resident Fee: \$77 \*\***

Join us for this merry, sparkling, tuneful, boisterous Broadway musical version of the world's most beloved Christmas story—Dickens' A CHRISTMAS CAROL. Based on the popular musical movie starring Albert Finney, **SCROOGE THE MUSICAL** tells this time honored tale of redemption and love as only The Fireside can – with a beautiful and rousing musical score (including the well-known "Thank You Very Much"), breath-taking dancing, beautiful period costumes, uproarious comedy, and heart-warming drama. If you have to choose only one Christmas show this season, you must see SCROOGE THE MUSICAL.

Lunch includes freshly baked breads, Tomato Bisque topped with pesto croutons, choice of entrée, all served with roasted garlic butter redskin potato wedges, roasted broccoli and cauliflower, and Black Forest cake topped with whipped cream for dessert. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea included. **Entrée choices include: 1) Supreme Cut Chicken Breast:** seasoned with lemon pepper and seared; **2) Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin:** chef carved medallions of roast beef tenderloin glazed with a red wine sauce; or **3) Grilled Atlantic Salmon:** seasoned, grilled filet of fresh Atlantic salmon accompanied by a creamy lemon Velouté sauce.

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023: Beautiful, The Carole King Musical  
Marriott Theatre, Lincolnshire, IL**

**\*\* RSVP Deadline: November 10 / Resident Fee: \$73 \*\***

Celebrating the soundtrack of a generation, **BEAUTIFUL** is the inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing solo album, BEAUTIFUL takes you back to where it all began – and takes you on the ride of a lifetime. Featuring such unforgettable classics as "You've Got a Friend," "One Fine Day," "So Far Away," "Take Good Care of My Baby," "Up on the Roof," "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," and "Natural Woman," this Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical phenomenon is filled with songs you remember and a story you'll never forget.

Lunch includes **choice of two entrees—Garlic Crusted Pork Loin with jus or Herb Crusted Salmon with red pepper**, accompanied with garden salad and chef's choice of starch, vegetables, and dessert. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea 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://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—\*Now Back To In-Person 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!**





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