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Building Inspection ..... 425-0084

City Clerk ..... 425-7500

City Hall ..... 425-7500

Engineering ..... 425-7510

Fire Department..... 425-1420

Health Department..... 425-9101

Human Resources..... 427-7505

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

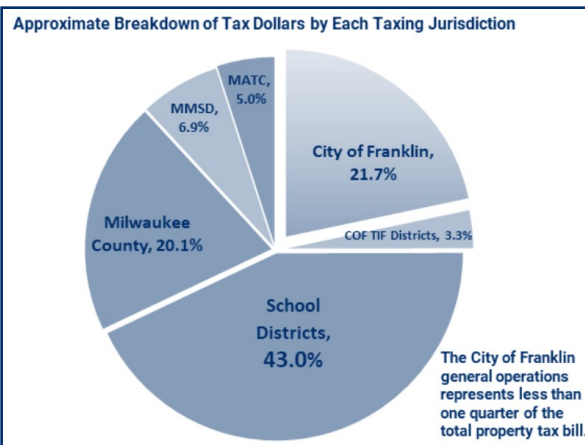
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## The Adopted 2020 Budget and the 2019 Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed the week of December 9, 2019. These property tax bills will reflect the total property taxes to be collected from all of the taxing jurisdictions, including the school districts and Milwaukee County. Under the law, the City is required to collect the property tax for 7 different taxing authorities. As can be seen from the graph, the City of Franklin is directly responsible for only approximately one-quarter of the total property tax charges. See the related "Property Tax Bill Questions" and "Property Tax Bill Payments" articles on Page 3 of this newsletter for information on tax bill payment options and Treasury Office hours.

For the 2020 budget, which is reflected in the 2019 property tax bills, the City of Franklin has approved a 1.65 percent increase in the property taxes to be collected for municipal governmental purposes. An increase in non-tax revenues was applied toward adding a new Police Officer, a Fire Department Battalion Chief, and a Heavy Equipment Operator (snow plow operator). State mandates and limits on local control continue to significantly impact the City's ability to achieve sustainable operations. Otherwise, service levels remain stable despite a general growth in demand and limited resources.



New development and increases in property values in the revaluation will offset the increased collections such that the City's municipal tax rate will decrease from approximately \$5.43 to \$5.32 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In the end, the taxing decisions of the other taxing jurisdictions and variations in assessment impacts between property types and locations make it difficult to generalize 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 \$22.47 to \$22.22 in the Franklin School District, from \$21.02 to \$20.80 in the Whitnall School District, and change from \$19.84 to \$20.42 in the Oak Creek/Franklin School District. For additional information, go to [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov).

**Please also see the "Property Tax Bill Questions" and "Property Tax Bill Payments" articles on Page 3.**

## \*\*2020 Garbage & Recycling Service Changes\*\*



**Franklin Residents:** Several changes are being implemented for the 2020 garbage and recycling service with Johns Disposal Service, including going to every week recycling, automated garbage pickup, and brush and leave pickup changes. **Please see the insert inside this newsletter for complete details.**



## 2020 Park Reservations

**2020 Park Permit applications for Franklin groups or residents for reserving Lions Legend Park (Lions Pavilion or the Vernon E. Barg Pavilion), Market Square, Ken Windl Park, or the pavilion at Franklin Woods Nature Center, will be accepted at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, beginning Thursday, January 2, 2020.** Applications must be made in person and permits will be issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. The front entrance of City Hall will open at 7:30 a.m. at which time numbers will be handed out. Once you receive a number, you must remain in the City Hall lobby until the Clerk's Office opens for business at 8:30 a.m. Park permit applications will be accepted and processed in the order of numbers distributed. No telephone or mail-in applications are accepted. Non-Franklin groups may apply after April 1st.

- **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.**
- **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.**
- **Coming Soon: Pleasant View Pavilion**, 4620 W. Evergreen Street, will have available an open air pavilion, indoor serving area, electricity, picnic tables, and water.

Lions Pavilion, Vernon E. Barg Pavilion, Franklin Woods Pavilion, and Market Square are available April 15 thru October 31. Ken Windl Park is available year-round. **Note: Lions Pavilion and the Vernon E. Barg Pavilion will not be available for reservations June 24–July 6. Call 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 cleaning 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 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.
- \* **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 of each year, 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.

## Pet Licensing:

Pet licenses are required to be obtained annually by anyone residing in the City of Franklin who owns a dog, cat, or tiny horse which is 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**

**Late Fee for Altered Pet—\$6**

**Unaltered Pet—\$24**

**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](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 MasterCard or Visa credit card.

## Property Tax Bill Questions

The following are frequently asked property tax bill questions that were not addressed in the cover story. Please call the Treasury Office at 414-425-4770 with any additional questions.

### How are my taxes calculated?

The approved tax levies from all of the taxing jurisdictions (see pie chart on Page 1) 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, make sure the tax bills have the same taxing bodies before you call to check on your bill.

### What are the 2019 tax rates?

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 \$22.47 to \$22.22 in the Franklin School District, from \$21.02 to \$20.80 in the Whitnall School District, and change from \$19.84 to \$20.42 in the Oak Creek/Franklin School District.

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

A lottery credit is provided by the State for qualifying citizens for their primary residence only. All taxable property with improvements will receive a "First Dollar Credit" based on the equalized value of the school tax rate. Amounts vary by school district.

### 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, 2020, and do not qualify for installment payments.**

### What if I do not receive my tax bill?

Please note that 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. You can print a bill from the City's website at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov) (click on "Property Taxes/Tax Web Portal" under the "Quick Links" area at the bottom of the home page), request the bill from the seller, or contact the Treasury Office to get the necessary property tax information.

## 2020 Election Information

### Election Dates:

**Spring Primary** (if needed): **February 18, 2020**

**Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary:** **April 7, 2020**

**Partisan Primary:** **August 11, 2020**

**General & Presidential Election:** **November 3, 2020**

### Municipal Elected Offices:

At the April 7, 2020 Spring Election, the following municipal offices will be on the ballot:

- 3-year term for Mayor**
- 3-year term for 3rd District Alderman**
- 3-year term for 4th District Alderman**
- 3-year term for 6th District Alderman**
- 4-year term for Municipal Judge**



Annual salaries are: Office of Mayor—\$16,800 plus \$4,800 for mileage/expenses; Office of Alderman—\$7,200 plus \$1,800 for mileage/expenses; Office of Municipal Judge—\$21,000. Nomination papers 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 7, 2020. **If interested in obtaining the documents required for these offices or would like additional information on the Election process, please call 425-7500.**

## Property Tax Bill Payments

Property tax bills are scheduled to be mailed the week of December 9th. Payment is due January 31, 2020. Your property tax bill includes payment coupons for each of the three installment payments. Send in the payment coupon with your payment.

### Payment Hours:

Treasury will have extended business hours for tax payments the last 2 weeks in December (there are no Saturday or Holiday hours for property tax payments).

Daily payment hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For tax payment purposes, payment hours will be extended on the following dates as shown below:

**Monday—Friday, Dec. 16-20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Monday, Dec. 23, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Thursday & Friday, Dec. 26 & 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Monday, Dec. 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**The Treasury Office will be CLOSED  
December 24, 25, & 31 and January 1, 2020.**

### Online Payment:

You can 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](http://www.franklinwi.gov). To pay your taxes online, please refer to the instructions included with your tax bill that you will be receiving in the mail. 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.**

### Payment by Mail:

Payment is deposited the day received. Please include the payment coupon. A receipt will be sent when requested and accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

### Payment by 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. A receipt will be sent when requested and accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

### Payment by Credit Card:

Pay your taxes with a credit card via Government Payment Services, Inc. (GPS) at [www.GovPayNow.com](http://www.GovPayNow.com). Use Pay Location Code 5898. Note that by using this service you will be charged a service fee in addition to the tax amount. For phone payments by credit card, call 1-888-604-7888.

### Payment in Person:

In person payments can be made at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road. Depending upon demand, wait times can be long with the longest wait times occurring near December 31st. Your payment coupon will facilitate the payment processing (the tax bill is not necessary) and a receipt will be provided during processing. Checks and money orders are encouraged for your safety and speed of processing.

### Wisconsin Lottery and Gaming Credit:

Wisconsin Lottery and Gaming Credit is available for your primary residence only. If the credit was on your 2018 Real Estate Tax Bill, or you filed the 2019 Lottery Credit form, the credit will be on your 2019 Real Estate Tax Bill. If the credit is not on your tax bill and you are eligible in 2019, it can be deducted from your 2019 tax bill until January 31, 2020.



## Franklin Citizen Police Academy

Police Chief Rick Oliva has announced Class No. 27 of the Franklin Police Department Citizen Police Academy which begins Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for 12 consecutive weeks, and concludes on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 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 Franklin 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, traffic enforcement, investigations, SWAT, K-9 unit, dispatch/communications, fire and emergency medical services, and much more. Students will 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 Sergeant Jason Fincel at [jfincel@franklinwi.gov](mailto:jfincel@franklinwi.gov). Applications are available at the Franklin Police Department lobby or can be obtained and sent via email.

## Applications Being Accepted for Auxiliary Police Unit



The Franklin Police Department is currently accepting applications to fill open positions on the Auxiliary Police Unit. The Auxiliary Police Unit is comprised of private citizens that volunteer their own time to the Franklin Police Department in service to the Franklin community. Auxiliary Officers assist sworn officers with a variety of assignments such as Franklin High School sporting events, Shop With A Cop, National Night Out, the Bike Rodeo, the July 4th Civic Celebration, and St. Martin's Fair.

Members of the Auxiliary Police Unit are expected to volunteer a minimum of 50 hours per year, which includes attending monthly meetings and volunteering at least 8 hours at the July 4th Civic Celebration and St Martin's Fair.

### Requirements to apply are as follows:

- Be at least 18 years of age and a US citizen.
- Be of good moral character and have no criminal record.
- Be mentally and physically capable of performing assigned tasks.
- Successfully complete a background investigation and an interview process.
- Subject to approval by the Chief of Police.
- Reside within Milwaukee County or 15 miles from any border of the City of Franklin.

If you have additional questions, or need an application, please contact Sergeant Jason Fincel at [jfincel@franklinwi.gov](mailto:jfincel@franklinwi.gov).

## Infant Massage Classes



**An opportunity for parents to network with other new parents while learning the advantages of infant massage**

**Ideal for infants and pre-walking babies**

**Includes two FREE classes:**

**Thursday, December 12, 2019 (Legs, Feet, Belly, Chest)**

**Thursday, December 19, 2019 (Arms, Hands, Face, Head, Stretches)**

**10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Located in the Fadrow Room at the Franklin Public Library  
9151 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, WI 53132**

**Register by calling 414-425-9101 or emailing  
[kkringel@franklinwi.gov](mailto:kkringel@franklinwi.gov)**



## Winter Holiday Safety



Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together; but that also means a greater risk for fire. Follow these simple tips to ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

### Holiday Decorating

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn. Blow out candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Use correct decorative lights; some are made for indoor use, while others are for 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 that can be connected together. Be sure to turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.
- Use clips not nails to hang lights to prevent cord damage.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

### Holiday Entertaining

- Test smoke alarms and tell guests your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside and provide large, deep ashtrays. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

### Facts

- One-third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- Two of every five decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

## Familiar Faces Take New Leadership Roles at Department of Public Works

Recent retirements and staffing changes have provided new opportunities in leadership roles at the Franklin Public Works Department. Please welcome these familiar faces to their new roles with the City.



Pictured left to right: Rich Katzfey, Kevin Schlueter, Dale Borchardt.

### Kevin Schlueter, Superintendent:

Kevin, a lifelong Franklin resident, is no stranger to the City of Franklin. Kevin served the City as a paid-on-call member of the Franklin Fire Department after high school and has worked for Public Works for the last 19 years. Kevin began his Public Works journey as a Light Equipment Operator, moving up the ladder to Heavy Equipment Operator, then Assistant Superintendent, to most recently, Superintendent. Prior to working for the City of Franklin, Kevin worked for Milwaukee County. Kevin's favorite DPW season is Fall, when he is able to see the finished products of what the DPW employees have been working hard on all Summer. It also marks the time to prepare for the Winter season! When not hard at work, Kevin enjoys spending time with his friends and family playing cards, heading up north to hunt, and watching TV shows he grew up with.

**Rich Katzfey, Assistant Superintendent:** Rich is the newest member on the leadership team, having been with Public Works for 2 years, beginning as a Heavy Equipment Operator. Rich brings vast knowledge and experience to the City with his extensive background in construction and masonry work. Rich's favorite DPW season is Summer, when road improvements and other City projects can begin. In his free time, Rich enjoys spending time with family, coaching middle and high school wrestling, hunting, and working on old cars.

**Dale Borchardt, Foreman:** Dale is also a familiar face in the Public Works family. He has been with Public Works for 8 years, and is the resident "Jack of All Trades". Dale began as a Light Equipment Operator, with a home construction background, prior to becoming Foreman. Dale's favorite DPW season is Spring, when he can begin prep work for opening the City's beautiful parks and pavilions. Dale is the in-house park guru, overseeing park, pavilion, and play equipment maintenance. In his spare time, Dale likes spending time with his family and all things "old car" related.

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

**Ansay & Associates, 9809 S. Franklin Drive**  
(Insurance Agency)

**CBD American Shaman, 7249 S. 76th Street**  
(Retail Sales)

**Clinical Path Consulting, 11320 W. Forest Home Avenue**  
(Computer Programming Services)

**Magenta Printing, 2735 W. Rawson Avenue**  
(Commercial Art & Graphic Design)

**S & C Electric, 10130 S. 54th Street**  
(Storage of Electrical Supplies)

**SET Environmental, 9600 S. 60th Street**  
(Warehousing and Storage)

**SUPPORT FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!**



## Your Health Matters

Franklin Health Department—425-9101

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

(Clinics held 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.)



## Love Thy Neighbor Workshops Now in Franklin!

**Love Thy Neighbor** is happy to expand their offerings to the City of Franklin due to a partnership with the Franklin Health Department, Victory of the Lamb Church, and the Franklin Recreation Department. The goal of **Love Thy Neighbor** is to empower seniors, their families, and caregivers with resources and information on safely "aging in place" and learning how and where to seek assistance.

**Thursday, Dec. 12th: Scams, Scams, and More Scams**

**Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Location: Victory of the Lamb Church, 11120 W. Loomis Road**

**Register by calling 414-423-4646**

### \*\*\* Services for Parents \*\*\*

Our Public Health Nurses offer a variety of programs for parents to keep their children healthy and strong. Call 425-9101 for more information on the following programs for Franklin residents:

- **Car Seat Checks & Installation**
- **Lactation Consultation**
- **Development Screenings**
- **Immunization Needs**

## Holiday Food Safety Tips

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

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



Visit [www.fightbac.org](http://www.fightbac.org) for more information on holiday food safety techniques.

## Sharps & Medicine Collection



The Franklin Health Department at 9229 W. Loomis Road is an approved sharps collection site for Franklin residents. Medical sharps, needles, syringes (with and without medication), and lancets may be brought to the Health Department Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All sharps must be in an approved biohazard or red sharps container. New sharps containers are available for a fee at the Health Department. Thick walled plastic laundry detergent containers with screw-on caps may only be used if they have a biohazard label applied before use. Biohazard labels are free from the Health Department.

## **\*\*Help Match \$25,000 Donation to Franklin Public Library Foundation\*\***

An anonymous donation in the amount of \$25,000 has been made to the Franklin Public Library Foundation, with the donor hoping the Franklin community will come together and match the donor's gift. Please help make the donor's dream a reality and help us reach this goal in 2019! Consider creating a legacy with your gift of cash, securities, life insurance or real estate, or name the Franklin Public Library Foundation as a beneficiary in your retirement or estate plan. For more information, contact Library Director Jennifer Loeffel at 427-7545.

The Franklin Public Library Foundation was established to provide current and future financial support to Franklin Public Library, funding projects that complement but do not supplant the City's responsibility for the ongoing operation of the Library. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization guided by volunteers who champion the programs and services of the Library by raising the funds to support the Library's mission.

## **Franklin Public Library Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

No time to bake Christmas cookies? We've got you covered! Support the Franklin Public Library and get a little something to satisfy your sweet tooth this holiday season. Purchase delicious homemade cookies, bars, and candy for \$8 per pound. Other baked goods will also be available. Enjoy a delicious cup of Stone Creek coffee or hot cider for \$1 while you select your sweets! All proceeds go to the Franklin Public Library Foundation.



*\*\*\*We are in need of bakers! We are looking for volunteer bakers to donate cookies, bars, candy, and other baked goods (breads, pies, muffins, or cupcakes). Please bring your donated baked goods to the Franklin Public Library on Friday, December 13, from 2 to 6 p.m. If you would like your container back, please make sure to put your name on it and it will be available for pickup after 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14.\*\*\**

## **Special \$5 Bag Book Sale Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**



We're cleaning out the Book Nook and getting it ready for the New Year! Come in and fill a paper grocery bag with books for only \$5 per bag.

## **AARP's 2020 Tax Aide program: February 4 – April 14, 2020**

The AARP Tax Aide Program is available by appointment only. Tax preparation is free and not restricted by age, income, or AARP membership. There are three ways to make an appointment:

- Sign up online at [www.aarptaxmke.org](http://www.aarptaxmke.org), beginning January 6
- In person at Franklin Public Library on January 13, 10 am to 1 pm
- By phone (414) 216-3030

## **Children & Family Programs**

**Crafty Cinema: The Grinch** (All Ages–Drop-In)  
Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. Enjoy the movie "The Grinch" while making a craft (while supplies last)!



**Holiday Dance Class** (Drop-In)  
Friday, Dec. 20, Ages 2-3 (Parent & Tot): 10:30 a.m.; Ages 3-4: 11 a.m. Enjoy a holiday dance class taught by the Academy of Performing Arts! Dance attire not required!

**Games with a Cop** (All Ages–Drop-In)  
Monday, Jan. 20, 1-3:30 p.m. Back by popular demand! Come and play board games with officers from the Franklin Police Department. Jenga, Twister, Checkers, Apples-to-Apples, Scrabble Jr. are just some of the games you can play.

## **Teen Programs—Grades 7-12**

**DIY Holiday Cards for Teens** (No registration required)  
Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4-6 p.m. Drop in to design and create your own beautiful and unique cards to give to family and friends this holiday season! Supplies provided but feel free to bring any crafty items to personalize your cards.

**Exam Cram! Teen Pizza Study** (No registration required)  
Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, 4-6 p.m. Teens—cram for your exams at the Library! Bring your study group and enjoy pizza and activities in the CreateSpace.



## **Adult Programs**



**Tuesday Technology Help** (Registration required)  
Every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. Need help with technology? Book a 30-minute appointment and work one-on-one with a librarian on any technology topic: the Internet, tablets, smartphones, and more. Appointments are 1, 1:30, 2, or 2:30 p.m. Call 425-8214 to sign up.

**Adult Winter Reading Program—Season's Readings!**  
January 6–February 28. Get cozy and pick up a book and a reading record at the Library Information Desk beginning Monday, January 6. For every book read, you will receive an entry slip into the prize drawing at the completion of the program. Reading records must be turned in by Friday, February 28, to be entered into the drawing.

**Top Mac Chef: Mac 'n Cheese Cookoff** (No registration)  
Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30-8 p.m. It isn't easy being cheesy! Bring your best mac 'n cheese dish to the Library and compete for the mac 'n cheese mayhem title! Win cheesy prizes!

**\*\*2020 Great Decisions Discussion Series** (No registration)  
Every Wednesday in February & March, 6:30-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Franklin Public Library Foundation. Topics include:

Climate Change and the Global Order	India and Pakistan
Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking	Red Sea Security
US Relations w/the Northern Triangle	China's Road Into Latin America
The Philippines and the US	Artificial Intelligence and Data

Visit [www.franklinpubliclibrary.org](http://www.franklinpubliclibrary.org) for all programming!





## New City Planners Fill Much Needed Void in Planning Department



Régulo Martínez-Montilva joined the Franklin Planning Department in August as an Associate Planner. Mr. Martínez brings over 6 years' experience in current and long-range planning. Before joining the City of Franklin, he worked as Senior Planner for the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners in Central Florida where he reviewed site plans, planned unit developments, variances, conditional uses, signs and land subdivisions. Originally from Venezuela, Mr. Martínez moved to Florida in 2016 and then Wisconsin in 2019. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning from the Universidad Simon Bolivar in Venezuela and a Master's Degree in Territory Management and Spatial Analysis from the Universidad Central de Venezuela. Mr. Martínez obtained the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certification in 2018 and speaks English, Spanish, and French. He currently provides staff support to the Board of Zoning and Building Appeals and the Quarry Monitoring Committee of the City of Franklin, as well as assisting Planning Manager Joel Dietl with the Plan Commission.



Marion Ecks joined the City's Planning Department in August as an Assistant Planner. Ms. Ecks is a 2018 graduate of the UWM joint Master's Program in Urban Planning and Public Administration, where she received the 2018 American Planning Association's Outstanding Student Award. During her graduate studies, she interned at the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development. Prior to graduate school, she worked in nonprofit administration and fundraising. Ms. Ecks is a Milwaukee native, and is active in the community. She serves on the board of Kompost Kids, Inc., and helps plan the annual Bay View Bash. She is excited to put her skills and service mindset to work in Franklin.



## 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](http://www.FranklinSeniorTravelers.com)

### March 3: Hal Prince: From Fiddler to Phantom, Sunset Playhouse, Elm Grove

Spend a delightful afternoon celebrating the Prince of Broadway and dozens of his Tony award-winning triumphs. Over the span of his career, Hal Prince garnered 21 Tony Awards, including eight for directing, eight for producing, two as best producer of a musical, and three special awards. You'll hear tunes from Fiddler on the Roof, Cabaret, Zorba, Follies, Evita, Phantom of the Opera, and many more. Will there be lunch? Of course!

**RSVP Deadline:** February 1 / **Resident Fee:** \$39

### April 28: The Beat Goes On: Rock Classics, Sunset Playhouse, Elm Grove

Your afternoon will begin with a delicious lunch. Then it's time to enjoy some of the greatest hits in rock history. Move and groove to "Shake, Rattle and Roll", "Born to be Wild", "Brown Eyed Girl", "Stairway to Heaven", and many more. Rock and Roll is here to stay. Join us to remember those popular hits from way-back-when!

**RSVP Deadline:** March 27 / **Resident Fee:** \$39

**Reservations:** Open to all Franklin residents who are 55 years or older. Full payment guarantees your reservation. **Refunds:** No refunds are given after the deadline date unless your ticket can be resold. **Insurance:** The City of Franklin and the Franklin Senior Travel Program does not provide medical insurance or hospitalization coverage for those participating in tours or activities. **Cancellations:** Tours may be cancelled due to weather.



## Franklin Senior Citizens, Inc.

*Open to Franklin Residents 55 Years of Age & Older*

### Becoming a Member

The Franklin Senior Citizens, Inc. is open to all Franklin residents who are 55 years of age or older. Activities include luncheons, holiday parties, guest speakers, movies, card playing, and social camaraderie. Annual dues are \$15 per person. A **business meeting luncheon** is held the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. at Root River Lanes, 7220 W. Rawson Avenue, Franklin. A **social luncheon** is held the third Wednesday of each month at Noon at Brenwood Park Senior Apartments, 9501 W. Loomis Road, Franklin. **For more information or reservations, contact Bev Key at 414-421-2226.**

### Franklin Seniors Walking Club

Meets 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Thursday at Milwaukee County Sports Complex, 6000 W. Ryan Road. Dues: \$5 (includes T-shirt). **Contact David & Judy Beine at 421-3490 for more details or visit [www.FranklinSeniorTravelers.com](http://www.FranklinSeniorTravelers.com)** (click on the "Franklin Sr. Walking Club" box).



### Attention Seniors:

- **Franklin Senior Dining:** Nutritious, balanced, hot lunches are served Monday thru 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. Doors open at 9 a.m. with meals served at 11:30 a.m. Diners are encouraged to contribute \$3 per meal. **Call 427-7696 for details.**



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## Holiday Hours

City Hall will be **CLOSED** December 24th and 25th for Christmas and December 31st and January 1st for New Years.

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



**APRIL 1, 2020:** Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will be mailed an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the Census, you tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

### Franklin Economic Development Commission Holds 2019 Business Appreciation Celebration

Franklin business leaders gathered with Common Council, City department heads, state elected officials, and stakeholders to celebrate the vibrant business community in the City of Franklin. More than 100 guests gathered at The Polish Center on October 24th with keynote speaker Michael E. Zimmerman. Zimmerman is the Chief Executive Officer of ROC Ventures, a fund and management company, which includes The Rock (ski hill, youth and adult baseball field complex, Umbrella Bar), hospitality venues, a professional indoor soccer team (Milwaukee Wave), the Milwaukee (WI) Milkmen, the Kokomo (IN) Jackrabbits (Northwoods League Team), Ballpark Commons Development in Franklin, WI, and a number of other sports and real estate related ventures. The Business Appreciation Celebration culminated with an Excellence Awards Program where the Franklin Economic Development Commission announced the following winners (and nominees) in four categories:

**Excellence in Business—Small:** Hide-Away Pub & Eatery

(Anderson Family Dental, Lovers Lane Sushi and Seafood Buffet, Southwestern Suburban Symphony)

**Excellence in Business—Large:** Payne & Dolan

(Dash Medical Gloves, Kronos, Inc., Northwestern Mutual, Vesta, Inc./Lubrizol)

**Excellence in Innovation:** Forte Theater Company

(Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital, Aurora Healthcare, Big Bang LLC, Wheel & Sprocket)

**Excellence in Leadership:** Susan Rabe, Conservancy for Healing & Heritage

(Apostale Evreniadis, Mimosa; Tom Schulz, Kronos, Inc.)

"The City is pleased to bring our business community together for an evening of celebration and appreciation for all the hard work and investment of our companies in providing goods, services, and manufactured products here in Franklin," said Mayor Steve Olson. "We have a robust and active business base and it is a privilege to bring City Staff, elected officials, business owners and stakeholders together to recognize their contribution to the vitality of our City."

The 2020 Business Appreciation Celebration is slated for October 22, 2020 with the venue to be determined. The Economic Development Commission is beginning to plan for the event next year and looking forward to honoring businesses who continue to define what Franklin is all about.