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Health Department..... 425-9101

Human Resources..... 427-7505

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Parks..... 425-7500

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The Franklin Civic Celebration is Back for 2021!

Lions Legend Park (Loomis Road & Drexel Avenue)



FRIDAY, JULY 2, 5 PM–11 PM
SATURDAY, JULY 3, NOON–11 PM
SUNDAY, JULY 4, 10 AM–11 PM

The Civic Celebration Committee, with guidance from the Franklin Health Department, aims to provide the best possible event for those who want to attend in person and virtual suggestions for those who prefer to celebrate elsewhere (visit the Franklin Civic Celebration page of the City website—www.franklinwi.gov). Let's celebrate our quality of life and liberty, and pursue happiness safely together! **See Page 3 for schedule of events!**

*Whether you are a volunteer or attendee, if you do not feel well,
please stay home and participate in online events.*

Legend Park

The Franklin Health Department has provided guidance that we believe will provide a more enjoyable in-person experience. In addition to extra handwashing stations and more frequent cleaning, please expect organized lines which we hope will improve efficiency. Attendees are reminded to wear masks and socially distance.

Virtual Options

For those who are enjoying backyard barbecues, enhance your gathering with a patriotic music stream from YouTube, Spotify, or similar providers. YouTube also hosts 10 hours of fireworks. Sporcle and Kahoot! offer free accounts with Independence Day and US History multiplayer trivia challenges! Visit the [Franklin Civic Celebration website page at www.franklinwi.gov/About-Franklin/Annual-City-Events/Franklin-Civic-Celebration.htm](http://www.franklinwi.gov/About-Franklin/Annual-City-Events/Franklin-Civic-Celebration.htm) for more details on virtual suggestions and options for celebrating Independence Day!

Join the July 4th Parades!

-Children's Parade 10:30 a.m. Kids do not need to register. Annual tradition where the kids decorate their bikes, wagons, and strollers in patriotic red, white, and blue colors. No gas-powered or motorized vehicles allowed. The morning begins with Geno's Kid Show from 9:45 a.m. until the children's parade begins. Arrive at the Police Department parking lot by 10 am. Drop offs allowed for kids and at least one adult at the front parking lot of the Police Station, 9455 W. Loomis Road. Vehicles will not be allowed to park in any area of the Police Department parking lot.



-Main Parade 11 a.m. If interested in entering a group to participate in the Main parade, please request a registration packet now by contacting Ann Adamski at 414-690-7340 or via email at FranklinParade@gmail.com. All local area scout troops, churches, youth groups, booster clubs, and civic organizations are encouraged to participate. **Deadline for entry is June 15th.** Any Franklin residents who are veterans are invited to march in the parade. Pre-registration is not necessary. Please contact Ann at 414-690-7340 or via email at FranklinParade@gmail.com.

Call for Volunteers

If you are interested in volunteering at the Civic Celebration, please fill out the Volunteer Sign-Up form that is included inside this newsletter and mail it to the address on the form, or scan and email it to pekopete@aol.com, or contact Pete Kosovich at 414-761-7664 to register. **Volunteers must be 21 years or older to work in the beverage tent. Sign up early to get your time slots reserved!**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Franklin Park Concerts, Inc.

FREE Summer Concert Series

Lions Legend Park Band Shell

(Loomis Road & Legend Drive)

The following Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

June 27 Close Enuf Band with Don & Phil
Everly Brothers Tribute

July 11 Vern and the Originals
Polkas and Waltzes

July 25 British Invasion '64
Tribute to 1960's British Bands

August 8 The KR Bluegrass Band
Bluegrass and Country

August 22 AARPers Bizarre
Classic Rock, Country, and Blues



Bring a chair and enjoy!

Masks will be required as well as social distancing. Attendees must bring their own chairs. For more information, visit www.franklinparkconcerts.webador.com.

2021 National Night Out

Monday, August 2nd
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Franklin Public Library
9151 W. Loomis Road



Franklin's 16th Annual National Night Out Kick-Off Celebration will be held Monday, August 2nd, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road. This kick-off celebration will be held to draw support for the Annual National Night Out celebrated nationwide on Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

Numerous fire, police, and other vehicles will be on display in the Library parking lot. Officers will be available to answer questions about crime prevention and the many other community-oriented policing programs offered by the Franklin Police Department. Free crime prevention and other safety materials will be available. Area businesses will have displays inside the Library including promotional materials and small handouts for children.

If interested in volunteering or sponsoring this year's festivities, please contact Police Sergeant Jeremy Fadness at jfadness@franklinwi.gov or at 414-858-2684.

Please WELCOME the Following Businesses to the City of Franklin!

Biggby Coffee, 7700 S. Lovers Lane Road, Suite 100
(Coffee franchise with drive thru)

Billy Simms BBQ, 7358 W. Rawson Avenue
(Restaurant with drive thru)

Caravel Autism Health, 5000 Ashland Way
(Outpatient clinic for children with autism)

Kleidermode Woodworking, 6806 S. 112th Street
(Millwork/fabrication of wood trim and fixtures)

Thelen Power, 8861 S. 27th Street
(Hardware store, outdoor equipment retail/warranty service)

UW Credit Union, 6611 S. 27th Street
(Credit Union)



SUPPORT FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!

The Franklin Lioness Club

A nonprofit organization dedicated to serving the beautiful City of Franklin.



The Franklin Lioness Club

enjoyed preparing an Easter surprise of chocolates and assorted treats for residents and staff at **Elizabeth Residence—Franklin.**

We are pleased to announce the **Franklin Lioness Scholarship Program 2021**. Do you know a high school senior who lives in Franklin and is pursuing higher education? Five (5) recipients will be awarded \$500 for demonstrating exceptional service to the community.

Join us on Facebook for upcoming events and the latest club news and information:
www.facebook.com/FranklinLioness or
Email FranklinLioness@yahoo.com.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP!

Serving together in kindness—We are the Franklin Lioness and we are here for you.



Franklin Civic Celebration at Lions Legend Park



FRIDAY, JULY 2, 5 PM – 11 PM ★ SATURDAY, JULY 3, NOON – 11 PM ★ SUNDAY, JULY 4, 10 AM – 11 PM

Friday, July 2

5:00 to 11:00 p.m.

7:30 to 11:00 p.m.

(Festival area open 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.)

Carnival Rides (Festival Grounds)

Bella Cain Band (Main Stage)



Saturday, July 3

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Noon to 11:00 p.m.

2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

7:15 to 9:00 p.m.

(Festival area open Noon to 11 p.m.)

Innovative Fitness & Health Free Group Exercise Classes

Carnival Rides (Rainbow Rides Wristband Day—\$20 from Noon to 4 p.m.) (Festival Grounds)

The Jimmys Band (Main Stage)

The Cheap Shots Band (Main Stage)

Brew City Wrestling (Festival Grounds)

Sunday, July 4

9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

(Festival area open Noon to 11 p.m.)

Geno's Kid Show (Police Department Parking Lot, 9455 W. Loomis Road)

Children's Parade Starts

(No registration required and no gas-powered vehicles allowed in parade. Arrive at Police Department parking lot by 10 a.m.—kids and at least one adult can be dropped off at the front parking lot of the Police Department, 9455 W. Loomis Road. Vehicles are not allowed to park in any area of the Police Department parking lot.)

11:00 a.m.

Main Parade Starts

(Parade route starts at W. Loomis Road and Forest Hill Avenue, progresses north on Loomis Road to Drexel Avenue, proceeds east down Drexel Avenue to the Fire Station. Registration required. Water guns/water balloons prohibited. Bleachers provided. No parking is allowed on either side of Loomis Road on July 3 and 4—violators will be ticketed and towed by the Franklin Police Department.)

Noon to 11:00 p.m.

Carnival Rides (Festival Grounds)

Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Franklin Historical Buildings Open/Guided Tours (Located across the street from main tent.)

12:15 to 12:55 p.m.

Next Step Dance Studio (Main Stage)

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Geno's Kid Show (Festival Grounds)

12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Free Kid's Face Painting (Festival Grounds)

1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Academy of Performing Arts (Main Stage)

1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The Differentials Band (Main Stage)

6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

The Playlist Band (Main Stage)

9:30 p.m.

FIREWORKS (Festival Grounds)

Rides and Food Vendors—Rainbow Rides and food vendors will be operating during all open hours of the festival. Carnival rides will continue after the fireworks on July 4th until 11 p.m.

I Scream You Scream!—Free ice cream will be handed out after the parade on the festival grounds.

No Carry Ins—No carry-in beverages allowed on the festival grounds area at any time during the festival.

***Volunteer Sign-Up**

Contact Pete Kosovich at 414-761-7664 or at pekopete@aol.com.

***Main Parade**

Contact Ann Adamski at 414-690-7340 or at FranklinParade@gmail.com.

***Sponsors & Donations**

Contact John Bergner at 414-881-5863 or at jbergner@sbcglobal.net.



Franklin Citizen Police Academy

Police Chief Rick Oliva has announced Class No. 29 of the Franklin Police Department Citizen Police Academy which will begin Thursday, September 2, 2021, for 12 consecutive weeks, and conclude on Thursday, November 18, 2021. A graduation ceremony will take place on December 2, 2021. Classes meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 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. Applications are available in the Franklin Police Department lobby or can be sent via email.

Property Tax Bill Payments

****REMINDER:** If you have selected the installment method for property tax payments, the final installment is due June 1, 2021.



ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS:

Instructions for paying your taxes online were included with the tax bill and are available on the City's website. **Please note that online payments take more than one business day to process. Waiting until the last day will cause the online payment to be made AFTER the due date.**

Open Burning—Permits Required

Open burning of leaves, brush, and garden refuse is allowed in the City of Franklin now through June 15 with a permit. Open Burning Permits are issued to owners of one- and two-family residential properties and allows burning in accordance with Chapter 133-17.D. of the Franklin Municipal Code. Burning permits can be obtained at the City Clerk's Office Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Below outlines the regulations of an Open Burning Permit.



There shall be no open burning of any combustible waste material except as allowed by permit and subject to the following regulations:

- Wind velocity cannot exceed 9 miles per hour.
- Contents of the pile may contain only dry leaves, brush, and other dry plant material.
- Burning of construction or packaging materials is prohibited.
- The size of the burn pile shall not exceed 4 feet in width and 3 feet in height.
- Open burning shall be constantly supervised by a competent person, at least 16 years old, until the fire is extinguished.
- The pile to be burned shall be a minimum of 50 feet from buildings and 25 feet from any public roadways.
- If smoke travels in such a manner as to cause a nuisance to neighbors, or obscure any public roadway, the fire shall be required to be extinguished.
- Open burning is only permitted from 7 a.m. to 1/2 hour after sunset and only permitted from April 1 to June 15 and October 15 to November 30.
- Flammable or combustible liquids shall not be used to ignite or accelerate the fire at any point.
- A garden hose or other means of extinguishment must be present and readily accessible at all times.

The Fire Chief or his designee reserves the right to:

- Revoke permits and/or impose monetary penalties on any party violating the above regulations.
- Order any open burning to be extinguished.
- Temporarily disallow open burning due to local circumstances, such as extremely dry conditions or any other unforeseen conditions.

For questions, please contact:

**The Franklin Fire Department
at 414-425-1420 or
The City Clerk's Office at
414-425-7500**



Health Department Updates

On March 10, 2021, the Franklin Health Department partnered with Volition Franklin to provide a "Wellness Wednesday" gift for approximately 120 seniors participating in the Franklin Senior Dining Program. Seniors were given a coloring book, colored pencils, and a TimerCap—a prescription medication bottle with a timer designed to help reduce medication misuse and help individuals remember the last time they took their medication.



WI Wins is a statewide tobacco prevention campaign that uses science-based strategies to decrease youth access to tobacco products and help retailers avoid fines. WI Wins uses positive reinforcement to create healthier communities by congratulating clerks who don't sell tobacco to youth and educating those who do.

WITobaccoCheck.org provides free state-approved retailer training on Wisconsin tobacco sales laws. The online tool includes study guides, a quiz, and a certificate of completion. For more information on these free retailer trainings, contact the Franklin Health Department at 414-425-9101.

COVID-19:

For the most up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 vaccine opportunities, please visit the City's website home page at www.franklinwi.gov or www.vaccinefinder.org.

Adult Education Program

To Register: Call 414-425-9101

Mind Over Bladder:

A Holistic Approach to Bladder Health

Wednesday, June 9, 1 p.m.

Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road

Do you struggle with bladder issues such as leakage, urgency, or frequency? Many women do, however these symptoms should not be considered a normal part of aging or blamed on being a woman. In fact, they are very treatable. Join Megan Rorabeck, PT, DPT, WCS, and author of *Between the Hips: A Practical Guide for Women* in an informational session to learn how to improve not only your bladder health, but your pelvic health as a whole. You will have an opportunity to ask questions (anonymously if desired) and you will learn:

- How the bladder works so you can be in control (mind over bladder).
- How fluids affect your bladder and why drinking water is important.
- Lifestyle and behavioral management techniques (hint: kegels are not always the solution).
- How your bowel and pelvic health can affect your bladder health.

Registration is required—Call the Franklin Health Department at 414-425-9101.
Seating is limited.

THANK YOU TO OUR
VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL
THAT YOU DO!

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
VOLUNTEERS HAVE LOGGED OVER

1,000 HOURS

OF EFFORT ALONG SIDE OUR
HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF FROM
2020-2021! YOUR DEDICATION
DOES NOT GO UNNOTICED!



SIGN UP TODAY TO
JOIN OUR EFFORTS AS
A VOLUNTEER!

<https://weavrwi.org/index.php>

- Select Register Now
- Click Add Organization
- Select ► County Organizations
- Select ► Milwaukee County
- Select Franklin Health Department

The Library Story

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

Hours: *May change per health/safety concerns
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
(Call for curbside pick-up times.)

Children Programs

All programs will be outside. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED, limited, and begins June 1.** Follow sidewalk along front of Library towards the Vet's Memorial to check-in. Social distancing and face masks (exception for children under 5) required. Programs may be cancelled due to weather or health safety concerns.

Rise 'n Shine Storytime (Ages 5 & Under with Adult)

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.—June 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27.
Includes stories, songs, and other early literacy activities.



Bedtime Tales (Ages 5 & Under with Adult)

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.—June 16, 23, 30; July 14, 21, 28. 30-minute program includes stories, songs, and rhymes for the whole family!

Yoga Storytime (Ages 3-5 with Adult)

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.—June 17, 24; July 1, 15, 22, 29. Explore yoga through books/activities. Librarian is not a yoga professional/bring own mat.

Programs for Grades 1-5, Mondays, 10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m.

(Sign up for ONE time per program. Kits also available the same day to make at home, while supplies last.)

- June 14: **Desk Pets**—Adopt a desk pet; create a home for your desk pet.
- June 21: **Mini-Monster Book of Monsters**—Craft your own mini version of Harry Potter's Monster Book of Monsters!
- June 28: **Animal Crossing**—Make your own craft and tool inspired by Animal Crossing.
- July 12: **Beautiful Butterflies**—Create a feeder to attract butterflies!
- July 19: **Raya and the Last Dragon**—Travel to the Kingdom of Kumandra and defeat Druun evil spirits by creating magical orbs.
- July 26: **Backyard Birds**—Make a feeder to feed your backyard birds.

Animal Walk (All Ages)

Friday, June 18, 10-11:30 a.m. Learn about animals in this hands-on walking experience with GEE Funny Farm! Time slots every 10 minutes.

Princess Meet & Greet (All Ages)

Friday, July 16, 10-12 p.m. Enjoy a meet-and-greet with two fairytale princesses with Fairytale Birthday Co.! Time slots every 10 minutes.

Dinosaur Picnic (All Ages)

Friday, July 30, 11:30 a.m. Pack a picnic and enjoy music, stories, and activities all about DINOSAURS!



Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

Teen Summer Reading Kick-Off Party: Sidewalk Chalk Art & Ice Cream (In-person & Outdoor)

Friday, June 18, 2-3 p.m. Celebrate the start of Teen Summer Reading by decorating the Library sidewalk with chalk art and enjoying ice cream treats! Masks required; safety precautions will be followed.

Teen Take-Out Crafts: Craft kits available at Information Desk while supplies last (all supplies provided). One kit per teen. YouTube video demonstration link available. Call 425-8214 for more information.

- Design a Mug with Sharpie Markers—Kits available June 14.
- Make Your Own Candy Gummy Bears—Kits available June 21.
- Create a Colorful Tassel Keychain—Kits available June 28.
- Create a Unique Pendant Necklace—Kits available July 6.
- Create Your Own Personalized Photo Coaster—Kits available July 12.
- Make a Dog Toy Out of a Recycled T-Shirt—Kits available July 19.
(May also make toys to be donated to a local animal shelter!)
- Create Your Own Bullet Journal—Kits available July 26.

Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program

June 14-July 30. For children, teens, and adults! Download the Beanstack Tracker app or visit <https://franklinpubliclibrary.beanstack.org> to register for the Summer Reading Club! Record books read and receive entries for great prize drawings! If using the app, search for 'Franklin Public Library'. On sign-in screen, click "Don't have an account? Sign Up" to create a profile. If you already have a profile, log in with your existing username/password. Follow the on-screen instructions; register as an individual or family (each age group has a summer reading program).

Adult Programs (For Adults 18+)



Community Plant!

Do you have extra seeds or plants from your vegetable/flower gardens? Bring them to the Library **Friday, June 4, any time between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.**, and plant them in the Library vegetable/flower gardens!

DIY Crafternoons (FPL Facebook Page/No registration required)

Second Wednesday of the month at Noon at www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI. Craft kits available for pickup one week prior to the program. **June 9:** Wine Cork Trivets / **July 14:** Fabric Bangle Bracelets / **August 11:** Woven Yarn Wall Hanging.

Technology Programs (www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI)

-Tech Tip Tuesdays: June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, 2 p.m. on FPL Facebook Live. Have a question about technology? Librarian Sam will answer your questions about library apps, ebooks, and audiobooks; the CountyCat app and online catalog; and other digital library services! Email your questions to sam.molzahn@mcfls.org and then tune into www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI on the dates listed above to hear the answers to your questions!

-Beanstack for Summer Reading Program: Tuesday, June 22, 2 p.m. on FPL Facebook Live. Beanstack is the website and app the Library uses for its reading programs. See how to log books, write reviews, and enter prize drawings in Beanstack for both a computer and a mobile device.

-Gale Courses Online Learning: Tuesday, July 27, 2 p.m. on FPL Facebook Live. Ever wanted to learn guitar, digital photography, or finally master Microsoft Excel? Gale Courses offers hundreds of free courses focused on professional development, technology skills, and personal enrichment.

The below programs require registration as space is limited. Register for ONE time slot ONLY. Programs may be cancelled due to inclement weather or community health risk.

Outdoor Art: Learn a fun new art technique out on the Library patio!

-Wed., June 23, 11 a.m. OR 2 p.m.—Introduction to Pastels. Learn how to draw with soft pastels.

-Wed., July 28, 11 a.m. OR 2 p.m.—Painting with Everyday Objects. Bubble wrap, Q-tips, even paper cups can be transformed into tools to make beautiful floral paintings!

Cooking Programs

-Wed., July 21, 11 a.m. OR 2 p.m.—We Have the Meats! Grilling & Smoking Techniques. Relax on the Library patio as we demonstrate various grilling and smoking techniques and sample some delicious BBQ recipes.

-Wed., Aug. 25, 11 a.m. OR 2 p.m.—Garden Harvest. Get some great ideas for using and preserving your garden bounty and sample some delicious recipes—all out on the Library patio.

Chair Yoga

Watch the Library website/Facebook page for dates/times!





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



Hello Franklin Senior Travelers –



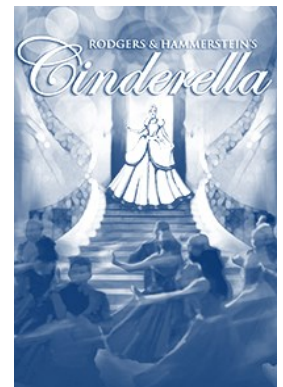
We hope everyone is healthy and safe. As summer approaches, we know that everyone is looking forward to the warm weather and being able to take in some shows where you can enjoy great conversations with new and old friends. I know many of you are anxious to share your stories of being cooped up all year. I've got lots of stories to share with you about Karen. And, of course, I have a whole bunch of new jokes and material to share with all of you. We haven't reached that time where the all clear has been given; but we are getting close.

We thought we would give you an update since many of you have been calling because you have heard announcements from different theaters about shows that are opening.

Yes, the Fireside Theater is one of those venues that are open. But, they are open and limited to 25 percent audience capacity for live shows. This means they are catering to small groups of family and close friends. Basically, whoever comes in a car together will be seated together in the restaurant for dining and for the smaller shows in the theater. If you don't fit that category, the seating in the theater is two seats apart and skipping a row. For dining, the large 10-person tables now accommodate 6 people and only if they are family or close relations who have been vaccinated. The rest of the tables are spread six feet apart for people who are not related or close friends so you can imagine what that looks like. The entertainment isn't what we are accustomed to. It currently features one or two singers on stage, not full performance shows like we have come to enjoy. To put it politely, the Fireside and other theaters we have gone to in the past are not able to facilitate large groups like ours at this time.

You may be wondering about the buses. We talked to our bus company about their current procedures. They initially laid off their drivers; but, fortunately, they are slowly starting to bring them back to work. Once we travel again, we hope to see some of our favorite bus drivers. Bus seating is also staggered and masks are required. On a standard large bus, we would only be able to seat 25 people at this point in time.

If all goes according to plan, we are currently scheduled to see *Cinderella* on Thursday, July 29. The Fireside will let us know by June 22 if the show will go on. If the show is on, we will post it on our website and do a mailing based on our current address listing. If you are interested in seeing *Cinderella*, I suggest you call us to make sure we have your updated mailing information. For those of you who are new to the Franklin Senior Travelers, we encourage you to call us to get placed on our mailing list.



We always enjoy hearing from you. Call us at 414-423-5481 and let us know if you have any questions. We hope this update has been helpful. We miss everyone. Stay safe.

Basil & Karen Ryan

Franklin Senior Dining—Pickup or Delivery:

The Milwaukee County Department on Aging is committed to meeting the food needs of older adults during the COVID-19 crisis. 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!**



RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER
FRANKLIN, WI 53132

Common and Glossy Buckthorn

*Invasive Plants that are Major Threats
to Midwestern Woodlands*

Provided by the Franklin Environmental Commission

The City of Franklin is encouraging all landowners to inspect their properties for the invasive buckthorn shrub and to devise a removal plan to eradicate it from your property as it may be required in the future.

The Common and Glossy Buckthorn are wood shrubs or small trees that form dense, shady stands in forest understories and former open areas. Both species threaten forests by out-competing native plants and tree seedlings for nutrients, light, and moisture.



Common Buckthorn



Buckthorn Infestation

Below are helpful links providing more information on Buckthorn and removal methods.

How to Identify Buckthorn:

-https://youtu.be/8A6unF_1F-c.

Methods to Manage and Control Buckthorn:

-<https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0145/8808/4272/files/A3924-02.pdf>.

Please visit the Environmental Commission website page for more information by scanning the QR code at right.

(<https://www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Elected-Officials/Boards-Commissions/Environmental-Commission.htm>)



SCAN ME

Milwaukee County Home Repair

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

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

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

The City of Franklin has been awarded grant funds specific to residents of Franklin. For residents who qualify, a portion of the project cost could be covered by the City's grant funds. Grant amounts may be up to half the project cost, generally targeted for up to between \$5,000 and \$10,000, and do not have to be paid back. **To apply, contact Milwaukee County Home Repair at 414-278-4917, or learn more at www.county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/Housing.**

Household Size	2021 Gross Annual Income
1	\$47,250
2	\$54,000
3	\$60,750
4	\$67,500
5	\$72,900
6	\$78,300

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