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Human Resources....414-427-7505

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Parks.....414-425-7500

Planning.....414-425-4024

Police.....414-425-2522

Public Works .....414-425-2592

Recreation.....414-423-4646

Sewer & Water .....414-421-2613

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**EMERGENCIES-CALL 911**

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

## From the Mayor's Office

Dear Residents,

I hope this letter finds you well as we welcome the arrival of spring in our charming City. This new year, we bid farewell to Fire Chief Adam Remington and Police Chief Rick Oliva. Chief Remington retired on January 5, 2024, after 28 years of service to the Franklin Fire Department, leading as Chief the past 10-1/2 years. Police Chief Rick Oliva retired on January 2, 2024, after 45 years of service, including 18 years in Franklin. Before joining us, he served the City of Milwaukee for nearly 27 years, culminating in his appointment as Chief of Police for Franklin on May 17, 2005.

Thank you, Chief Remington and Chief Oliva, for your exemplary service. I wish you both a healthy and happy retirement! We are fortunate to have two extraordinary replacements, Fire Chief Jim Mayer and Police Chief Craig Liermann, who have worked closely with our retired chiefs for several years. Please join me in welcoming and congratulating them. See page 8 of this newsletter to meet and learn more about our two new Chiefs.

I am thrilled that Carma Laboratories has chosen to build its new global headquarters here, breaking ground this past winter. This decision reaffirms their commitment to Franklin and our shared prosperity. Additionally, Hiller Ford is expanding its facilities, reflecting our thriving business environment. We proudly support businesses like Hiller Ford that are dedicated to our City. Saputo Cheese chose Franklin for their first-ever newly built facility, which opened this past winter. This investment underscores our economic vibrancy and potential.

As we embrace spring, let's celebrate our community's growth and prosperity. We are building a City that thrives and evolves, providing opportunities for businesses and residents. Your support is crucial to our success. I am optimistic about the future and the positive impact of these projects on our community.

I wish you a joyful spring filled with promise.



Mayor John R. Nelson

## Franklin Notification System



**Automatic notice of tornado warnings and more directly to your phone or email FREE!**

**Register today at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov) or call 414-858-1100 for assistance!**

*(Please note that you only need to register once for this notification system.)*

## Property Tax Bill Payments

**\*\*REMINDER:** If you have selected the installment method for property tax payments, the final two installments are due March 31 and May 31, 2024.

**ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS:** Instructions for paying your taxes online were included with your tax bill and are also available on the City's website at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov). **Note that online payments take more than 1 business day to process. Waiting until the last day will cause the online payment to be made AFTER the due date.**

# Independence Celebration 2024

**Wednesday, July 3—5 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Thursday, July 4—10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Friday, July 5—5 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Saturday, July 6—3 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

**Lions Legend Park (Loomis Road & Drexel Avenue)**



Mark your calendars for **four** days of family fun with the Franklin **Independence Celebration** from **Wednesday, July 3, through Saturday, July 6**, in Lions Legend Park! Great food, beverages, carnival rides, kids' activities, and incredible entertainment will be provided for all ages!

**Thursday, July 4th**, will kick off with the **Independence Parade at 11 a.m.** (Children's parade begins at 10:30 a.m.) and end with a bang with the astonishing **fireworks at 9:30 p.m.** Tour the historical area, get a bite to eat, and enjoy the musical talents of **Smart Mouth, Live Band Karaoke, The Playlist, Lunchmoney Bullies, and Bella Cain.**

**Parade Entry:** Please consider walking in this year's Independence Parade on Thursday, July 4th! All local area scout troops, churches, youth groups, booster clubs, and civic organization groups are encouraged to participate. **Contact Ann Adamski at 414-690-7340 or email FranklinParade@gmail.com for parade information or to request a registration form. The deadline for entry is June 15th.**

**Local Vendors:** The Independence Celebration allows local vendors/artists to display and sell their creations. **To learn more, contact Ann Adamski at 414-690-7340 or email FranklinParade@gmail.com.**

**Volunteers:** Serve beverages in the main tent or sell tickets in an air-conditioned booth. Volunteers must be 21 years or older to work in the beer tent. **If interested in volunteering at the Independence Celebration, please fill out the sign-up form included in this newsletter and mail it to the address on the form, scan and email it to Volunteers4Franklin@gmail.com, or contact Angela Christie at 414-235-8180.** The Volunteer Sign-Up Form is also available online.

**Donations:** Any business or individual donations of any dollar amount are welcomed. **See the online Donation Support Form or contact Mira Kresovic at 414-202-7192 or email Franklin4thFundraising@gmail.com.**

**Forms & Details:** For all forms, details, and contact information—see the "Independence Celebration" web page under "Annual City Events" under the "About Franklin" tab at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov).

For general questions, please contact John Bergner, Chairman of the Civic Celebrations Commission, at 414-881-5863 or [jbergner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbergner@sbcglobal.net).

## Home for the Holidays Thank You!

*The Franklin Civic Celebrations Commission would like to thank all who supported and attended the Home for the Holidays and City Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 25, 2023. This event collaborated with Innovative Fitness, the Jingle Bell 5K host, and the Franklin Public Library, host of Sit with Santa. We greatly appreciate the market vendors; our sponsors: John's Disposal, James Bild State Farm Agency, Polar Beverage (seltzer), and Victory of the Lamb (hot chocolate); volunteers from the Franklin Noon Lions Club; Franklin High School's National Honor Society Students; and our exceptional guests: Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and The Grinch!*

## City Contracts with Forward Appraisal for 2024 Assessment Services Including Completion of a Citywide Revaluation

The City of Franklin has hired Forward Appraisal, LLC to provide 2024 assessment services, including a comprehensive citywide revaluation. Forward Appraisal, an experienced and licensed assessment firm, is responsible for valuing all real property within the City for tax purposes. Utilizing advanced assessment software, they will ensure fair and equitable assessments across the City by conducting field reviews of a percentage of properties annually.

Forward Appraisal will conduct an accurate and transparent citywide revaluation for the 2024 assessment year, impacting all properties. A revaluation involves reassessing each property record to establish new values, aiming for accuracy and equity in assessments based on market sale prices and comparable amenities. The revaluation will address any inconsistencies and ensure fairness in evaluations.

**For further information, visit the "Revaluation FAQs" on the City website at [www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Assessor.htm](http://www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Assessor.htm). We appreciate your cooperation and encourage directing any additional questions to the Assessor's Office at [Assessor@franklinwi.gov](mailto:Assessor@franklinwi.gov).**

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## FHS Marching Band's



**Saturday, March 9—9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Forest Park Middle School  
8225 W. Forest Hill Avenue, Franklin, WI

**Vendor Info:** FHSCraft@gmail.com

**Admission:** \$3 or 2 for \$5  
*Children under 12 free*

## Franklin Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

*For children 10 and under*

**Saturday, March 30—10 a.m.**  
**Lions Legend Park**

(Behind City Hall, Loomis Road & S. Legend Dr.)

**\*Candy & Surprises**

**\*Egg Hunt**

**\*Visit by the  
Easter Bunny!**



**Save the Date**  
**June 21, 2024**



## Outdoor Movie Night

**FRANKLIN CITY HALL**

**VOLITION**  
FRANKLIN

**FRANKLIN**  
CITY

**Franklin**  
CITY

**HEALTH**  
DEPARTMENT

WWW.VOLITIONFRANKLIN.ORG

## Arbor Day & Citywide Cleanup

**Saturday, May 4, 2024**  
**10 a.m. to 12 Noon**

Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road

## Annual Arbor Day Celebration

The Franklin Environmental Commission will be distributing trees on Saturday, May 4th, in honor of Arbor Day. FREE tree saplings will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis to City residents at the Franklin Public Library parking lot from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon, or while the limited supply lasts. Trees courtesy of the City of Franklin and the Franklin Environmental Commission.



## Annual Citywide Cleanup

Franklin students, families, friends, scouts, homeowner associations—help clean up Franklin of winter trash! The City of Franklin, in conjunction with Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful, Inc., will be hosting the “Great American Cleanup Day”.



Trash bags will be available at the Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road, on Saturday, May 4th, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. Participants are asked to pre-register by calling 414-425-2592. You may also register at the Library the day of the event. (Participants will receive a token of appreciation the day of the event. Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves. Filled bags will be picked up May 6th, courtesy of the Franklin Public Works Department.)

## SAVE THE DATE!

## Franklin's Annual Bike Rodeo

**Saturday, June 1st,**  
**9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**



Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road

See the Summer Franklin Community Education & Recreation Guide for complete details and registration!

## Concerts in the Park

Franklin Park Concerts, Inc. will present five FREE Summer concerts at Lions Legend Park Band Shell on the following Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

**June 30, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25**

*The Franklin historical buildings will be open for tours after each concert. The complete concert schedule will be included in the June 2024 City Newsletter!*





# Spring Election—April 2, 2024



At the April 2, 2024, Spring Election, the office for Municipal Judge (4-year term) will be on the ballot.

Polling locations remain the same, with voting hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election days.

## Aldermanic District 1

Wards 1A, 1B, 2, 3  
Franklin City Hall  
9229 W. Loomis Road

## Aldermanic District 2

Wards 4, 5, 6, 7  
Franklin Law Enforcement Center  
9455 W. Loomis Road

## Aldermanic District 3

Wards 8, 9, 10, 11  
Polish Center of Wisconsin  
6941 S. 68th Street

## Aldermanic District 4

Wards 12A-C, 13, 14, 15A-C  
Milwaukee County Sports Complex  
6000 W. Ryan Road

## Aldermanic District 5

Wards 16, 17, 18, 19  
Milwaukee County Sports Complex  
6000 W. Ryan Road

## Aldermanic District 6

Wards 20, 21, 22  
St. Martin of Tours Church  
7963 S. 116th Street

In-person absentee voting will begin two weeks before the election through the Friday before the election and will take place at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road.

## Spring Election In-Person Absentee Voting Days and Hours:

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, through Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday, March 29, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Detailed information on election procedures can be obtained at the Franklin City Clerk's office, 9229 W. Loomis Road, on the City's website at [www.franklinwi.gov](http://www.franklinwi.gov), by calling (414) 425-7500, or on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website at <https://elections.wi.gov>. You can verify your current voter registration status, find your polling location, check for what is on your ballot, or apply for an absentee ballot at <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

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

**AT&T, 6503 S. 27th Street**  
(Cellular Service)

**Bricks & Minifigs, 2838 W. Rawson Avenue**  
(Retail—Legos)

**Jax, Inc., 9845 S. 57th Street**  
(Machinery & Packaging Processing)

**Saputo Cheese USA, 2895 W. Oakwood Road**  
(Cheese Cutting & Packaging Facility)

**Sleep Inn/MainStay Suites, 6868 W. Rawson Avenue**  
(Hotel)

**Watts & Diesel, 7095 S. Ballpark Drive, #130**  
(Sports Enhancement Facility)

**Western Wear & Work Boots, 6807 S. 27th Street**  
(Retail)

**WilMac, LLC, 6814 S. 112th Street**  
(Machine Manufacturer)



**SUPPORT FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!**

## Spring Brush & Leaf Pickup: Monday, May 6, 2024



The spring brush and leaf pickup will take place beginning **Monday, May 6th**. The City's waste hauler will move through the City starting at 7 a.m. on this Monday 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 Monday, May 6th.** 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.

### Pickup 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, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.).





# FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENING DOORS

MARCH 2024

AS WE ENVISION THE FUTURE OF OUR  
SCHOOLS, WHAT DO YOU DREAM ABOUT  
HAVING IN OUR SCHOOLS?



*"I dream about having robots in our schools to help us answer math questions. They will help the teachers!"*

AUBREY HENRY, Southwood Glen, 1st



*"I would like classes to learn how to speak different languages."*

SMITH BLYTHE, Robinwood, 2nd



*"I would like to see additional Tech Ed classes offered throughout the school year because I enjoy being able to work with wood and other materials."*

KAYLEE ZAGORSKI, Forest Park, 6th



*"I dream about a new field house for more space for everyone to participate in their sport, even adults. This is so that kids don't have to practice so late and get a reasonable amount of sleep."*

PETER GROMOWSKI, Forest Park, 8th



*"I would like to see the snack bar open after school so that students can have access to snacks prior to attending their after school sports and activities. Currently at the high school, the snack bar is only open before school and at lunch."*

CHASYA CASH, FHS Freshman

## Looking Forward for FPS

ANNALEE BENNIN, FPS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR



In the last issue of Opening Doors, I shared how the FPS School Board and District Leadership are engaged in long-range facility planning through our *Franklin Forward* work. To recap, over the past year, District Leadership and the FPS School Board have worked with several key partners to best understand the needs of our current facilities and to start visioning for the future.

*Franklin Forward* has consisted of key presentations at our 2023-24 School Board meetings, which can be found on the *Franklin Forward* webpage.

### These presentations outlined:

- ▶ **A master facility study**, which projects all maintenance needs for our seven schools and the district office over the next decade.
- ▶ **Projected enrollment growth** in Franklin through 2040 to assist the district in identifying capacity issues at existing schools in the future.
- ▶ **Guiding principles** developed by the District Leadership team and FPS School Board to ensure we are future focused and provide next level opportunities for our learners, families, staff, and community for decades to come.
- ▶ **School finance overview** to share the fiscal responsibility of FPS over the years and how that impacts future borrowing for the district.

In February, we offered community listening sessions for residents to listen, learn and engage around long-range facility planning for Franklin Public Schools. If you were unable to attend, we will be mailing a community-wide survey in April allowing residents to offer feedback on where the FPS School Board should best put their efforts for planning for the future. We encourage you to please complete this 10-minute survey when you receive it. Your input is important to us! It is our hope that, with community support, we can put together a long-range plan so we can continue to provide great educational spaces for our learners now and into the future.



### Stay Involved. Stay Informed.

Visit [www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklinforward](http://www.franklin.k12.wi.us/franklinforward) or scan the QR code (right) to view *Franklin Forward* updates, including information that has been shared at FPS School Board meetings.



## New Family Registration

### 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR GRADES 4K-12

[www.franklin.k12.wi.us](http://www.franklin.k12.wi.us)

**New to Franklin?** Families who are new to Franklin Public Schools are encouraged to register now for the 2024-25 school year.

Students who already attend Franklin Public Schools do NOT need to register for next school year as a new student (Preschool Speech, Early Childhood, 4K students, etc.).

Families who will not be returning for the next school year should notify their school secretary.



#### FHS Spring Musical "Newsies"

- Thursday, March 14 at 7 PM
- Friday, March 15 at 7 PM
- Saturday, March 16 at 7 PM
- Sunday, March 17 at 2 PM

#### Forte Theatre Presents: "Hello, Dolly!"

- Saturday, April 13 at 7 PM
- Sunday, April 14 at 2 PM
- Friday, April 19 at 7 PM
- Saturday, April 20 at 2 & 7 PM
- Sunday, April 21 at 2 PM

#### Mutts Gone Nuts: A Canine Cabaret, Part of the Franklin Community Event Series

- Sunday, April 28 at 2 & 5 PM

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

## Blowing The Whistle On Officials Shortage

CHAD KAFKA, FPS Communications Specialist

A new class at Franklin High School is working to address the nationwide shortage of athletics officials.

High school sports, recreation departments and youth sports leagues in the area have struggled to find officials at all levels.

This year, FPS began offering two sections of "Officiating Sports" which has 60 students enrolled. The course aims to provide students with training for a potential job while in high school or for a possible career.



"We hope to light a spark in the students in this course to become officials whether it is as a high school student or later on in life," shared instructor Steve Drobot. "Students in this course gain experience officiating in volleyball, baseball, basketball, and a sport of their choice."

The District received a JR NBA grant to fund an online basketball officiating curriculum that guides students through the rules of basketball. The course takes approximately 8.5 hours to complete and includes a variety of videos, quizzes, and call scenarios for the students to learn from. Each student then works to pass the WIAA/NFHS basketball rules exam to become licensed through the WIAA.

As part of this course, local referees Tom Bray (Muskego) and Gregg Dati (Brookfield) came in to provide students with hands-on instruction on applying the mechanics of basketball refereeing. They demonstrated how to call basketball movements and walked students through the motions of officiating a basketball game.

"Being an official is a tough job," added Drobot. "We are hoping this class can help to increase the number of officials available in our community."

*"Going through the motions of officiating helped me to learn from real officials with hands-on experience that was engaging and gave us lots of practice."* ~Lauren Capstran, FHS senior

## LeRoy Butler Visits Forest Park 6th Graders



Former Green Bay Packer and 2022 Pro Football Hall of Fame Inductee, LeRoy Butler, visited with Forest Park 6th graders in January. He shared stories about growing up with a disability, his mom being his advocate and how teachers helped him to achieve his dream of playing in the NFL.

SEE ANNUAL CITY EVENTS AT [FRANKLINWI.GOV](http://FRANKLINWI.GOV) FOR ADDITIONAL FORMS.

# INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Call Angela Christie at 414-235-8180,  
email [Volunteers4Franklin@gmail.com](mailto:Volunteers4Franklin@gmail.com) or mail to:  
FCCC Volunteer, c/o Franklin City Hall,  
9229 W. Loomis Rd., Franklin, WI 53132



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Each volunteer must fill out a separate form unless you are a married couple.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Have you worked at this festival before?      Yes      No

Select T-shirt size (unisex cut, 100% cotton):    S,    M,    L,    XL,    2X,    3X.

**PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DESIRED SHIFT(S) BELOW, TUE 7/2 - SUN 7/7.**

<b>Tuesday, July 2, 2024</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-8 pm, Set up (tables and chairs)	
	<b><i>TICKET BOOTH</i></b>	<b><i>MAIN TENT</i></b>
	<b>SEATED &amp; AIR CONDITIONED</b>	<b>MUST BE 21 OR OLDER</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 3, 2024</b> <b>SMART MOUTH</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - 10:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - 11 pm
<b>Thursday, July 4, 2024</b> <b>LIVE BAND KARAOKE</b> <b>THE PLAYLIST</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 5 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - 10:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 - 5 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - 11 pm
<b>Friday, July 5, 2024</b> <b>LUNCHMONEY BULLIES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - 10:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - 11 pm
<b>Saturday, July 6, 2024</b> <b>BELLA CAIN</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - 10:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - 8 pm <input type="checkbox"/> 8 - 11 pm
<b>Sunday, July 7, 2024</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 8-10 am, Tear down (tables and chairs)	



## Boost Your Brain & Memory Workshop

**Thursdays, March 7–April 18 & May 2  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

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

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

Boost Your Brain & Memory is an 8-week, evidence-based program that focuses on a variety of lifestyle factors that impact brain health and memory strategies that participants can incorporate into their daily lives. This program offers a unique, whole-person approach to brain fitness, incorporating video segments and instructor-led exercises to guide the older adult through a comprehensive approach including physical activity, emotional health, intellectual activity, nutrition, spiritual activity, and social engagement.

**Call 414-425-9101 to register; class size limited to 12.**

## Light & Unite Red Week

**March 18–24, 2024**

**HELP US SHINE A LIGHT ON THE  
DANGERS OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE**



LIGHT & UNITE RED.



**Light and Unite Red** is a Milwaukee Countywide awareness week that promotes community substance misuse prevention education. Community organizations work together to shine a light on the dangers of substance use and encourage the greater community to engage in prevention, encourage treatment, and support recovery throughout the year!

Visit [www.volitionfranklin.org](http://www.volitionfranklin.org) and  
[www.facebook.com/VolitionFranklin](https://www.facebook.com/VolitionFranklin) for updates  
on events and programs during LUR Week!

## Carry Narcan, Save a Life!

Harm reduction resources are now  
available for free in Franklin!

### Narcan Kits & Trainings

Individual & Community  
Trainings Available

**Visit the Franklin  
Health Department**

M-F 8AM-4:30PM  
City Hall



### Leave Behind Kits

Includes Narcan, fentanyl test strips,  
& educational resources

**Visit the Franklin Fire  
Department(s)**

Station 1, 2, & 3  
Open 24/7/365



## Stepping On Workshop

**Wednesdays, April 3–May 15, 2024**

**9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. / Cost: \$10**

Franklin Public Library, Fadrow Room  
9151 W. Loomis Road

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

Residents 60 and older are invited to participate in a 7-week workshop, "Stepping On". This workshop can help seniors avoid a dangerous and costly fall so they can keep doing the things they love. Our guest experts include a Physical Therapist, Pharmacist, Vision Expert, and Franklin Safety Officer.

Seniors will learn how to identify and remove or avoid fall hazards in the home and outside; and how vision, medication, and footwear affect your risk of falling. Simple strength and balance exercises will be taught that will increase self-confidence and enhance your sense of independence. Falls are not an inevitable part of aging. If you feel you have lost some strength and balance from limited activity, this workshop may be "just the ticket".

**To register, call the Franklin Health Department at 414-425-9101. The cost is \$10. You will receive an adjustable ankle weight to use and keep. Attendance at all 7 sessions is encouraged for the greatest benefit. Class size is limited.**

**MAY IS**

## Mental Health Awareness Month

Show your support for Mental Health Awareness Month by wearing **GREEN** on Mondays in May to bring awareness. This is also a great time to check in on friends and colleagues to see how they are doing.



# 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.)



## Adult Programs (18+)

### Great Decisions Discussion Series (No registration)

**Wednesdays, March 6–27, 6:30 p.m.** America's largest discussion program on world affairs. See [www.franklinpubliclibrary.org](http://www.franklinpubliclibrary.org) for more information on weekly topics and speakers.

### Classic Movie Matinee (No registration)

**1st Thursdays, 1 p.m.** See all-time classics and older favorites on the big screen again! **March 7: *Some Like It Hot!* / April 4: *Rear Window*.** Also, check out **Monday Movie Matinee, 3rd Mondays, 1 p.m.** See website for monthly movie titles.

### Ceol Cairde Concert (No registration)

**March 12, 6 p.m.** Ceol Cairde is back to perform their beautiful traditional Irish music for St. Patrick's Day!

### Wisconsin Women's History (No registration)

**March 14, 6 p.m.** Peggy Marxen will speak about her book, *The Farm on Badger Creek: Memories of a Midwest Girlhood*, in which she recounts her family's rural farming life and its evolution from her settler ancestors to the modern day.

### DIY Crafternoons (Registration required and begins one month prior)

**2nd Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.** Register online or call 414-425-8214 one month prior. **March 13: Charcoal Drawing / April 10: Beaded Bracelets / May 8: Geometric Art / June 12: TBA**

### Adult Craft Nights (Registration required and begins one month prior)

**3rd Tuesdays, 6 p.m.** Register online or call 414-425-8214 one month prior. **March 19: T-shirt Scarf / April 16: Scented Stones**

### Book Discussion Groups (No registration)

**Brown Baggers:** 3rd Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. (Mar. 19, Apr. 16, May 21)  
**Night Readers:** 4th Mondays unless\*, 6 p.m. (Mar. 25, Apr. 22, May 20\*)  
Pick up a copy of the book being discussed at the Check-Out desk.

### Melinda Myers, National Gardening Expert (No registration)

**April 3, 6 p.m.** Nationally known gardening expert, TV/radio host, author and columnist, Melinda Myers has over 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books. Don't miss this free extraordinary opportunity to hear Melinda speak on gardening!

### Milwaukee Tansens Bollywood Concert (No registration)

**April 6, 1 p.m.** The Milwaukee Tansens will perform contemporary Bollywood music and traditional and classical Indian songs. Attendees will be treated to dance performances and samples of Indian snacks. This program is free and open to the public.

### Earth Day Seed Swap (No registration)

**April 21, 1-3 p.m.** Looking for new varieties of vegetables or flowers to grow in your garden this summer? Do you have seeds you won't be using and don't know what to do with? Join us for FPL's first-ever seed swap! Bring unused seeds in their original packaging or labeled with variety and growing notes to FPL by Friday, April 19th. Then, join us on April 21st for a FREE seed swap. For more information and questions, please call Keri at 414-427-7548.

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

**-April 23, 1 p.m.—Become a Super Searcher**  
**-May 28, 1 p.m.—Smartphone Basics**



### Library Lunch Ladies—Tea Party! (Registration required)

**May 2, 1 p.m.** Join Keri and Sarah for a splendid afternoon tea—taste some delicious treats while sipping a selection of lovely teas! \$5 supply fee—register/pay at the Library beginning April 1.

## Children/Family Programs

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



### Rhyming to Read (5 & Under w/Adult–Drop-In)

**March 4, April 1 & 29–9:30 a.m.** A 30-minute program that introduces nursery rhymes through various activities!

**Music & Motion (5 & Under w/Adult–Drop-In) March 5, April 2 & 30–9:30 a.m.** A 30-minute program full of dancing and singing!

### Waddlers & Walkers (23 Months & Under w/Adult–Drop-In)

**March 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22–9:30 or 10:30 a.m.** (same program both times). A 20-minute program that introduces babies to rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and short stories, followed by playtime.

**Tales for Twos (Age 2 w/Adult–Drop-In) Tues. or Wed.–9:30 a.m.** (same program both days) **March 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, April 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24.** A 30-minute program of short stories, songs, and early learning activities, followed by playtime.

**Preschool Pretend & Play (Ages 3-5 w/Adult–Drop-In) Tues. or Wed.–10:30 a.m.** (same program both days) **March 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27, April 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24.** A 30- to 45-minute program of books, songs, and other literacy activities, followed by playtime.

### Sensory Sprouts (5 & Under–Pick-up one/child while supplies last)

**March 15: Fizzing Pot of Gold**—Sensory kit to play/explore at home!

**Squishmallow Bingo (Gr. K5-5–Drop-In) March 25, 2-3 p.m.** Play squishmallow bingo for a chance to win a "squishy" prize!

**Barbie Party! (Gr. K5-5–Drop-In) March 28, 2-3 p.m.** It's the best day ever! Celebrate Barbie with crafts, activities, and snacks!

**Detective Pikachu Interactive Movie (All Ages–Drop-In) March 29, 10:30 a.m.** Follow the prompts for an interactive movie experience of Detective Pikachu (PG). Movie kits available while supplies last.

### MakerSquare (Gr. K5-5–Pick-up one/child while supplies last)

**April 12: Nature Earth Craft**—Craft to pick-up and make at home.

**Gabby's Dollhouse: A-Meow-Zing Forts (All Ages–Registration begins March 15) April 13, 1:30 p.m.** Embark on an adventure to create purr-fectly a-meow-zing forts! Bring your blankets and pillows!

### Cat Kid Comic Club Party! (Gr. K5-5–Drop-In)

**April 19, 2-3 p.m.** Unleash your comic creativity with crafts and activities celebrating *Cat Kid Comic Club* by Dav Pilkey!

## Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

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

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

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

**Rock Photo Holders Take-Out Kit:** Create a photo holder using a rock, paint, and copper wire! 1 kit/teen. Kits available starting April 8.

**Decorate a Zipper Pouch: April 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Use fabric, glue, and your imagination to decorate your own zipper pouch!

**Service Saturday: May 4, 1-3 p.m.** Earn service hours by completing a project at the Library (bring Service Hours form). There will be pizza!





## **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, call us, and we will mail you a flyer. If you are not a Franklin Senior Traveler, we welcome you. There is no joining fee—the only requirements are that you live in Franklin, be 55 years young, and enjoy having fun!**

### **Wednesday, May 15, 2024: The Music Man — Marriott Theatre, Lincolnshire, IL**

**\*\* RSVP Deadline: April 12 / Resident Fee: \$78 \*\***



Join us for this Tony Award-winning musical comedy directed and choreographed by Katie Spelman. The family-friendly production follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a band that he vows to organize—despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. This wicked, warm, and touching show will surely put a smile on your face and keep your toes tapping.

Lunch includes a **choice of two entrees—Roman Chicken with capers and tomato basil sauce or Herb-Crusted Salmon with red pepper coulis**, accompanied by Caesar salad and the chef's choice of starch, vegetables, and dessert. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea included.

### **Thursday, June 6, 2024: Nunsense — Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson**

**\*\* RSVP Deadline: May 3 / Resident Fee: \$83 \*\***



Join us for a madcap revue with a hysterical, anything-goes, good-natured sense of fun. The Little Sisters of Hoboken are in dire financial strait. They must raise enough money to bury the last four of 52 dearly departed nuns who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia (Child of God). The five remaining sisters perform with quick-paced, comic flair and high-spirited singing. It's an outrageous premise for a long-running hit show that's "sinfully" hilarious and definitely habit-forming.

**Lunch entrée choices:** 1) **Chicken Piccata:** skinless breast of chicken dipped in egg, lightly breaded, sautéed to a golden brown, on traditional sauce with caper buds and French-fried parsley; 2) **Braised Pork Belly:** Duroc pork belly scored and seared to perfection; braised slowly in real maple syrup, bourbon, and natural juices until tender. Sliced and served with a pan sauce made from the braising liquid; or 3) **Shrimp Tempura:** four large Gulf shrimp, butterflied and dipped in special egg batter, then deep fried to a golden brown. Served with brandied apricot and cocktail sauces. **Lunch also includes** salad, freshly baked bread, garlic roasted redskin potatoes, a corn and red pepper medley, and blueberry crisp—fresh blueberries baked with Port wine and brown sugar streusel, served warm with homemade lemon custard—for dessert. Coffee, milk, regular and iced tea are also included.

## **Franklin Seniors Walking Club:**

The Franklin Seniors Walking Club meets every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex, 6000 W. Ryan Road. Dues are \$9 which includes a T-shirt. You can walk rain or shine, and, best of all, you are exercising, meeting new friends, and getting out of the house! **Contact David and Judy Beine at 414-421-3490 for more details or visit <https://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:**

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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**Meet New Fire Chief**  
**Jim Mayer**

Franklin's new Fire Chief Jim Mayer is a 30-year fire service veteran who has served in a variety of roles throughout his career. Jim started with the Franklin Fire Department in 2020 as Assistant Chief of Operations. He previously served in Milwaukee County's North Shore communities, beginning with the Village of Whitefish Bay Fire Department in 1994 and then with the consolidated North Shore Fire/Rescue Department for an additional 25 years, achieving the rank of Battalion Chief six years prior to joining the Franklin Fire Department.



Jim Mayer was sworn in as Franklin's new Fire Chief on January 11, 2024.

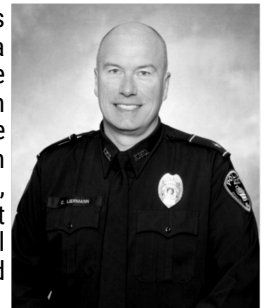
Chief Mayer holds a bachelor's degree in Fire Service Management from Southern Illinois University and an associate degree in Fire Science from Milwaukee Area Technical College. Additionally, Jim has attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. He also holds numerous fire service certifications from the State of Wisconsin and has been a licensed EMT/Paramedic since 1992.

Becoming Franklin's Fire Chief was the realization of a lifelong goal for Jim. He grew up in Franklin, where many members of his family and friends still reside. He feels a very close connection to the community and its citizens. Chief Mayer is enthusiastic about the future and is looking forward to building on the Fire Department's strong tradition of integrity and innovation. Additionally, he plans to expand the department's community outreach and education initiatives to include a citizen's academy and a program that will allow young people to explore careers in the fire service.



**Meet New Police Chief**  
**Craig Liermann**

Police Chief Craig Liermann began his career with the City of Franklin as a Police Officer in September 1997. He was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in January 2011 and served in that role until being promoted to Captain in September 2015. In January of 2021, Liermann was promoted to Assistant Chief and held that position until January 5, 2024, when he was promoted to Chief.



Craig Liermann was sworn in as Franklin's new Police Chief on January 5, 2024.

Chief Liermann earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of Northwestern University—School of Police Staff and Command. He has served in a variety of positions and assignments throughout his career, including Adopt-A-School Officer (Country Dale Elementary), Protective Behaviors (Stranger Safety—Kindergarten), Crime Prevention Officer, Property/Evidence Room Supervisor, and conducted security surveys for residents, schools, and businesses.

Chief Liermann is passionate about community policing, crime prevention, and community engagement. In 2005, while working as a Patrol Officer, he organized Franklin's first National Night Out Kick-Off Celebration. To date, this annual community affair remains a flagship event for the Franklin Police Department.

As Chief Liermann looks toward the future, he envisions a highly trained Police Department that works collaboratively with other City departments, schools, and businesses in order to learn, grow, and evolve to meet the needs of a developing and thriving Franklin community.