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Planning.....	414-425-4024
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EMERGENCIES-CALL 911

www.franklinwi.gov

City Newsletter Moving to a Digital-First Format in 2026

To manage rising printing and postage costs while continuing to keep residents informed, the City of Franklin is transitioning to a digital-first newsletter format beginning in 2026. Publishing the newsletter online allows the City to provide timely information, maintain access to both current and past newsletters, and use taxpayer resources responsibly—while still offering printed options for residents who prefer them.

How to Receive the City Newsletter

EMAIL NOTIFICATION (PREFERRED OPTION – OPT IN)

Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive an email notification when each quarterly newsletter is published online—**sign up at www.franklinwi.gov**.

- Fastest access
- No printing or mailing cost
- Easy to subscribe or unsubscribe

PRINTED COPIES FOR PICKUP (LIMITED SUPPLY)

A limited number of printed newsletters will be available while supplies last at the following locations. This option allows residents to access a printed copy without the cost of a citywide mailing.

- **City Hall**, 9229 W. Loomis Road
- **Franklin Public Library**, 9151 W. Loomis Road
- **Senior Dining Program—Root River Center**, 7220 W. Rawson Avenue (First Wednesday of each month; approximately 100 newsletters provided)

MAILED PRINTED COPY (LIMITED)

Residents who are unable to access the newsletter online or pick up a printed copy may request a mailed newsletter **by calling 414-858-1100**.

- Provided as an accommodation
- Delivery continues until the resident opts out

WHERE TO FIND CITY NEWSLETTERS

All current and past City newsletters are available anytime at www.franklinwi.gov.

For assistance or to update your preference, call 414-858-1100.

Franklin Notification System

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



Register today at 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, 2026. The City does not send out installment reminders.

ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS: Instructions for online tax payments were included with your tax bill and also available on the City's website—www.franklinwi.gov. **Online payments take more than one business day to process. Waiting until the last day will cause the payment to be made AFTER the due date.**

April 7, 2026 Spring Election



Municipal Offices on the ballot: 3-year term for Mayor and 3-year term for 3rd, 4th, and 6th District Alderperson. **Polling locations remain the same, with voting hours from 7 am to 8 pm on election day.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

In-person absentee voting begins 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:

Weekdays: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, through Thursday, April 2, 2026, from 8:30 am to 4 pm
Friday, April 3, 2026, from 8:30 am to 5 pm



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, 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>.



2026 Franklin Independence Celebration

Celebrating Our Country's 250th Anniversary!

Thursday, July 2–5 pm to 11 pm

Friday, July 3–12 Noon to 11 pm

Saturday, July 4–10:30 am to 11 pm

Sunday, July 5–12 Noon to 4 pm, Carnival Only

Lions Legend Park (Loomis Road & Drexel Avenue)

- * **Parade—July 4, 2026:** Children's parade at 10:30 am / Main parade at 11 am. The Children's parade is an annual tradition with kids decorating their bikes, wagons, and strollers in patriotic red, white, and blue colors (no registration required). Please consider participating in this year's **Main parade**. We welcome and encourage all local area scout troops, churches, youth groups, booster clubs, and civic organization groups to participate. **For parade information or to request a registration form (required for main parade only), contact Ann Adamski at FranklinParade@gmail.com or 414-690-7340. The deadline for entry is June 15.**
- * **Entertainment:** Sing and dance to the musical talents of **Bella Cain, Glam Band, 5 Card Studs, and Road Crew Band!** If you are a Pickleball enthusiast, be sure to sign up for the **Pickleball Tournament** planned for **Friday, July 3** (details to follow in the next newsletter)! AND, don't miss the **spectacular fireworks display at 9:30 pm on Saturday, July 4th!**
- * **Local Vendors:** The Independence Celebration is also an opportunity for local food and merchandise vendors to display and sell their creations. **To learn more, contact Ann Adamski at FranklinParade@gmail.com or 414-690-7340.**
- * **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 enclosed sign-up form and mail it to the address on the form, scan and email it to CityVolunteers4Franklin@gmail.com, or contact Lisa Marie Fallico at 414-840-3969. A Sign-Up Genius website will also be available the beginning of May as another means for volunteers to sign up.**
- * **Donations:** The Franklin Civic Celebrations Commission welcomes donations of any dollar amount. Any business or individual can sponsor a specific event or entertainer related to the celebration. **To become a part of this community event, please contact John Bergner at jbergner@sbcglobal.net or 414-881-5863.**
- * **Forms, Details, Questions, and Contact:** 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. For general questions, please contact John Bergner, Chairman of the Civic Celebrations Commission, at jbergner@sbcglobal.net or 414-881-5863.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Franklin Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

For children 10 and under

Saturday, April 4—10 am
Lions Legend Park

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



***Candy & Surprises *Egg Hunt**

***Visit by the Easter Bunny**

***After the hunt, tour the Franklin historical buildings in the park!**

Arbor Day & Citywide Cleanup

Saturday, May 2, 2026
10 am to 12 Noon

Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road



Annual Arbor Day Celebration

Join in the fun at the 25th Annual Arbor Day Celebration being held Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 10 am to 12 Noon at the Franklin Public Library. FREE tree saplings will be distributed by the Parks Commission on a first-come, first-served basis to City residents in the Library parking lot while supplies last. Trees courtesy of the City of Franklin and the Franklin Parks Commission.

The Franklin Department of Public Works (DPW) and Parks Commission is partnering with the Franklin Public Library to expand this community event by extending an invitation to nonprofits or local businesses to join in the fun and education. **If your nonprofit or local business is interested in participating in this event by hosting a booth, please contact Parks Commissioner Serafin by April 13, 2026, by emailing mecks@franklinwi.gov.** Booth spaces are free, but participants must demonstrate their relationship to Arbor Day or environmental stewardship.

Annual Citywide Cleanup

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



Trash bags will be available at the Franklin Public Library on Saturday, May 2, from 10 am 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. Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves. Filled bags will be picked up May 4, courtesy of the Franklin DPW.

SAVE THE DATE!

Franklin’s Annual Bike Rodeo

Hosted by the Franklin Health Department and Police Department



Saturday, June 6, 2026
9 am to 11:15 am

Franklin City Hall, Rear Parking Lot
9229 W. Loomis Road

Participants Must:

- Be 6-11 years old
- Be able to independently ride a 2-wheel bike without training wheels
- Wear a helmet
- Have a parent/guardian present
- Register online—registration opens May 1st
[See the Summer Franklin Community Education & Recreation Guide for complete details and registration.](#)

KIDS learn to ride their bikes safely on the street and
PARENTS learn how to reinforce biking lessons!

2026 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 pm:



June 28
July 12 & 26
August 9 & 23



The Franklin historical buildings will be open for tours after each concert. The complete concert schedule will be included in the June 2026 City Newsletter!

Spring Brush & Leaf Pickup: Monday, May 4, 2026

The spring brush and leaf pickup will begin Monday, May 4, where the City's waste hauler will move through the City starting at 7 am Monday, May 4, and work through the week until they are finished.



All brush piles and leaves must be placed at the curb next to your driveway by 7 am on Monday, May 4. Any brush and leaves that are not out when the hauler passes by will not be picked up later. 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) 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 at the curb next to your driveway. Each household is limited to one pile no larger than 4'x4'x5' and weigh 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. Place bagged leaves away from your regular trash so they won't 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 and Friday, 8 am to 4 pm; Saturday, 7 am to 3 pm.

Pleasant View Park Prescribed Burn

The City of Franklin is planning a prescribed burn at Pleasant View Park sometime between March 1 and April 30, 2026, conducted in coordination with the Southeast Wisconsin Chapter of Pheasants Forever Prescribed Burn Team. Prescribed burns are recommended to control undesirable woody plants and herbaceous weeds while stimulating desirable prairie plants and improving wildlife habitat. It was determined, during a site visit and through past land use history, that a healthy prairie ecosystem exists and can be enhanced through the use of prescribed burns. Prairie grasses and flowers develop deep roots and buds beneath the soil, enabling them to withstand the heat of a fire while shallow-rooted invasive brush succumbs.



What about safety?

Before the burn is conducted, experienced and trained personnel assess the area to determine the wind direction, speed, relative humidity, grass moisture, and safety requirements. Qualified personnel control fire behavior through the use of comprehensive planning and specialized fire equipment. A burn plan will be prepared and filed with the Fire Department. The Fire Department will be notified before ignition and after all smoke has been extinguished. During the burn, the park will be closed off to the public.

What about smoke?

Smoke emanating from the burn area is not cause for alarm. Smoke control is an important aspect of any prescribed burn plan. Prior to burning, personnel will carefully review the burn area and the proximity of houses, roads, and other smoke-sensitive areas. This information will be incorporated into the burn plan, and the prescribed burn will occur when favorable conditions minimize the amount of smoke reaching these areas.

For further questions or concerns, or to be notified in advance of the burn, please contact Tom Riha, City Forester, at triha@franklinwi.gov, 414-425-2592 (office), or 414-550-8154 (cell).

What Homeowners Can Do About Buckthorn—Buckthorn is an invasive shrub that spreads aggressively throughout Southeast Wisconsin, especially along wooded edges, fence lines, and near parks. Left unmanaged, it crowds out native plants, degrades wildlife habitat, and spreads rapidly through berries and root systems.



How to Identify Buckthorn (Simple Tips)

- Leaves appear very early in spring and often remain green late into fall when most native plants have dropped their leaves.
- Leaves are smooth, oval-shaped, and slightly shiny, with curved veins that point toward the leaf tip.
- Often grows as a dense shrub with many stems or as a small tree with a messy branching pattern.
- Female plants produce clusters of small black berries in late summer/fall that birds spread to new areas.
- Lightly scratch a twig—buckthorn typically shows orange/yellow inner bark, unlike most native shrubs.

What Homeowners Can Do

- Young buckthorn can often be hand-pulled when soil is moist. Remove the entire root to prevent regrowth.
- For mature buckthorn, cutting at the base followed by proper stump treatment is the most effective way to stop regrowth.
- Do not compost buckthorn. Bag and dispose of it according to local guidelines to prevent spreading seeds.
- Replacing buckthorn with native trees and shrubs helps stabilize soil, support wildlife, and prevent regrowth.

Why Individual Action Matters

Buckthorn does not respect property lines. When homeowners take action on their own property, it helps protect neighboring yards, parks, and natural areas throughout Franklin. Small actions by many residents make a lasting impact.

What the City of Franklin is Doing

City staff spent 400 hours removing invasive species and 300 cubic yards of wood chips were collected. The City focused on four parks: Franklin Woods Nature Center, Jack Workman Park, Lions Legend Park, and Meadowlands Park. Join us at the Arbor Day Celebration to learn more about buckthorn identification and removal.



FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OPENING DOORS

MARCH 2026

WE ASKED OUR FPMS STUDENTS:
WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO NEXT
YEAR'S INCOMING 6TH GRADERS?



"Try hard and if you need help with anything, ask the teachers because they are really nice!"

Jadelise, 7th Grade



"Be yourself and don't act different for other people. You be you."

Maeve, 6th Grade



"Be brave and don't do things just to impress other people. Be yourself."

Adam, 8th Grade



"Don't be scared to be yourself."

Aaron, 7th Grade



"Don't be scared to make new friends and talk to new people."

Katelyn, 8th Grade



"Stay confident. Always keep pushing and never give up. That's how you will succeed!"

Parker, 6th Grade

Community Connections

DR. ANNALEE BENNIN, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Franklin Public Schools (FPS) has had the opportunity to grow our programming and offerings in many ways recently. These opportunities span from our classrooms to the community. We are here for our entire community, whether or not you have children attending school, and below are a few ways you can connect with the District. We look forward to seeing you.



- ▶ The **Key Communicators** continue to be a wonderful collaborative group including a variety of community and Franklin Public Schools stakeholders. Board President Mike Spragg further outlines their work in this *Opening Doors* along with ways to be involved. Next year, the Key Communicators will focus on informing the Board and District around our goals as we strategically create our next three-year Coherence Plan.
- ▶ The **Community Education and Recreation Department**, run by **Franklin Public Schools**, will offer wraparound care for our 4K students starting next school year. This **new offering** gives our families the option to enroll their child in care before or after their half-day 4K program, creating a full day of engaged learning in Franklin Public Schools. Please see the back side for more details.
- ▶ The **Community Education and Recreation Center (CERC)** doors have officially been open for two months and we have seen hundreds of active community members engaged in programming throughout the day, evening and weekends. If you have not yet visited, please drop in for a tour!
- ▶ Through the support of the 2024 referendum, our **Franklin Forward long-range facility planning** is underway. Recently, our Franklin High School Construction II course was able to partner with our construction manager, CD Smith, as they constructed the dugouts for the Saber Baseball Field.

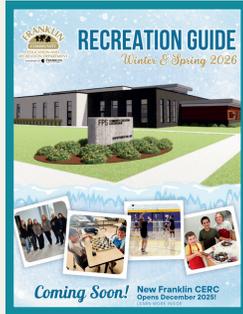


FHS Construction II students are learning masonry alongside construction partner CD Smith while improving Saber Baseball Field facilities—thank you to our community for supporting hands-on learning through the 2024 Referendum! ❤️❤️

Winter/Spring Programming

Our Winter/Spring Community Ed & Recreation Guide is out!

Visit our website to see our Winter/Spring Recreation Guide and sign up for programming!

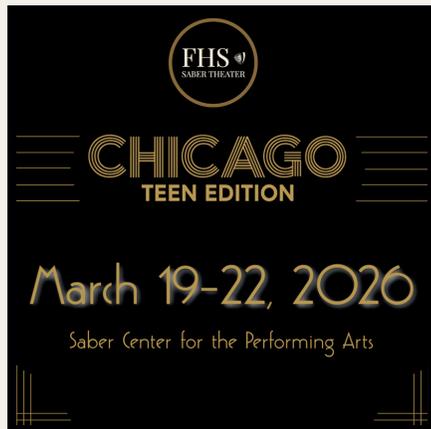


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*For ticketed shows, scan the QR code (left) or visit tinyurl.com/scpatix

- ▶ **FHS Saber Theater: Chicago (Teen)***
March 19-22, 2026
- ▶ **Forte Theatre: Mama Mia!***
April 11-12 & 17-19, 2026
- ▶ **Mutts Gone Nuts!***
May 15, 2026



Strengthening Connections Through Key Communicators

MIKE SPRAGG, FPS SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

In early January, Franklin Public Schools held the second of three Key Communicators meetings for the 2025-26 school year. Nearly 75 engaged participants joined us, including staff members, parents, students, business and community leaders, city officials, and School Board members. I am continually encouraged by the broad cross-section of our community that comes together in support of Franklin's schools.



Along with Vice President **Ann Sepersky**, district leadership, and Superintendent **Dr. Annalee Bennin**, I helped lead a conversation focused on communication, collaboration, and shared responsibility. The Key Communicators meetings are an important way for us to keep our community informed while also listening carefully to feedback and perspectives. We encouraged participants to reflect on how they can advocate for Franklin Public Schools and positively impact our students and schools.

Dr. Bennin shared updates on facility improvements made possible by the 2024 Referendum, including HVAC upgrades, new playground installations, and roofing projects completed over the spring and summer. Participants also viewed images and renderings of new and renovated spaces at Franklin High School. In addition, Assistant Superintendent **Dr. Jessica Moe** and Franklin High School Principal **Michael Vuolo** highlighted how a real-time data dashboard supports student college, career, and life readiness at Franklin High School.

If you are interested in learning more about the Key Communicators program, please feel free to reach out to me at mike.spragg@franklin.k12.wi.us or to **Darlene Pichler** at darlene.pichler@franklin.k12.wi.us.




WRAPAROUND CARE 4K

Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, Franklin Public Schools and the Community Education & Recreation Department will offer Wraparound Care for 4K half-day programs, providing care before or after your child's 4K session.

Visit tinyurl.com/franklin4k for more details & to enroll!



Enroll Now in 4K!

Your child must be 4-years-old on or before September 1st.

2026-27 & 2027-28 District Calendars

Access important dates for the next two school years.
Visit tinyurl.com/FPScalendars



SEE ANNUAL CITY EVENTS AT FRANKLINWI.GOV FOR ADDITIONAL FORMS.

INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Call Lisa Marie Fallico at 414-840-3969,
email CityVolunteers4Franklin@gmail.com or mail to:
FCCC Volunteer, c/o Franklin City Hall,
9229 W. Loomis Road, 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

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DESIRED SHIFT(S) BELOW, WED 7/1 - SUN 7/5.

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

6 - 8 pm, Set up (tables and chairs)

TICKET BOOTH

MAIN TENT

SEATED & AIR CONDITIONED

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER

Thursday, July 2, 2026

BELLA CAIN

5 - 8 pm

8 - 10:30 pm

5 - 8 pm

8 - 11 pm

Friday, July 3, 2026

GLAM BAND

5 - 8 pm

8 - 10:30 pm

5 - 8 pm

8 - 11 pm

Saturday, July 4, 2026

5 CARD STUDS

ROAD CREW

Noon - 2:30 pm

2:30 - 5 pm

5 - 8 pm

8 - 10:30 pm

Noon - 2:30 pm

2:30 - 5 pm

5 - 8 pm

8 - 11 pm

Sunday, July 5, 2026

8 - 10 am, Tear down (tables and chairs)

DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ **Hemp-Derived THC Sales:** As of December 16, 2025, the City of Franklin has raised the legal age for Hemp-derived THC sales to 21 and older.

⇒ **Blood Pressure Screenings:** The Franklin Health Department offers FREE blood pressure checks for residents—stop in today!



⇒ **Hi-Visibility Walking Vests Available:** Physical activity is important all year round, but especially in the winter and spring, as it improves mental health and strengthens immunity. To promote safe walking, hi-visibility walking vests are currently available in the Franklin Health Department, courtesy of the Franklin Lions Noon, Evening, and Lioness Clubs. Pick up a vest today!



⇒ The Franklin Health Department tracks data from the Wisconsin Wastewater Monitoring Program. This program tests untreated water in communities across the state to track levels of certain infections that cause illnesses. This information helps identify certain infectious disease trends in Wisconsin to help prevent the spread. For more information, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wastewater/index.htm.

⇒ **May is Stroke Month: Know the Signs of a Stroke!**

Know the signs of a stroke! **BE FAST**

BALANCE
EYES
FACE
ARM
SPEECH
TERRIBLE HEADACHE

TIME TO CALL 9-1-1

WISCONSIN COVERDELL STROKE PROGRAM
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Upcoming Health Programs



Road to Recovery: What to Expect After a Fall

Tuesday, March 10, 2026
1 pm to 2 pm

Franklin Public Library, Fadrow Room A
9151 W. Loomis Road

To register, call 414-425-9101

- Educational session designed for adults 65 and older.
- Session will guide participants through:
 - * What to expect during hospitalization following a fall
 - * Discharge planning and transitions of care
 - * Understanding insurance coverage and benefits
 - * Exploring options for continued care whether at home or in a rehab setting
- Participants will also learn practical strategies to reduce fall risks, including reviewing vision and medications, the importance of balance and strength exercises, and making home safety improvements.

Presented by Dr. Colleen Poggenburg, Care Management Medical Director, and Amy Kuehni, RN Trauma Coordinator, Aurora West Allis Medical Center

Mind Over Bladder: Holistic Approach to Bladder Health for Women



Wednesdays, June 3, 17, & July 8, 2026
1 pm to 2:30 pm

Franklin City Hall, Inspection Room
9229 W. Loomis Road

To register, call 414-425-9101

Do you struggle with bladder issues such as leakage, urgency, or frequency? No matter your age, bladder issues are never normal and there is help. In fact, they are very treatable.

In this 3-session workshop you will learn:

- How the bladder works so you can be in control
- How fluids affect your bladder and why drinking water is important
- Lifestyle and behavioral management techniques
- How your bowel and pelvic health can affect your bladder health



Adult Programs (18+)

Register online at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org or call 414-425-8214.

Great Decisions Series (No registration) America's largest discussion program on world affairs—see website for dates/topics.

Recipe Club Cook Offs! (Registration required) Friendly cook/bake off to share tips/tricks for the best...**March 16: Pie, May 11: Brunch Casseroles—6 pm.** Bring your entry and its recipe to the program; please list any allergens present in the recipe. 

Silent Book Club Join FPL at **On Cloud Wine, 10064 W. Loomis Road, on the third Thursday, every other month, at 6 pm (March 19 and May 21)** for time with your current read and other book lovers.

Sounds of Peace Sound Bath Programs (Registration required) **March 27, 2 pm; April 22, 10 am; May 7, 6 pm.** Experience a sound bath meditation to relax/unwind through the use of music and tones.

Color Club (No registration) **First Tuesday of each month beginning April 7, 6 pm.** Come relax coloring or painting and socializing with fellow artists! Supplies provided or bring your own project.

DIY Crafternoons (Registration required/begins 2 weeks prior) **Second Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.** A \$2 supply fee is due one week prior. **April 8: Georgia O'Keefe Pastel Flowers / May 13: DIY Beauty**

Spring Harvest Favorites (Registration begins 3/31, 9am) **April 14, 1 pm.** Enjoy fresh spring foods utilizing in-season ingredients! A \$5 supply fee is due one week prior to secure your spot.

Craft 'N Sip (No registration) **April 18, 1-3 pm.** Enjoy a lazy afternoon of crafting. A selection of crafts/instructions are provided for you to work at your own pace. Coffee and tea also provided.

Dollars & Sense: Personal Finance (No registration) **April 23, 6:30 pm.** Join Dan Mitchell for a crash course on personal finances. From budgeting basics and debt reduction to investing and philanthropy, learn the essentials in a clear, relatable way.

The Lore and Mythology of Fairies (No registration) **April 28, 6 pm.** Learn the mythology and traditional beliefs about fairies, gnomes, and elves—not all fey are cute and sweet like Tinkerbell.

Quick & Healthy Cooking for Kids (Registration begins 5/14) **May 28, 6 pm.** Join Keri for a sampling of tasty, nutritious quick snacks and meals for even the pickiest of eaters. Kids welcome to join parents!

Children/Family Programs

Register online at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org or call 414-425-8214.

Family Programs (All ages, drop-in)

-Sensory-Friendly Storytime: Wed. 6 pm, March 4, 18, 25, April 1, 15, 22, 29. 30-minute program offers an inclusive storytime for kids of all abilities, especially those with sensory processing challenges.

-K-Pop Demon Hunters Party: April 2, 1-3 pm. Get ready for a takedown with K-Pop Demon Hunters crafts and activities!

-A Minecraft Movie—Interactive Movie: April 3, 1 pm. Participants will receive a movie kit to follow along for an interactive movie experience of *A Minecraft Movie* (while supplies last).

-Crafty Kids: April 12, 1-3 pm. Stop in the CreateSpace for fun crafts for kids (while supplies last)!

Programs for Ages 5 & Under w/Adult (Drop-in, no registration)

-Rhyming to Read: 9:30 am, March 9, April 6, May 4. 30-minute program introducing nursery rhymes through a variety of activities.

-Music & Motion: 9:30 am, March 10, April 7, May 5. 30-minute program full of dancing and singing for fun and exercise.

-Creative Movement & Pre-Ballet: Ages 2-3 Parent/Tot: 10:30-11 am; Ages 4-5: 11-11:45 am.



Join the Academy of Performing Arts for a magical time of movement, music, and imagination with beginner-friendly dance classes! **March 11—Shamrock Shuffle Ballet / April 8—Rainbow Twirl Ballet Adventure / May 6—May Flowers Ballet Bash**

-Bedtime Wiggles: 6 pm, March 26 & April 16. 30-minutes of dancing, movement, and exercise to get the wiggles out before bed!

Programs for Grades K5-5

-Slime Time: March 31, 2 or 4 pm (register). Dress for a mess and create ooey, gooey slime! Online registration opens March 17, 9 am.

-Sticker Symphony: April 20, 6 pm (drop-in). Enjoy music while creating art with sticker-by-number activities (while supplies last).

-MakerSquare: April 24 (pick up). Pick up **Foam Block Print** activity at the Children's Desk to make at home (while supplies last).

-Frozen Party: April 27, 1 pm (drop-in). Help First Stage teaching artists bring your favorite book to life! Explore characters, play games, and learn more on how First Stage brings books to the stage.

Teen Programs (Grades 6-12) *Program registration required—register at www.franklinpubliclibrary.org or 414-425-8214.*



Teen Poetry Contest: Are you a poet or writer in grades 6-12? Do you want the chance to read your poem at Franklin Public Library's (FPL) Teen Poetry Slam Night—along with other great prizes? Enter FPL's Teen Poetry Contest! Original works only. **Entries accepted March 15–April 15 online or at the library, with FPL's Teen Poetry Slam Night to follow on April 29th!** Visit www.franklinpubliclibrary.org or call 414-425-8214 for more information and official rules and entry form.



Acrylic Squeegee Painting: March 21, 1:30-2:30 pm. Use a plastic squeegee to create your own colorful abstract art on canvas.

Teen Anime Afternoon: March 31, 2-4 pm. Spend an afternoon during spring break watching anime with other teens at the library, and enjoy special treats from the local Asian Market too!

Intro to Filmmaking Workshop: April 2, 2-4 pm. Ever wonder how movies are made? In this fun, hands-on 2-hour workshop, you'll learn the basics of filmmaking—from coming up with ideas to shooting and editing your own short film. Work with friends, grab a phone or camera, and bring your story to life! No experience needed—just imagination, teamwork, and creativity!

Teen Poetry Slam Night: April 29, 6 pm. Join us for an evening of poetry performed by the entrants to FPL's Teen Poetry Contest. Enjoy coffeehouse refreshments while taking in our local youth talent, and cast your vote for the Teen Poetry Slam Favorite prize! Free event open to all ages. Teens who entered poems are encouraged to attend AND perform!



Teen Service Saturday: May 2, 10-Noon. Volunteer your time at the Library to earn community service hours! Bring your Service Hours form for the librarian to sign. There will be pizza! (No registration required.)



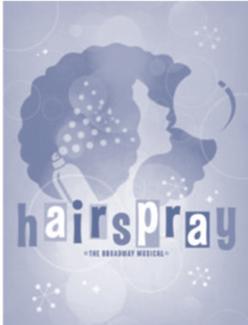


Franklin Senior Travel Program: Join the Franklin Senior Travelers for a day of fun, entertainment, and the opportunity to make new friends. Franklin seniors choose and pay for their destination and the City of Franklin pays for the bus transportation. You can't go wrong!

Call 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 a flyer to you. 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!

May 1, 2026: Hairspray – Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson

**** RSVP Deadline: March 31 / Resident Fee: \$84 ****



It's 1962 in Baltimore, and young Tracy Turnblad, a lovable girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has only one passion—to dance. When she wins a spot on a popular TV dance show she is transformed from outsider to teen celebrity. Winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, **HAIRSPRAY** is a classic fairy tale told with humor and heart amid the exciting rhythms of 1960's rock and roll and featuring some of the most high-energy dancing you'll ever see on stage.

Lunch choices: **Pretzel Crusted Chicken**, chicken breast rolled in seasoned breadcrumbs and pretzel pieces, served on top of a creamy Havarti and cheddar beer cheese sauce; **Baked Almond Crusted Cod**, Northern Atlantic cod filet coated with Dijon mustard and crusted with toasted almonds, breadcrumbs, and fresh herbs; **Barbecued Baby Back Ribs**, half rack of lean pork baby back ribs glazed in barbecue sauce and roasted until tender. All entrees served with salad, breads, scalloped potatoes, green bean medley, Key Lime pie for dessert, coffee, tea, and milk.

May 28, 2026: Heartbreak Hotel – Marriott Theatre, Lincolnshire, IL

**** RSVP Deadline: April 28 / Resident Fee: \$83 ****



The King takes the stage. His singular name still evokes immediate recognition from people all over the world. This official Elvis Presley bio-musical takes a closer look at the rock star whose impact shaped the history of music and culture. **HEARTBREAK HOTEL** features over 40 Elvis hits and iconic songs including, "That's All Right," "All Shook Up," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Burning Love," "Hound Dog," "Love Me Tender," "Don't Be Cruel," "Jailhouse Rock," "Are You Lonesome?" and "Blue Suede Shoes."

Lunch choices: **Polenta Crusted Chicken** with lemon cream, cheddar grits; **Shrimp** with cheddar grits with smoked sausage; **Shredded Jackfruit with Cherry BBQ** with cheddar grits. All entrees served with Napa cabbage salad with red peppers, bok choy, carrots, almonds, and apple cider vinegar, chef's choice of veggies, Blue Suede (lemon blueberry) cheesecake for dessert, coffee, tea, and milk.

Franklin Seniors Walking Club: The Franklin Seniors Walking Club meets every Thursday from 9 am to 11 am at the Milwaukee County Sports Complex, 6000 W. Ryan Road. Dues are \$9 which includes a T-shirt. You can walk no matter the weather, 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 am at Root River Center in Franklin. There is a nominal cost. **Reservations are required—please contact Lynn Borkenhagen at 414-207-1952 or Beverly Garves at 414-339-2267 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 am, meals served at 11 am, and doors close promptly at 12 Noon. **Diners are encouraged to contribute \$3 per meal. Call 414-427-7696 between 9:30 am and 11:30 am to reserve lunch (24-hour notice needed). Gift certificates are available for purchase, 4 meals for \$10, a 50-cent savings per meal! View monthly menus at www.franklinwi.gov/Services/Senior-Dining.htm.**





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2026 Property Assessment Update



Following a citywide revaluation in 2024, the Assessor's Office will again undergo a "maintenance year" in 2026. To put it simply, your assessed value will not change from 2025 to 2026 if your property characteristics remain the same. Characteristic changes include permitted work such as a new shed or home remodel, corrections to the property record based on an in-person walkthrough, and property destruction (a building demolition).

Properties with a change in value will receive notices of changed assessment by mail in late spring. If your property value does not change, you will NOT receive a notice of changed assessment. The Open Book assessment roll will be accessible online in late spring to verify your 2026 value.

For more information or to check the characteristics of a property, please visit www.franklinwi.gov/assessor.htm; click the blue Property Records button to view a Property Record Card. If anything is incorrect, please contact the Assessors at assessor@franklinwi.gov or 414-425-1416 right away to verify and make timely corrections as needed. The scope of the Assessor's Office is property valuation, not taxes. If your property's assessed value does not change during a maintenance year, any change in your taxes would be due to factors external to the Assessor's Office.

Please WELCOME the Following Businesses to the City of Franklin!

Advanced Wireless, Inc.
9936 S. Monarch Drive, #5106
(wireless/barcode configuration)

AT Cabinetry LLC
5054-5056 W. Ashland Way
(cabinet building/assembly)

ColorGlo
9924 S. Monarch Drive, #1518
(repair/restoration to leather, vinyl, plastic, cloth)

Elevate Early Learning
9651 W. Drexel Avenue
(childcare)

Flur Glassware
9932 S. Monarch Drive, #2106
(warehouse—ecommerce for coffee glassware and espresso tools)

Fortitude Fitness
11218 W. Forest Home Avenue
(fitness gym)

Many Roads Clinic LLC
9130 W. Loomis Road, #950
(psychotherapy services)

One Diversified
9936 S. Monarch Drive, #5105
(audio/visual storage)

Promise to Perform Industries, Inc.
9800 S. 60th Street
(manufacturer of industrial cranes, fall protection, and material handling equipment)

Safadi Coffee
6570 S. Lovers Lane Road
(Middle Eastern coffee shop)

SAIA, 10613 S. 27th Street
(freight, transportation, distribution, and supply chain management services)

Sherwin Williams
6501 S. 27th Street
(paint store)

VCA Solutions LLC
11311 W. Forest Home Avenue, #4
(storage for Valvoline retail)

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
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