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Parks.....	414-425-7500
Planning.....	414-425-4024
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Message from the Mayor

Dear Franklin Residents,

As summer begins to wind down, I find myself reflecting on all that is happening throughout our community. Franklin continues to be a city on the move, and this season has been filled with exciting progress, meaningful investments, and the dedicated work of countless individuals committed to making our community an even better place to live, work, and raise a family. Perhaps the most visible sign of that progress is the construction of Costco at the northwest corner of S. 27th Street and W. Drexel Avenue. The project continues to move forward at an impressive pace and is anticipated to be open this November. Like many of you, I look forward to welcoming Costco to Franklin, and the opportunities it will bring for our residents and visitors alike.



Another milestone for our city is Yaskawa America's decision to establish its North American headquarters here in Franklin. With an investment of approximately \$182 million, the new campus on W. Ryan Road will bring advanced manufacturing, engineering, research, robotics, and corporate operations together in one location. It is an extraordinary investment in our community and a strong reflection of Franklin's reputation as a place where businesses can grow, innovate, and succeed. We also remain excited about Poth's General, a project that has generated enthusiasm throughout our community. While there are still a few remaining steps before construction can begin, we look forward to seeing this unique destination become part of Franklin in the future.

While these projects are certainly exciting, Franklin's strength has always been about much more than buildings and development. It is about investing in the services, infrastructure, and people that make our city exceptional. Throughout the summer, you have likely noticed ongoing road improvements, utility projects, sidewalk repairs, park enhancements, and other infrastructure investments occurring across the city. These projects require careful planning and, at times, your patience during construction, but they are essential investments in Franklin's future. As our community continues to grow, so does our commitment to delivering outstanding public service. Every day, dedicated employees across every department work diligently to provide the services our residents rely upon. Whether responding to emergencies, maintaining our streets and parks, protecting public health, preserving public records, reviewing development plans, maintaining utilities, supporting our library, or assisting residents at City Hall, our staff is committed to serving Franklin with professionalism, integrity, and pride. I am grateful for their dedication and the positive impact they have on our community every day.

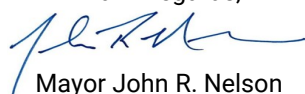
It is equally encouraging that more families and businesses continue choosing Franklin as the place they want to call home. While growth brings new opportunities, it also reinforces our responsibility to thoughtfully preserve the qualities that have made Franklin such a desirable community for generations. We remain committed to maintaining safe neighborhoods, outstanding public services, beautiful parks, responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources, and a welcoming environment where residents and businesses can thrive together. The success of Franklin has never been the work of one person or one organization. It is the result of a community that cares. Our residents, businesses, volunteers, city staff, boards and commissions, and elected officials each play an important role in shaping the future of our city. Your involvement, your ideas, and your commitment to Franklin make all the difference.

On behalf of the Common Council and our entire city team, thank you for your continued support, your patience during this busy construction season, and your pride in our community. I encourage you to continue supporting our local businesses, enjoying our outstanding parks and trails, participating in community events, and staying engaged with your local government. The future of Franklin has never been brighter. Together, we are building not only new businesses and infrastructure, but an even stronger community for future generations.

Thank you for being part of what makes Franklin such an exceptional place to call home.



Warm regards,


Mayor John R. Nelson



Fall Brush & Leaf Pickups September 21 & November 16, 2026

The fall brush and leaf pickups will begin Monday, September 21, and Monday, November 16. Items must be curbside next to your driveway by 7 am on these listed Mondays and pickups will continue until Johns Disposal has collected throughout the entire city. 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:** One pile 4'x4'x5' per household (no larger), branches less than 6" in diameter, in a pile less than 50 pounds. Brush must be piled or tied/bundled (preferred). 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 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 garbage 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 is accepted. These items, as well as brush and leaves, may be disposed of at 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 (excluding holidays).

Stay Connected with Franklin!

City newsletters are now published online each quarter. Sign up at franklinwi.gov to receive an email notification when each new edition is available. Limited printed copies are available at City Hall and the Franklin Public Library.

TID #10 Approved for Poth's General Major Redevelopment Project

On April 8, 2026, the Franklin Common Council approved the creation of Tax Incremental District (TID) #10 for the proposed Poth's General redevelopment, marking an important step toward transforming the aging Orchard View Shopping Center at the southeast corner of S. 76th Street and Rawson Avenue. The measure passed by a narrow 3–2 vote. The Joint Review Board further confirmed approval of the creation of TID #10 at their meeting on May 6, 2026.

The approval paves the way for an estimated \$83 million mixed-use development that aims to revitalize one of Franklin's long-standing commercial corridors. The project, led by developer Land by Label, will replace much of the existing shopping center with new residential, retail, and dining options while preserving several established businesses.



A New Vision for Orchard View—Under the approved redevelopment plan, the site will feature:

- 292 apartments spread across nine two- and three-story residential buildings.
- Approximately 4,100 square feet of standalone restaurant or food-and-beverage space.
- Nearly 28,000 square feet of retail space for existing and new businesses.
- Resident amenities including a swimming pool, dog park, outdoor grilling stations, and landscaped gathering areas.
- To help finance the project, the developer has requested tax incremental financing (TIF).

The proposal also retains key tenants such as Dollar Tree and Ace Hardware, with the possibility of an expanded Dollar Tree location.

Project Evolution—Poth's General has undergone significant changes since it was first introduced in 2023. The original proposal envisioned up to 440 apartments, a hotel, a food truck plaza, and a public band shell designed to create a community gathering space. Following community feedback and additional planning, the proposal was scaled back. The current design reduces the apartment count, removes the hotel and several entertainment features, lowers building heights, and incorporates new traffic signal improvements to address transportation concerns. Supporters believe the revised plan better fits the surrounding neighborhoods while still delivering meaningful economic development.

What Happens Next?—If current legal challenges are resolved, demolition of the Orchard View Shopping Center is expected to begin in September 2026, clearing the way for construction of the new mixed-use development.

Looking Ahead—The approval of TID #10 positions Poth's General as one of Franklin's most significant redevelopment efforts in recent years. City leaders hope the project will attract new residents, strengthen the local retail market, and modernize a prominent commercial corridor.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Annual St. Martins Fair

Sunday, Sept. 6—8 am to 9 pm

Monday, Sept. 7—7 am to 6 pm



St. Martins Road (CTH MM)
(W. Forest Home Avenue to W. Church Street)

Fun for the whole family!

FHS Fall Fest

Saturday, October 3

12:30—3:30 pm

(Free Admission)



Legend Park: 8030 S. Legend Drive

The Franklin Historical Society invites you to come tour the historical buildings and experience the fun and tasks of early Franklin life! Enjoy apples, cider, cookies and Cow Tales candy!

Demonstrations:

- Beer Brewing
- Bee/Honey Collecting
- Rope Making
- Rug Hooking
- Loom Rug Making
- Quilting
- Wool Spinning
- Cabin Open Hearth Cooking

Events/Activities:

- Face Painting
- Fairy Princess Photo-Op
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Pie-Eating Contest (Pumpkin)
- 2-Man Log Sawing
- Concertina Music (Vern Tretow)
- View Artifacts (Arrowheads to Electric Trains)

MEDICATION

COLLECTION

September 30, 2026

9 am to 1 pm

Franklin Public Library
9151 W. Loomis Road

The Franklin Police Department will be collecting unused medications as part of the Adult Health & Wellness Fair taking place September 30 at the Franklin Library from 9 am to 1 pm. Any Franklin resident is welcome to bring in medications for disposal during this time.



TRICK-OR-TREAT

for the City of Franklin will be:

Saturday, October 31st,

4 pm to 7 pm



Do You Have A Franklin Event to Share With Our Community?



Engage Franklin is a tourism organization that is working hard to bring visitors to Franklin to experience all that our great city has to offer. Engage Franklin needs your help in doing this AND it is really easy!

The Engage Franklin website is home to the Event Calendar where we are asking businesses and organizations to submit their events to this calendar so we can get the word out about all of the fun and exciting events and activities happening in Franklin every day. The form is very easy to complete and you will see your event go live right away! To review the guidelines and submit your upcoming events to this calendar, visit engagefranklin.org/submit-event.

Thank you for your help in making Franklin a true destination for tourism!
We look forward to highlighting Franklin's can't-miss happenings!



Mark your calendars for our upcoming



Fall Craft Fair!

Saturday, October 24, 2026

We'll have over 50 vendors and a delightful bake sale!

New Location

Franklin Community Education & Recreation Center (CERC)

8355 W Forest Hill Avenue

Franklin, WI

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Did you know?

Your Franklin Fire Department created
a Community Paramedic Team!

Contact Us Today! (414) 254-1755



What is Community Paramedic (CP) / Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)?



Services provided by trained Paramedics to deliver proactive, compassionate care in the home while helping residents manage chronic conditions, prevent medical crises, and access the services they need to live safely and independently. We are a bridge between public safety, healthcare providers, and social services.

Programs and Services Provided



Health Education & Workshops

- Medical Condition Education (COPD, Stroke, Congestive Heart Failure, Asthma, Heart Attack)
- Primary Care Connection
- Health and Wellness
- Fall Prevention Programs and Tips

Support Services

- In-Home Personalized Care
- One-on-One Medical Evaluations
- Fall Prevention Evaluation
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assistance
- Home Safety and Medication Checks
- Hospital Discharge Follow-Up



Community Connection

Connecting residents with additional resources through the Franklin Health Department and other local partners, such as health and wellness providers, food banks, pharmacies, in-home personalized care and services, transportation, and more.

Goals of the Community Paramedic Program

- Reduce ER Visits
- Reduce 30-day Hospital Readmission
- Reduce High Utilization of 911 Calls
- Help with Substance Utilization
- Health Education
- Public Health

Frequently Asked Questions



• **Cost?** FREE

• **Who Can Enroll?** Anyone

• **Are Visits Private?** Yes, all services comply with HIPAA.



• **Does this replace my doctor?** No, we work alongside your doctor.

• **Referral needed?** No - your family, you, or your doctor can contact us.



FOR SALE

250th-Year USA Commemorative T-Shirts

The Franklin Civic Celebrations Commission has 250th-Year USA commemorative T-shirts available in sizes small to 3XL for sale for \$20 each (emblems shown larger for viewing purposes). Delivery or pickup can be arranged by sending your request to John Bergner at jbergner@sbcglobal.net or calling 414-881-5863.

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Milwaukee County No Interest Loans or Grants Available for Home Repairs for Income-Qualified Homeowners



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 meets income guidelines (per the chart to the right) and property requirements. These funds can be used to make emergency repairs, correct code violations, or improve the living quality of your home. Items commonly repaired include hot water

Household Size	2026 Gross Annual Income
1	\$60,700
2	\$69,400
3	\$78,050
4	\$86,700
5	\$93,650
6	\$100,600
7	\$107,550
8	\$114,450

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 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.

Through this program, 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 of the project cost, generally targeted for up to \$5,000 (flexible depending on the number of applications), and do not have to be paid back.

For questions or to apply, contact Milwaukee County Home Repair at 414-278-4917, by email at HomeRepair@milwaukeecountywi.gov, or visit county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/Housing.

Local Street Improvement Project



Limits: S. Tifton Drive, W. Jodi Place, S. 38th Street, W. Madison Boulevard, W. Minnesota Avenue, W. Southwood Drive, and W. Briarwood Drive

Schedule: In progress with completion by mid-October 2026. Roadways will be closed throughout the project. Local residential traffic and emergency vehicles will be allowed. Detour routes are posted. **For updates, visit franklinwi.gov.**



You can support wildlife by creating habitat spaces in your own yard! The Franklin Parks Commission recommends you check out the National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat for various resources and a quiz. Scan the QR code or visit nwf.org.



Election News

November 3, 2026 General Election



Now is the time to prepare for the fall **General Election**. Polling locations will be open from 7 am to 8 pm, and voters must go to the polling location specific to their residential address. A photo ID is required. For more information on photo IDs, obtaining a free State ID card, and exceptions to the law, visit bringit.wi.gov.

Voter Registration can be done online at myvote.wi.gov, by mail, in-person at the City Clerk's office, or at your polling location on Election Day. Valid proof of residency is required, and residency must be established at least 28 days prior to Election Day.

November 3, 2026 Election

- **Voter Registration Deadlines:** **October 14:** Deadline to register online at myvote.wi.gov (by 11:59 pm) or by mail (postmarked). After this date, you will need to register at the City Clerk's office or at the polls on Election Day. **October 30 at 5 pm:** Deadline to register to vote at the City Clerk's office. After this date, you will need to register at the polls on Election Day.
- **Absentee By Mail Deadlines:** **October 29 at 4:30 pm:** Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail for regular (not military and not indefinitely confined) and overseas voters. **October 30 at 5 pm:** Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail for indefinitely confined voters and military voters (not on active duty).
- **In-Person Absentee Voting:** At Franklin City Hall October 20–29, weekdays only, from 8:30 am to 4 pm, and October 30, from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Absentee Ballots: can be requested at myvote.wi.gov, an absentee ballot application can be requested from the City Clerk's office, or print/complete the application from franklinwi.gov and return it to the Clerk's office. Regular voters must provide a valid photo ID along with their request if one is not on file with your voter registration.

Absentee By Mail: When you request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you, you will receive a ballot with a self-addressed stamped envelope for return, along with instructions. Vote your ballot and sign and date your certificate envelope in front of your witness. Your witness will then sign and print their name and their complete address on the bottom of your certificate envelope. Return the ballot by mail or deliver directly to the City Clerk's office (state law requires ballots be returned prior to 8 pm on Election Day). If mailing, allow at least one week for your completed absentee ballot to be delivered to the Clerk's office.

Visit franklinwi.gov for all election information or visit myvote.wi.gov to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, find your polling location, or view a sample ballot. You may also contact the City Clerk's office at 414-425-7500 with questions.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Your Health Matters

Franklin Health Dept., 414-425-9101

Monday–Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm

Adult Health & Wellness Fair



Wednesday, September 30

9 am to 1 pm

Franklin Public Library
9151 W. Loomis Road

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

Flu vaccines will be given by appointment, call 414-425-9101 to reserve a spot.



Flu Vaccine Clinic Dates

Call 414-425-9101 to schedule an appointment!

Franklin Health Department Flu Clinic Dates:

*Wed., September 30 (65+)	9 am to 1 pm	Library
Tuesday, October 6	1 pm to 3:30 pm	City Hall
Tuesday, October 13	1 pm to 3:30 pm	City Hall

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

High dose vaccines available to those 65+. Medicare and United Healthcare Advantage Plans accepted. Please bring your Medicare card, insurance card, and a photo ID.

Upcoming Health Programs

Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels Healthy Bladder

Tuesdays, Oct. 13, 27, & Nov. 10, 2026, 9:30–11:30 am

City Hall Inspection Room, 9229 W. Loomis Road

Cost: \$10 / To Register: Call 414-425-9101

Workshop designed to give women the tools needed to take control of their bladder and bowel symptoms. Learn simple exercises and dietary changes to help prevent or improve symptoms.

Stepping On 7-Week Workshop for Residents 60+

Wednesdays, Oct. 14–Nov. 25, 2026, 9:30–11:30 am

Comm. Ed & Rec Center, 8355 W. Forest Hill Ave.

Cost: \$10 / To Register: Call 414-425-9101

Learn 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.

Road to Recovery: What to Expect After a Fall

Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 1–2 pm

Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road

To Register: Call 414-425-9101

Focuses on what to expect during hospitalization after a fall, including discharge planning, insurance coverage, and options for continued care whether at home or in a rehab setting. Participants will learn practical strategies to prevent falls that include vision, strength, balance, and making home safety improvements.

The Library Story

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

Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 9 am to 8 pm
Friday: 9 am to 5 pm
Saturday: 9 am to 4 pm
Sunday: 1 to 4 pm (after Sept. 6)



An Evening with Author Jane Hamilton 5th Annual Fall Literary Fundraiser

Sponsored by the Franklin Public Library Foundation

Thursday, September 24, 6 to 8 pm

Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road

Join us for a captivating conversation and Q&A with Wisconsin's own bestselling author of *A Map of the World*, *The Book of Ruth*, and many more! Delight in a supper and dessert buffet with coffee, soda, and cash bar (wine/beer). **All proceeds will benefit the renovation and expansion of the Library's beloved Children's Area.**



Tickets available at fplfallfundraiser2026.eventbrite.com or scan the QR code.



\$45 General Admission / Sponsorships: \$100 includes 1 event ticket, 1 free bar drink ticket, and name in program booklet or \$250 includes 2 event tickets, 2 free bar drink tickets, and names in program booklet.

Adult Programs (18+)

Registration begins 2 weeks prior: franklinpubliclibrary.org or 414-425-8214

FPL Pop Art Fandom Art Contest (Ages 16+) Calling all artists ages 16 and up! Submit your fan art from your favorite movies, TV, comics, games, music, etc. Submissions will be accepted from August 24 to September 24. For more information and official rules, visit franklinpubliclibrary.org.

Color Club (Ages 12+/No registration) 1st Tues. of month, 6 pm. Come relax coloring/painting and socializing with fellow artists! Supplies provided; feel free to bring your own project.

DIY Crafternoons (Registration begins 2 weeks prior) 2nd Wed. of month, 12:30 pm. \$2 supply fee due week prior. **Sept. 9:** Fall Watercolor Paintings / **Oct. 14:** Spooky Charcoal Drawings / **Nov. 11:** Thanksgiving Leaf Bowls / **Dec. 9:** Ice Skate Decoration

Meditation Programs (Registration required) **Sept. 11, 11 am:** Calming the Anger Dragon / **Oct. 8, 2 pm:** Meditation for Insomnia / **Nov. 12, 6 pm:** Stress Over the Holidays.

Recipe Club (No registration) **Sept. 14 & Dec. 14, 6 pm.** Join fellow cooks for a sampling of recipes and great conversation. Bring a dish to pass, along with the recipe. September's theme is "Harvest Foods". See website for more details.

Night Tiger Owls (No registration) **Sept. 16, 6:30 pm.** Join Howard Aprill from Wehr Nature Center to discover how owls thrive in one of the most challenging environments on Earth—your backyard!

Silent Book Club 3rd Thurs. of month, 6-8 pm. Join FPL at a local business to enjoy reading any book and the company of other book lovers! **Sept. 17 & Nov. 19:** On Cloud Wine, 10064 W. Loomis Rd / **Oct. 15 & Dec. 17:** Safadi Coffee, 6570 S. Lovers Lane Rd.

Christmas Cards for Soldiers (All Ages/No registration) **Oct. 3.** Drop in and personalize a holiday card to send to a veteran or active duty soldier for the holidays!

History & Folklore of Halloween (No registration) **Oct. 7, 6:30 pm.** Popular paranormal researcher and speaker Chad Lewis returns with a look at the origins of this spooky holiday.

Holiday Treat Decorating (Register 2 weeks prior/\$5 fee due week prior) **Nov. 10, 6 pm.** Enjoy decorating cookies and other holiday sweets!

Handmade Holidays (No registration) **Nov. 22, 1:30-3:30 pm.** Craft a few heart-felt gifts while enjoying cookies and hot cocoa!

Children/Family Programs

Registration begins 2 weeks prior: franklinpubliclibrary.org or 414-425-8214

Special Programs (For all ages unless noted/register as required)

-Homeschool Social: (K5 & Up) Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, 2-4 pm (drop-in). Meet other homeschool families and enjoy activities!

-Cooking Up Stories: (3+ w/Adult) Sept. 17, 6 pm (register). Read a book, make a snack, and do a craft all about magical fairies!

-Hoppers Interactive Movie: Sept. 21, 10 am (drop-in). Receive a movie kit to follow along and interact with the movie (while supplies last).

-Doll-O-Ween: Oct. 24, 1-3 pm (drop-in). Bring your favorite doll, stuffie, or action figure for Halloween fun with music, crafts/activities!

-Scavenger Hunts: Oct. 25-31 (Halloween) & Dec. 21-Jan. 3 (Winter) (drop-in). Stop by the Children's area to complete a scavenger hunt!

-Remember Me: Celebrate loved ones who have passed. **Nov. 1-7:** Bring a copy of a photo of a deceased loved one to put on our ofrenda and stop in the Children's area for a Dia de los Muertos scavenger hunt! **Nov. 1:** Pick up a take-home craft at the Children's Desk.

-Very Merry Grinchmas: Dec. 12, 10-12 pm (drop-in). Have a grinchy holiday by celebrating in Who-ville style with crafts and activities!

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

-Rhyming to Read: 9:30 am, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23. 30-minute program introducing nursery rhymes through a variety of activities.

-Music & Motion: 9:30 am, Sept. 29, Oct. 27, Nov. 24. 30-minute program full of dancing and singing for fun and exercise.

-Bedtime Wiggles: 6 pm, Oct. 15*, Dec. 3. 30-minutes of dancing, movement, and exercise to get the wiggles out before bed! *Halloween costumes encouraged on Oct. 15!

Programs for Grades K5-5 (Register as noted)

-Sticker Symphony: Oct. 19, 6 pm (drop-in). Enjoy music while creating art with sticker-by-number activities.

-Spooky Slime: Oct. 28, 6 pm (register). Create ooey, goeey Halloween slime—dress for a mess!

-Read It & Eat It: Nov. 5, 6 pm (register). Explore a cookbook celebrating Dia de los Muertos and make a tasty snack!

-Sparkle & Screen: Nov. 7, 1 pm (drop-in). Make diamond art while watching the movie *Coco*! While supplies last.

-Holiday Chopped Challenge: Nov. 30, 1 pm (register). Compete in a holiday inspired "chopped" challenge—kids must use all mystery ingredients to create a tasty snack!

Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

See website for program details. Registration opens 2 weeks prior: franklinpubliclibrary.org or 414-425-8214

Design a Light Switch Cover: Sept. 9, 4:30-5:30 pm

Teen Mosaic Mirror Wall Art: Sept. 21, 2-3:30 pm

Teen Anime Evening—Halloween Edition: Oct. 27, 6-7:30 pm.

Teen Sugar Skulls: Nov. 4, 6-7:30 pm.

Teen Service Saturday: Nov. 7, 10 am-12 pm.

Financial Literacy Workshop: Nov. 18 & 19, 4-6:30 pm. Financial Literacy is important for our youth. Old National Bank is partnering with Volition Franklin, Franklin Health Department, and FPL to work with students in grades 6-8 to learn about budgeting checking and savings accounts, loans, credit and credit cards, education and post-secondary opportunities, insurance and risk management, and investing.

Gem Stone Holiday Art: Dec. 8, 4:30-5:30 pm.





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 franklinseniorstravelers.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!

October 1, 2026: Come From Away — Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson

**** RSVP Deadline: August 28 / Resident Fee: \$84 ****

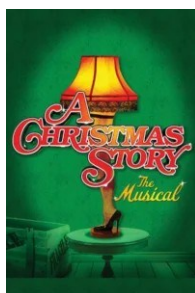


Join us for the exhilarating Tony Award-winning musical that was born out of the tragedy of September 11, 2001. In the remarkable true story of **COME FROM AWAY**, what started as an average morning in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, turned into an international sleepover, when 38 planes carrying 7,000 people from around the globe were diverted to their airstrip. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, the people of Gander cheered the stranded travelers with music, an open bar, and the recognition that we're all part of a global family. Experience this joyous story as both hosts and visitors form friendships that will stay with them forever.

Lunch choices: **Chicken Piccata**, chicken breast, lightly breaded and sauteed, resting on a lemon cream velouté sauce; **Sliced Pork Tenderloin**, slow roasted pork tenderloin medallions crowned with rich pork stock gravy; **Seared Halibut**, seared and brushed with a lemon butter sauce, accompanied by a lemon cream velouté sauce. All entrees served with roasted sweet corn chowder, breads, tri-color fingerling potatoes, roasted broccoli and cauliflower, blueberry crisp served with vanilla custard for dessert, coffee, tea, and milk.

December 4, 2026: A Christmas Story — Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson

**** RSVP Deadline: October 30 / Resident Fee: \$84 ****



Ralphie wants only one thing for Christmas: an official Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. **A CHRISTMAS STORY**, the musical, is the hilarious account of Ralphie's desperate quest to ensure that this most perfect gift ends up under his tree. Based on the classic 1983 movie, the musical features a funny and heartfelt score that captures holiday wonder with deliciously wicked wit that is sure to delight children and grown-ups alike.

Lunch choices: **Chicken Parmesan**, boneless breast of chicken coated with seasoned breadcrumbs, sauteed until golden brown, and served with Fettuccini noodles topped with Italian tomato sauce; **Grilled Atlantic Salmon**, fresh Atlantic salmon grilled and served with homemade creamy dill sauce; **Sliced Roast Beef Tenderloin**, chef-carved medallions, seared then slowly cooked, finished with bearnaise sauce. All entrees served with cream of lobster soup, breads, roasted butternut squash and Brussel sprouts with Jones cherrywood smoked Canadian bacon, black forest cake topped with fresh whipped cream 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 franklinseniorstravelers.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 franklinwi.gov/Services/Senior-Dining.htm.**



Please WELCOME the Following Businesses to the City of Franklin!

Franklin Pediatric Dental, 7661 W. Rawson Avenue
(pediatric dental office)

Jay V Lawn Care LLC, 6005 W. Ryan Road
(lawn care)

Modine, 3303 W. Oakwood Road
(manufacturing)

Opal Dental, 7181 S. 76th Street
(dental office)



O'Reilly Auto Parts, 7251 S. 27th Street
(automotive retail)

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

Wisconsin Muslim Civic Alliance (WMCA)
3321 W. Rawson Avenue
(civic organization)

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR
FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!**



The City of Franklin and the Franklin Civic Celebrations Commission Salute Our 2026 *Independence Celebration* Sponsors!



Mayor John R. Nelson, the Alderpersons, and the Franklin Civic Celebrations Commission (FCCC) thank the following generous sponsors for their contributions and services to the 2026 Independence Celebration. We also express our sincere gratitude to the Franklin Public Works Department, Franklin Police Department, Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Public Library, City Hall staff, and all of the hardworking and dedicated volunteers, parade participants, and entertainers who helped make the 2026 Independence Celebration a safe and successful event! The festival would not be possible without your support.

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Badger Corn Roasters (Food Court)
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**Please support those that support
our Franklin community.**



FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPENING DOORS

AUGUST 2026

WE ASKED K-8 STUDENTS: WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED FOR IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR?



"I'm excited I am able to try all the encore classes in 6th grade. I'm excited for choir and I have loved singing since I was little."

Arshika, Beginning 6th Grade



"I'm most excited to see what my teacher will do and for science of flight activities."

Gideon, Beginning 4th Grade



"I'm excited for the Design & Manufacturing Tech Ed class where we get to make a wooden box and for the long summer we have next year."

Brody, Beginning 8th Grade



"I'm excited to see my friends again! Art is going to be my favorite and I'm excited for a whole day at school."

Olivia, Beginning 5K



"I'm excited to learn more about math, reading and playing a lot of games like tag in physical education."

Ayaan, Beginning 2nd Grade



"I'm excited to meet the new teachers, learn new math and to be a bus monitor and help on the bus."

Eden, Beginning 5th Grade

Planning With Intentionality

DR. ANNALEE BENNIN, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR



As we welcome students back for the 2026-27 school year, I am grateful for a community that continues to partner with us in making Franklin Public Schools a **better place to learn, a better place to work, and part of a better community.**

- ▶ This year marks the third and final year of our current Coherence Plan. This roadmap guides our work from the Board room to the classroom in four strategic priorities: **learning, engagement, well-being and fiscal stewardship.** As we begin developing our next three-year plan, we invite families, staff, students, and community members to share their feedback using the feedback form link below. Your input will help shape the future of Franklin Public Schools.
- ▶ School begins earlier this year, **August 24th and 25th**, as we carefully plan for the 3 years of phased construction work at Franklin High School. The school year will wrap up prior to Memorial Day weekend allowing the same number of days dedicated to learning while also allowing an extended window for construction next summer. District calendars for both the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years are available on our website.
- ▶ Our *Franklin Forward* long-range facility planning continues to make great progress. **Five renovated science labs** at Franklin High School (FHS) are ready for students this Fall and the elementary schools received important facility upgrades. **In addition, the first phase of work at FHS is visible as walls are constructed for the Athletics and Activities spaces.** We are proud to report that all work remains on time, on budget, and injury-free. Check out our website and social media for more!

Thank you for being involved as we look forward to another outstanding school year!



To review the 2024-27 FPS Coherence Plan, use the QR code at the left or go to tinyurl.com/profileFPS

To provide feedback for the next Coherence Plan, scan the QR code at right or go to tinyurl.com/FPSfeedbackCP



Representative Wittke presented our FHS Cheer & FHS Dance teams with congratulatory citations for finishing top in the state in their respective programs.

Fall Recreation Programming

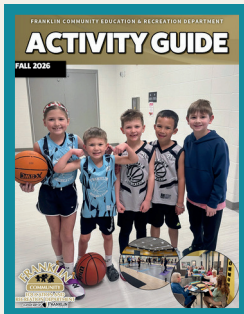
FALL REC GUIDE

Check out our Fall Community Education & Recreation Guide and programming by visiting the website below:

franklin.arux.app

RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE

Our new *Community Room* can have table seating for just under 100. Great for meetings, trainings, classes & more! Call 414-423-4646 for details.



SaveStation Dedication at Rec Center

CHAD KAFKA, COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST

This spring, Franklin Public Schools partnered with ZOLL Medical, SaveStation®, Project ADAM, the Franklin Fire Department, and the Franklin Health Department to celebrate the installation of a new outdoor SaveStation and automated external defibrillator (AED) at the Franklin Community Education & Recreation Center. **Located along the new walking path, the climate-controlled SaveStation provides 24/7 public access to a lifesaving AED for the Recreation Center, athletic fields, playground, and surrounding community.**

The dedication honored the Zahn family after Franklin teen Carter Zahn's life was saved by the quick use of an AED in 2024. The event also included CPR/AED demonstrations and recognized Assistant Fire Chief Shannon Anthoine with Project ADAM's Program HERO Award for her leadership in expanding AED access throughout the community.



UPCOMING SABER CENTER EVENTS



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

- ▶ **Community Series**
Ventastic - Michael Harrison*
Sunday, Sept 20, 2026
- ▶ **Forte Theatre: Annie***
October 3-11, 2026
- ▶ **FHS Saber Theatre: Arsenic & Old Lace***
November 13-15, 2026
- ▶ **Forte Youth Theatre: Matilda, Jr.***
January 29-31, 2027
- ▶ **FHS Saber Theatre: Musical TBD***
March 11-14, 2027
- ▶ **Forte: The Hunchback of Notre Dame***
April 2-11, 2027
- ▶ **Community Series**
History of Hip-Hop*
Saturday, May 1, 2027

2026-27 & 2027-28 District Calendars

Access important dates for this school year and next.

Visit tinyurl.com/FPScalendars



FPS School Board Update

ANN SEPERSKY, FPS SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Welcome back to school, Franklin! No matter how old you are, there is always a certain energy around the beginning of a school year. Here in Franklin, we have much to be excited about. Have you been following along with our *Franklin Forward* updates this summer? Our construction project is both on schedule and on budget and the changes are already impacting learning. Our students will be using our renovated science labs at the beginning of this school year.

If you have back-to-school energy, come join us at an event. Below is a list of some upcoming events to kick off the 2026-27 school year.

UPCOMING VARSITY EVENTS @ FHS

- **Fri 8/28:** Varsity Boys Soccer @ 7p
- **Mon 8/31:** Varsity Boys Volleyball @ 6:30p
- **Tues 9/8:** Varsity Girls Volleyball @ 6:30p
- **Wed 9/9:** Varsity Boys Soccer & Volleyball @ 6:30p
- **Fri 9/11:** Varsity Boys Soccer @ 6:30p & Varsity Football @ 7p

COMMUNITY EVENTS ON SAT 9/19

- **3:45p-9p** Saber Marching Band Invite @ FHS Sullivan Field
- **6p-8p** Education Foundation Glow Run @ Forest Park Middle School

UPCOMING SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

- **6pm Wed 9/2 & 9/16**
@ ECC District Office

We would love to see you at any of these events as we continue to all play a role in Franklin Public Schools being *part of a better community!*