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Health Department.....	425-9101
Human Resources.....	427-7505
Library	425-8214
Municipal Court	425-4768
Parks.....	425-7500
Planning Department.....	425-4024
Police Department	425-2522
Public Works	425-2592
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Sewer & Water	421-2613
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COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization

The Franklin Health Department is serving as a clinic site for administering the COVID-19 vaccine; however, the vaccine is being distributed to those that live and work in Franklin in a phased approach as per the guidance and instruction of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (see graphic to the right for current and next eligible populations to receive the vaccine).

It is important to remember that vaccine supply from the State is limited and vaccinations are targeted to specific groups of people with a higher risk for COVID-19 infection. It will take time to reach all people within each priority population and phase. There is not a hard start or stop for each phase. As vaccine supply and the number of vaccinators increase, phases for distribution may overlap. For more information on who is included in each category, visit: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>.

Who is eligible for COVID-19 vaccine?

Current eligible populations:

- Frontline healthcare personnel
- Residents in skilled nursing or long-term care facilities
- Fire and police personnel, Correctional staff
- Adults aged 65 and over

Next eligible populations (beginning after March 1, 2021):

- Education and Child Care providers
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- Some public-facing essential workers
- Non-frontline essential healthcare personnel
- Staff and residents of congregate living facilities

Please visit www.franklinwi.gov for up-to-date COVID-19 information including scheduling of appointments for the vaccine through the Health Department for those currently eligible to receive the vaccine. Remember, vaccine supply is limited—when current clinics are full, please continue to check the City website weekly as more clinics will be added as the vaccine becomes available.

Franklin Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

For children 10 and under

Saturday, April 3 - 10 a.m.

Lions Legend Park

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

*** Candy/Surprises * Egg Hunt
* Visit by the Easter Bunny!**



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 June 1, 2021.

ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS: Instructions for paying your taxes online were included with the tax bill and are available on the City's website. **Please note that online payments take more than 1 business day to process.** Waiting until the last day will cause the online payment to be made **AFTER** the due date.

Spring Election April 6, 2021



For all Election information:

- Visit the Elections page at www.franklinwi.gov,
- Call the City Clerk's Office at **414-425-7500**, OR
- Visit myvote.wi.gov.

Spring Brush & Leaves Pickup: Monday, May 3, 2021

The Spring brush and leaves pick-up will take place beginning Monday, May 3rd. 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 3rd.** Brush/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 425-2592 with any questions.



Pick-up will include:

- Brush (tree limbs, bush cuttings, and similar) must be cut to no longer than 4 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 feet long by 4 feet high by 5 feet deep and be 50 pounds or less.** NOTE: 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, which includes no "compostable green" or biodegradable plastic bags. Compostable paper bags are available at Harry's Ace Hardware, Lowes, Menards, Target, and Wal-Mart. Please place bagged leaves away from your regular trash so they will not be missed. **NOTE: 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, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Salt Your Margaritas—Not Our Fresh Water

*Nan Calvert, Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network,
Provided by the Franklin Environmental Commission*

When walking and driving get tricky due to slippery winter pavement, we turn to a tried-and-true method for preventing falls and improving conditions. There are many names for it—road salt, sidewalk salt, snow/ice melt, and deicing chemicals. It is readily available and relatively cheap. These chloride-based products have been a part of Wisconsin life for as long as anyone can remember. The sound it makes as it crunches under our feet imparts a feeling of security.

Not much thought has been given to its application. As society has grown increasingly litigious, the "more is better" approach has prevailed. And those directions on the back of the bag—who needs them? Just open and apply liberally and often regardless of the weather. The crystals disappear as snow and ice melt and they are gone from our collective conscious.

The crystals did not just disappear. Storm water run-off carried them in solution to the nearest body of water. This salty water descends to the lower depths of ponds and lakes—because it is heavier than fresh water—where it remains, resulting in highly degraded and detrimental conditions for the aquatic community of plants and animals. The more deicing chemicals we use every season, the worse the conditions become. The cost to desalinate water polluted with chlorides is astronomical.

Here's the good news. Every one of us can decrease the toxic effects of deicing chemicals on storm water run-off with a few simple changes in our practice. The beauty of it is that even with these necessary changes, safety is maintained, and our precious watershed is protected.

- * First, read the directions on the bag. Not all snow/ice products are created equally. For example, if it is composed of sodium chloride, it will not work when the temperature is below 15 degrees Fahrenheit. All brands have directions for application based on the composition of the product.
- * Shovel early and often. This prevents compaction and refreezing and decreases the amount of salt used.
- * Believe it or not, 12 ounces of deicer is plenty to treat an entire 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares. There should be about 3 inches between the salt crystals.
- * Put ice cleats on your shoes and boots.
- * Remember, if you want better traction, deicing chemicals are not your best choice. Sand, sawdust, or birdseed are good choices for improved traction on slippery surfaces.
- * Apply anti-icing chemicals like various brines and magnesium chloride before snow and ice form—not after.
- * If you use contractors for chloride application, ask if they have completed training on the current best practices. Hire those who have.

Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network has sponsored workshops for the municipalities we serve to support their efforts on behalf of salt reduction. They are working hard to keep people safe and protect water quality.

Becoming aware of the environmental impact of deicing chemicals is the first step toward reducing their impact on fresh water. Before you apply those chemicals, remember that approximately one teaspoon of salt is enough to contaminate 5 gallons of fresh water. Using salt wisely and maintaining safety is a win-win combination.

For more information, go to <https://www.wisaltwise.com>, or contact Root-Pike Watershed Initiative Network at 262-681-4899 or nan@rootpikewin.org.

Franklin Citizen Police Academy

Police Chief Rick Oliva has announced Class No. 28 of the Franklin Police Department Citizen Police Academy which will begin Tuesday, March 2, 2021, for 12 consecutive weeks, and conclude on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. A graduation ceremony will take place on May 25, 2021. Classes meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., usually in the Franklin Police Department community classroom. Additionally, each graduate may participate in a ride-along with officers on the street.

The Franklin Police Department's mission is to establish and maintain a course of instruction for citizens to familiarize themselves with the operations of the Franklin Police Department and the profession of law enforcement. This 12-week academy presents an overview of all aspects of law enforcement such as patrol operations, traffic enforcement, investigations, SWAT, K-9 unit, dispatch/communications, fire and emergency medical services, and much more. Students will have an opportunity to present concerns and questions regarding public safety in the City and learn how citizens and the police can work together to fight crime in the community. Department employees present each session and interact with participants on a very approachable level—the aim is to inform, instruct, and involve citizens.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Live or work in the Franklin community (preference is given to Franklin citizens).
- Submit a written application.
- Pass a background check (no felony convictions).
- Be 18 years of age (16 and 17 year olds may attend with parent or guardian).

There is no cost to attend; however, class size is limited. If interested in attending, contact Sergeant Jason Fincel at jfincel@franklinwi.gov. Applications are available in the Franklin Police Department lobby or can be sent via email.

Applications Being Accepted for Auxiliary Police Unit



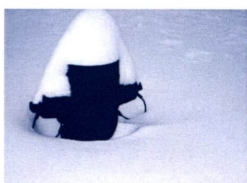
The Franklin Police Department is currently accepting applications to fill open positions on the Auxiliary Police Unit. The Auxiliary Police Unit is comprised of members that volunteer their time to assist the Franklin Police Department and the citizens of Franklin at many events such as the Franklin Civic Celebration, St. Martins Fair, Franklin High School events, National Night Out, Shop With a Cop, Police ride-alongs, Police Department training, and many others.

Each Auxiliary Police Officer is asked to donate a minimum of 50 hours of service per calendar year. All members of the unit are required to attend a minimum of 6 monthly meetings during the year. All hours spent in training and in monthly meetings count toward the minimum 50-hour service expectation. As part of the minimum, 4 hours must be worked during the July 4th Civic Celebration and 4 hours during the Labor Day weekend St. Martins Fair.

Requirements to apply are as follows:

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

If you are interested in joining the unit or have additional questions, please contact Sergeant Jason Fincel at jfincel@franklinwi.gov.



Adopt-A-Hydrant Program

As the snow continues to fall, please help the Fire Department by adopting the fire hydrant closest to your home or business and keep it free of snow.

Please make it a point to uncover your fire hydrant after each and every snowfall. Clear a path approximately 3 feet around the hydrant and shovel a 3-foot path from the road to the fire hydrant. Should the need arise, these actions will allow the Fire Department to quickly locate the fire hydrant, obtain a water supply for firefighting activities, and give the Fire Department room to work around the hydrant.

Please consider helping a neighbor in need of assistance by shoveling out a hydrant in front of their home. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood that the hydrant services.

A fire engine/pumper carries enough water on board for approximately 2 to 3 minutes of firefighting. In the event of a fire, the Fire Department must quickly locate and gain a water supply from the closest fire hydrant. If a fire hydrant is buried by snow, valuable time must be spent locating the hydrant and digging it out. It may take from 4 to 6 minutes to dig out a fire hydrant buried by snow. The delay in gaining a water supply from a fire hydrant may disrupt the timely manner in which firefighters are able to fight the fire and may allow a fire to grow. Fire doubles in size approximately every 18 seconds.

The Adopt-A-Hydrant Program is an informal program; therefore, it is not necessary to advise the Fire Department which hydrants you will be clearing snow from.

On behalf of the entire Franklin Fire Department, thank you for keeping the City of Franklin's fire hydrants clear of snow and keeping our community safe!



Franklin Notification System

Automatic Notice of Tornado Warnings and More Directly to Your Phone or Email FREE!



**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.)

The Franklin Lioness Club

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



As we look ahead to another year of giving, here is how we ended 2020:

*Partnered with **Franklin Lions, Noon Lions and O&H Danish Bakery** to provide a special treat for our first responders. Kringles were delivered to **Ascension-Franklin, The Franklin Police Department, and The Franklin Fire Stations.***

*During the holiday season we gave donations to **St. Martins of Tours Food Pantry, Faith Presbyterian Church Food Pantry, St. Vincent de Paul***

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making our community a little sweeter!

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

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP!

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

Arbor Day Celebration

**Saturday, May 1, 2021
10 a.m. to 12 Noon**

**Franklin Public Library
9151 W. Loomis Road**



The Franklin Environmental Commission will be distributing trees on Saturday, May 1st, in honor of Arbor Day. FREE tree/shrub 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 Noon, or while the limited supply lasts.

Sapling types available will be White Cedar, Sugar Maple, Elderberry (shrub), and Highbush Cranberry (shrub). If inclement weather, the event will take place in the Fadow Room of the Library.

Trees courtesy of the City of Franklin and the Franklin Environmental Commission.

Please WELCOME the Following Businesses to the City of Franklin!

Action Electrical Services, 6812 S. 112th Street
(General storage)

Allied Pools, 11311 W. Forest Home Avenue, Unit C
(General warehousing, indoor storage, and office)

Blend, 7044 S. Ballpark Drive, #102
(Eating place/coffee shop)

Connected Healing, 7441 S. 27th Street, #102
(Acupuncture clinic, offices of health practitioners not elsewhere classified)

Harwood Agency, 7441 S. 27th Street, #201
(Home, auto, life and business insurance)

Ortho Lazer, 7044 S. Ballpark Drive, #202
(Offices and clinics of medical doctors)

Summit Clinical Laboratories, 7358 W. Rawson Ave.
(Medical laboratories)



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COVID-19 Updates

Testing:

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, or have been notified of a close contact exposure to someone with COVID-19, you should get tested. For the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 testing, including sites at pharmacies, healthcare providers, and public health, visit www.testupmke.com.

Vaccine:

Individuals listed in Phase 1A and Phase 1B are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine based on availability (see "Vaccine Prioritization" article on Page 1 of this newsletter). **For the most up-to-date information on vaccination, please visit the City's website home page at www.franklinwi.gov and additional Coronavirus website page at www.franklinwi.gov/Departments/Health/Coronavirus.htm.**

NOTE: Prior to vaccine appointments, individuals must read the following documents that are also posted at the above noted Coronavirus website page.

- **Moderna Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccine Recipients, and**
- **V-Safe Information Sheet**

Prevention:



- **Wash hands frequently**
- **Wear a face covering/mask**
- **Watch your distance**

Radon Test Kits Available

The Health Department has radon tests available for a fee. Radon is a colorless and odorless gas and is the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Stop in at the Franklin Health Department for your test kit during normal business hours of Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stepping On Workshop

Thursdays, April 22—June 3, 2021, 1 to 3 p.m.
Fadrow Room, Franklin Public Library
9151 W. Loomis Road
To register, call 414-427-7535

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed many things. For many seniors they have curtailed basic activities like grocery shopping, holiday visits with family, visiting with friends, and going to church. With the reduction of movement and mobility, seniors are at increased risk of unintentional injury due to falls. The answer may be attending a **Stepping On workshop**.

What is Stepping On? It is an evidence-based workshop for seniors that helps them identify risks for falls and ways to prevent them. Research has found that people who completed the workshop reduce their risk of falls by 30%.

During the seven weekly sessions, guest experts bring insight and participants bring experience. Trained leaders bring it all together making it fun. A physical therapist introduces exercises that are specific to improving balance and strength. Awareness of hazards in the home and community, changes in vision, effects of medications, and even the selection of footwear can reduce the risk of falling.

The Spring in-person workshop will run Thursdays, April 22 through June 3, 2021. It will be held in the Fadrow Room at the Franklin Public Library from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There is a \$10 registration fee and you will receive a free ankle weight to use and keep.

The workshop has a limited number of openings to allow us to provide the necessary social distance and sanitizing. Participants are asked to provide their own mask and water.

To register, call Carol Sibilski at the Franklin Health Department at 414-427-7535.

The Library Story

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

Hours: *May change per health/safety concerns
Mon & Wed: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tu, Th, Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunday: Closed
(Call for curbside pick-up times.)

Children Programs

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/FPLChildrensDept> &
<https://www.youtube.com/c/FranklinPublicLibraryWI>



Rise 'n Shine Storytime (Virtual) (Ages 5 & Under)

Wednesdays—Feb. 24; Mar. 3, 10, 24, & 31; Apr. 7 & 14 at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube! Stay in your pajamas and enjoy a Rise 'n Shine Storytime! This virtual program includes stories, songs, and other early literacy activities for you and your child.

Sensory Sprouts (Ages 5 & Under)

Mar. 15 & Apr. 12. Pick up a sensory kit with hands-on activities to play, investigate, and explore at home! Kits (while they last) contain supplies and instructions.

Crafty Kits (Grades K5-5)

Feb. 26, Mar. 26, & Apr. 23. Pick up a craft kit to make at home! Kits (while they last) contain supplies and instructions.

Construction Destruction Bags (Grades K5-5)

Mar. 12 & Apr. 9. Construct and destruct a S.T.E.A.M. project at home. Bags (while they last) contain supplies and instructions.

Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)



Teen Take-Out Crafts

Limited number of kits available while supplies last for each craft. One kit per teen. A link to a YouTube video demonstration will be available. Call 425-8214 for more information.

-DIY Bath Bombs—Kits available for pickup beginning Monday, Feb. 22, at the Library Information Desk. Need to relax? Make your own bath bombs and bring the spa to you!

-Bullet Journals—Kits available for pickup beginning Monday, Mar. 8, at the Library Information Desk. Get organized and create your own bullet journal—customizable to help you track the past, organize the present, and plan the future!

-Make Your Own Gummy Bears—Kits available for pickup beginning Monday, Mar. 29, at the Library Information Desk. Spend your spring break making your own delicious candy gummy bears! Gummy mould and supplies included!

-DIY Photo Coaster—Kits available for pickup beginning Monday, Apr. 12, at the Library Information Desk. Create your own personalized photo coaster using your favorite photos!

-DIY Pop Socket—Kits available for pickup beginning Monday, Apr. 26, at the Library Information Desk. Create and decorate your own DIY pop socket phone holder!

Brown Baggers & Night Readers Adult Book Clubs

Meet via Zoom. Copies of the books are available at the Library. To request a Zoom invitation to a meeting, contact Andy Scott at 425-8214 or Andy.Scott@mcfls.org.

Brown Baggers: 3rd Tuesdays (except Dec.) at 12:30 p.m.

March 16—Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

April 20—The Library Book by Susan Orlean

May 18—Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark T. Sullivan

Night Readers: 4th Mondays (except Nov. & Dec.) at 6 p.m.

March 22—1984 by George Orwell

April 26—The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

May 24—The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row by Anthony Ray Hinton

Adult Programs



2021 Great Decisions Discussion Series (Virtual via Zoom)

Following Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To access this series via Zoom, go to www.zoom.com/join and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode listed for each program below. If you do not have Zoom on your PC, follow the prompts to install it the first time (for help, please call the Information Desk at 425-8214 (option 1) or email franklin.reference@mcfls.org).

Feb. 24: China & Africa—Meeting ID: 918 1091 9417 / Passcode: 579803

Mar. 3: The Coldest War: Toward a Return to Great Power Competition in the Arctic?—Meeting ID: 956 9350 5784 / Passcode: 964820

Mar. 10: The Two Koreas—Meeting ID: 977 9716 6448 / Passcode: 483418

Mar. 17: The World Health Organization's Response to COVID-19—Meeting ID: 964 4502 7608 / Passcode: 628415

Mar. 24: The End of Globalization?—Meeting ID: 981 3478 9655 / Passcode: 042239

Virtual DIY Crafternoons (FPL Facebook Page)

Second Wednesday of every month at Noon at www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI. Each month features a different craft. Craft kits (while they last) are available for pickup at the Information Desk one week prior to the live program. No registration required. **March 10: Suncatchers / Apr. 14: Rain Chains / May 12: Garden Markers.**

Tech Tip Tuesdays (FPL Facebook Page)

Mar. 9, Apr. 13, May 11, 2 p.m. on Facebook Live. Have a question about technology? Librarian Sam will answer your questions about library apps, ebooks, and audiobooks; the CountyCat app and online catalog; and other digital library services! Email your questions to sam.molzahn@mcfls.org and then tune into www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI on the dates listed above to hear the answers to your questions!

Staying Safe Online (FPL Facebook Page)

Tuesday, March 23, 2 p.m. at www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI. The Internet is an extremely useful tool in today's world. You can use the Internet for almost all of your daily activities—everything from sending emails, checking your bank account, and for fun. However, using the Internet also has risks. This class will walk you through how to stay safe and minimize those risks.

Libby Digital Magazines (FPL Facebook Page)

Tuesday, April 27, 2 p.m. at www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI. The way to access digital magazines from the Library has changed! RB Digital Magazines are now available on the Libby and Overdrive Apps. This class will cover how to find and check out magazines, lending limits, how to access previous issues, and more!

Consumer Reports Magazine Online (FPL Facebook Page)

Tuesday, May 25, 2 p.m. at www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI. You probably know that the Library has the Consumer Reports magazine, but did you know that you can find it online too? The Library provides access to digital copies of the Consumer Reports magazine—from current issues all the way back to 1985! This class will cover how to access the digital Consumer Reports magazines, how to find and read articles, and how to search for specific reviews.





Franklin Senior Travel Program

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

CONTACT: Basil or Karen Ryan, 414-423-5481, or visit www.FranklinSeniorTravelers.com

Hello Franklin Senior Travelers – We are sending our best wishes to each and every one of you as we continue to move through the pandemic. Depending on when the newsletter reaches you, we hope you had a great Valentine's Day and are looking forward to St. Patrick's Day. May the luck of the Irish be with you.



We have good news and bad news. The bad news is that many theaters continue to cancel scheduled performances or have drastically reduced their capacity to comply with CDC and Wisconsin Department of Health guidelines. For example, the next Fireside Theater show, "What Happens in Vegas," has been postponed again to 2022. We continue to stay in close contact with the Fireside and other venues about upcoming shows. As soon as the guidelines are lifted, we will be able to make reservations quickly. We sure miss live theater! And, we definitely miss seeing all of you!

And now the good news – as a result of not being able to go on any trips, we are saving the bus money that the City of Franklin has budgeted for us. If this continues, we will be able to charter a plane, instead of a bus, and go to Las Vegas to see some of those shows. Wouldn't that lift your spirits?

We hope everyone is in good health and your spirits are high. We enjoy hearing from you and welcome your phone calls.



In honor of St. Patrick's Day, Basil has a few jokes to share with the senior lassies and leprechauns!

*** What it means to be Irish:**

You have no idea how to make a long story short. (Doesn't that sound like you-know-who?)



*** Are people jealous of the Irish?** To be sure, they're green with envy.

*** When Irish eyes are smiling,** they're usually up to something.

*** Say "Irish wristwatch."** Then try saying it fast, several times in a row.

*** Three Irishmen walked out of a bar.** IT CAN HAPPEN.

*** How do you get an Irishman on the roof?** Tell him that drinks are on the house.

*** An Englishman, an Irishman, and a Scotsman walked into a bar.**
The bartender said, "Is this some kind of a joke?"



Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.

From our home to yours, we wish you a blessed St. Patrick's Day and a wonderful spring! Be safe.

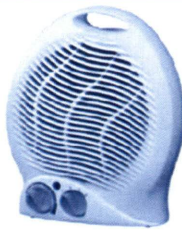
Basil & Karen Ryan

Franklin Senior Dining—Curbside Pickup or Delivery: The Milwaukee County Department on Aging is committed to meeting the food needs of older adults during the COVID-19 crisis. Curbside pickup or delivery of meals is available at the Franklin City Hall Senior Dining location, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Monday—Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to those 60 years and older. Diners are encouraged to contribute \$3 per meal. **Call 427-7696 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. to reserve lunch (24-hour notice needed).** For curbside pickup, arrive to site parking lot pick-up location, join the vehicle line-up, open window, exchange meal contribution and next registration, and receive meal. Enjoy lunch safer at home!



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Space Heater Safety



According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), two in five deaths in space heater fires involve electric space heaters. If you use a space heater, please review the following safety tips.

- ◆ Read and follow the manufacturer's operating instructions.
- ◆ Choose a space heater that has been tested and certified by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- ◆ Buy a heater that is the correct size for the area you want to heat.
- ◆ Choose models that have automatic safety switches that turn off the unit if tipped over accidentally.
- ◆ Select a space heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- ◆ Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- ◆ Space heaters should be plugged directly into a wall outlet, not into a power strip or extension cord.
- ◆ Keep the heater at least three (3) feet from bedding, drapes, furniture or other flammable materials and people.
- ◆ Never use an unvented fuel burning space heater.
- ◆ Turn space heaters off when you go to sleep and when you leave an area.
- ◆ Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Children should not be permitted to either adjust the controls or move the heater.
- ◆ Do not hang items to dry above or on the heater.
- ◆ Keep all heaters out of traffic and exit areas.
- ◆ Keep portable electric heaters away from sinks, tubs, and other wet or damp places to avoid deadly electric shocks.

Should you have questions regarding space heater safety, or other safety topics, please contact the Fire Prevention Office at 414-427-7582 or jglanz@franklinwi.gov.

Milwaukee County Home Repair

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

Owner-occupied homes are eligible if the homeowner(s) meet income guidelines and property requirements. These funds can be used to make emergency repairs, correct code violations, or improve the living quality of your home. Projects funded by Home Repair loans will be secured by a lien on the home.

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

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

Household Size	2020 Gross Annual Income (2021 limits will be set mid-year)
1	\$46,950
2	\$53,650
3	\$60,350
4	\$67,050
5	\$72,450
6	\$77,800

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



FRANKLIN
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

OPENING DOORS

CONNECTING YOU TO FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

February, 2021

Planning for the Future

DR. JUDY MUELLER, Superintendent

I have been extremely fortunate to be a part of the Franklin Public Schools community for the past 30 years. During that time, I have seen the Franklin community grow and improve. Since the early '90s, our school enrollment has grown by 62%. To accommodate that growth, the District has renovated existing buildings and added facilities to add new teaching and learning spaces including: Southwood Glen Elementary (1992), Ben Franklin Elementary (1999), the Saber Center for the Performing Arts (2014), and the new Forest Park Middle School (2019).

The City of Franklin is fortunate to have space for future housing development. As development occurs, Franklin Public Schools continues to plan for additional students and the spaces which will be needed to educate them. Last year, Franklin Public Schools acquired 227 acres of land at Ryan Road and 92nd street for additional schools. This land purchase was made possible because of the District's careful, long-term fiscal planning.

Additionally, the District has also purchased the land west of Forest Park Middle School (FPMS), formally known as Luxembourg Gardens. The District is currently in the planning stages to develop this land for physical education and athletic fields for FPMS. The District is also considering the addition of a small facility that would allow the Franklin community to participate in recreation programs which are no longer able to be held in school facilities due to increased student enrollment.

I am both grateful and proud of Franklin as a community for the support the residents provide our school district. We will continue to do our best on behalf of the children in this community, including preparing for the children of the future, as we continually strive to be a Better Place to Learn, Better Place to Work, and Part of a Better Community.



Original Ben Franklin Elementary



Forest Park Middle School (2019)

FRANKLIN
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGISTRATION FOR NEXT
SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN!



NEW FAMILIES: Register Now for Grades 4K-12

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.) Parents/guardians will be required to review student data in August during the Back-To-School Online Check-In process. Families who will not be returning for the next school year should notify their school secretary.

www.franklin.k12.wi.us
Click on **REGISTRATION** to start the process.

BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE:

MR. LARRY GAMBLE, Board of Education President

Being on the school board has been the most rewarding board position I've ever held. There is a purpose and impact one finds from serving the community. The school board is challenged with the task of supporting the initiatives needed to develop a high-performing school district that will impact the 30% of residents who have children in our schools, while encouraging fiscal responsibility for all taxpayers regardless if they have children in the district. Fiscal responsibility is crucial to keep Franklin a great place to live, work and raise a family.

The school board is not involved in the daily school operations and as a whole, we only supervise one district employee. The board guides the Superintendent who provides the direct supervision of the schools and administrators. It is the board, as a unit, who determines the policies which the administrators use to operate the schools and the District. Before the pandemic, visiting schools and interacting with teachers and students provided a great sense of satisfaction due to the quality of our schools. Being out in the community enables members to meet with residents to get their feedback about the District.

As a resident and board member, I consider our schools to be a cornerstone of Franklin. I'm immensely proud of our students and our teachers. They have certainly adapted to the changes, learned new skills, and improvised to continue creating successful educational experiences. Additionally, the support from our community partners continues to provide real-world work experience for our students. While this last year presented many challenges, our board provided guidance and our district staff has continued to excel during the pandemic.

BOND REFINANCING YIELDS LONG-TERM TAX SAVINGS

MR. JIM MILZER, Director of Business Services

The District has been monitoring the bond market to determine the best time to refinance as much of our long-term debt as possible to reduce the amount of taxes needed to make future debt interest payments. This is somewhat like refinancing your home at a lower interest rate to lower your mortgage payments.

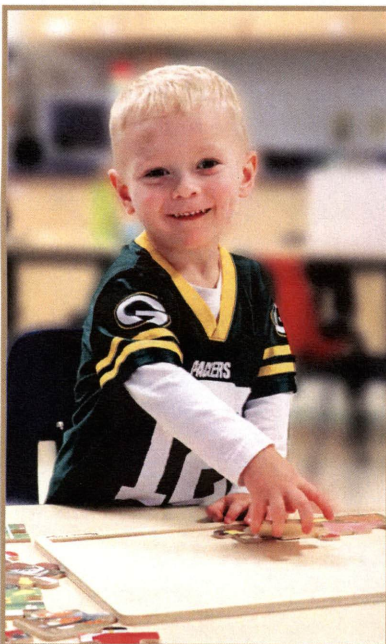
The first step in the bond refinancing process is to receive a credit opinion from Moody's Investors Service. The following are two statements from Moody's credit opinion that our District can all take pride in:

"The district has ably managed its finances and operations during the coronavirus pandemic and its healthy liquidity provides a good buffer against any potential future disruptions."

"We expect the district to maintain a healthy financial profile given strong fiscal management."

On Tuesday, December 1st, the market conditions were right for bond refinancing. The District's bond issue of \$18,590,000 received so much attention from buyers that it drove the interest rate even lower, resulting in the citizens of the Franklin Public School District saving \$2,732,454 in taxes over the life of the bonds, beginning in 2025.

FPS Celebrates 2nd Year of 4K Education



DR. CHRISTOPHER REUTER, Director of Teaching & Learning

In its second year since launching in 2019, the 4 year-old Kindergarten program at Franklin Public Schools has continued to offer age-appropriate and engaging learning opportunities to students. By offering a 4K program in our District, Franklin Public schools can provide the academic and social-emotional learning experiences that are needed to prepare pre-school age children for 5-year-old Kindergarten and beyond.

Children who attend 4K at Franklin Public Schools will engage in play-based learning that allows them to experience foundational literacy and numeracy development through a series of themes including: Making Friends, The World Around Me, Digging Down & Building Up, Kindness Counts, and Watch Me Grow. This thematic approach to teaching and learning allows children to build the foundation of skills needed to be college, career, and life ready.

Franklin Public Schools offers two 4K sessions: a morning session and an afternoon session. These sessions run for approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes, Monday-Friday.

ENROLL NOW! Families with children who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2021 can enroll in the FPS 4K program for the upcoming school year. Visit our website for more information. www.franklin.k12.wi.us



PREVENTION CONNECTION

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

-Benjamin Franklin

**VOLITION FRANKLIN IS A POSITIVE FORCE
FOR CHANGE IN THE FRANKLIN COMMUNITY**

Volition Franklin is a coalition that works to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use by educating young people to make informed decisions.

We engage with parents and students at community events, carry out awareness campaigns, and offer resources to help support healthy decision-making. We also promote a philosophy of open communication among family members.

Volition Franklin is in part sponsored by:

- Generous community donations
- Drug Free Communities Grant Funding
- Partnership for Success Grant Funding

Our Vision

**A FRANKLIN COMMUNITY THAT
EMPOWERS YOUNG PEOPLE TO
MAKE HEALTHY CHOICES -**

**ESPECIALLY RELATED TO ALCOHOL,
TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUGS.**



VOLITION FRANKLIN AT A GLANCE

ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY

10 + years

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

12 + sectors

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
COMMUNITY

Regular community events

\$125,000 + of in-kind/year

HOW DO WE PREVENT?

Local Problems Require Local Solutions

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Local Events

Student Education Sessions

Speakers & Film Presentations

Community Resource Fairs

AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Local & National Campaigns

Community PSAs

Peers with Purpose

RETAIL SUPPORT

Alcohol & Tobacco Compliance Checks

Compliance Training

Safe Server Training

Coalition Strategies



Providing
Information



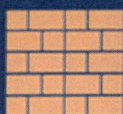
Enhancing
Skills



Changing
Physical Design



Providing
Support



Enhancing Access/
Reducing Barriers



Changing
Consequences



Modifying/
Changing Policies

To learn more about our initiatives and how you can
help support our coalition visit:
www.volitionfranklin.org

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Coalition Meetings

Virtual monthly
meetings are held the
2nd Thursday of each
month via Zoom.

March 11, 2021

6pm-7pm

April 8, 2021

6pm-7pm

May 13, 2021

6pm-7pm

June 10, 2021

6pm-7pm

To get an invitation link,
email Ellen Henry @
ehenry@franklinwi.gov.

Please Join Us!

