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#### **EMERGENCIES-CALL 911**

www.franklinwi.gov

## The Franklin Civic Celebration is Back for 2021! Lions Legend Park (Loomis Road & Drexel Avenue)



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

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

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

Legend Park

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

Virtual Options

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

Join the July 4th Parades!

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

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

#### Call for Volunteers

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

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Franklin Park Concerts, Inc.

FREE Summer Concert Series

Lions Legend Park Band Shell (Loomis Road & Legend Drive)

## The following Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

June 27 Close Enuf Band with Don & Phil

**Everly Brothers Tribute** 

July 11 Vern and the Originals

Polkas and Waltzes

July 25 British Invasion '64

Tribute to 1960's British Bands

August 8 The KR Bluegrass Band

Bluegrass and Country

August 22 AARPers Bizarre

Classic Rock, Country, and Blues



## Bring a chair and enjoy!

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

## **2021 National Night Out**

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

Franklin Public Library 9151 W. Loomis Road



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### SUPPORT FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!

#### The Franklin Lioness Club



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

#### The Franklin Lioness Club

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

We are pleased to announce the Franklin Lioness Scholarship Program 2021

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

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

#### PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP!

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



# Franklin Civic Celebration at Lions Legend Park



FRIDAY, JULY 2, 5 PM - 11 PM \* SATURDAY, JULY 3, NOON - 11 PM \* SUNDAY, JULY 4, 10 AM - 11 PM

Friday, July 2 (Festival area open 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.)

5:00 to 11:00 p.m. Carnival Rides (Festival Grounds)
7:30 to 11:00 p.m. Bella Cain Band (Main Stage)

Saturday, July 3 (Festival area open Noon to 11 p.m.)

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Innovative Fitness & Health Free Group Exercise Classes

Noon to 11:00 p.m. Carnival Rides (Rainbow Rides Wristband Day-\$20 from Noon to 4 p.m.) (Festival Grounds)

2:00 to 5:30 p.m. The Jimmys Band (Main Stage)
7:00 to 11:00 p.m. The Cheap Shots Band (Main Stage)
7:15 to 9:00 p.m. Brew City Wrestling (Festival Grounds)

Sunday, July 4 (Festival area open Noon to 11 p.m.)

9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Geno's Kid Show (Police Department Parking Lot, 9455 W. Loomis Road)

10:30 a.m. Children's Parade Starts

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

11:00 a.m. Main Parade Starts

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

ticketed and towed by the Franklin Police Department.)

Noon to 11:00 p.m. Carnival Rides (Festival Grounds)

Noon to 3:00 p.m. Franklin Historical Buildings Open/Guided Tours (Located across the street from main tent.)

12:15 to 12:55 p.m. Next Step Dance Studio (Main Stage)
12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Geno's Kid Show (Festival Grounds)
12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Free Kid's Face Painting (Festival Grounds)
1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Academy of Performing Arts (Main Stage)

1:30 to 5:00 p.m. The Differentials Band (Main Stage) 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. The Playlist Band (Main Stage)

9:30 p.m. FIREWORKS (Festival Grounds)

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

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

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

\*Volunteer Sian-Up

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

\*Main Parade

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

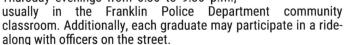
\*Sponsors & Donations

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



## Franklin Citizen Police Academy

Police Chief Rick Oliva has announced Class No. 29 of the Franklin Police Department Citizen Police Academy which will begin Thursday, September 2, 2021, for 12 consecutive weeks, and conclude on Thursday, November 18, 2021. A graduation ceremony will take place on December 2, 2021. Classes meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.,



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

#### Applicants must meet the following criteria:

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

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

## **Property Tax Bill Payments**

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



ONLINE TAX PAYMENTS: Instructions for paying your

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

## Open Burning-Permits Required

Open burning of leaves, brush, and garden refuse is allowed in the City of Franklin now through June 15 with a permit. Open Burning Permits are issued to owners of one- and two-family residential properties and allows burning in accordance



with Chapter 133-17.D. of the Franklin Municipal Code. Burning permits can be obtained at the City Clerk's Office Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Below outlines the regulations of an Open Burning Permit.

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

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

#### The Fire Chief or his designee reserves the right to:

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

For questions, please contact:

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





## **Your Health Matters**

Franklin Health Department, 425-9101, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



## **Health Department Updates**

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



WI Wins is a statewide tobacco prevention campaign that uses sciencebased strategies to decrease youth access to tobacco products and help

retailers avoid fines. WI Wins uses positive reinforcement to create healthier communities by congratulating clerks who don't sell tobacco to youth and educating those who do.

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

#### COVID-19:

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

## **Adult Education Program**

To Register: Call 414-425-9101

#### Mind Over Bladder: A Holistic Approach to Bladder Health

Wednesday, June 9, 1 p.m. Franklin Public Library, 9151 W. Loomis Road

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

-How the bladder works so you can be in control (mind over bladder).

-How fluids affect your bladder and why drinking water is important.

-Lifestyle and behavioral management techniques (hint: kegels are not always the solution).

-How your bowel and pelvic health can affect your bladder health.

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



## SIGN UP TODAY TO JOIN OUR EFFORTS AS A VOLUNTEER!

## https://weavrwi.org/index.php

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



# **The Library Story**

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

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

## **Children Programs**

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

Rise 'n Shine Storytime (Ages 5 & Under with Adult)
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.—June 15, 22, 29; July 13, 20, 27.
Includes stories, songs, and other early literacy activities.

#### Bedtime Tales (Ages 5 & Under with Adult)

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

#### Yoga Storytime (Ages 3-5 with Adult)

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

Programs for Grades 1-5, Mondays, 10:30 a.m. or 2 p.m. (Sign up for ONE time per program. Kits also available the same day to make at home, while supplies last.)

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

#### Animal Walk (All Ages)

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

#### Princess Meet & Greet (All Ages)

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

#### **Dinosaur Picnic** (All Ages)

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

## Teen Programs (Grades 6-12)

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

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

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

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

#### Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program

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

#### Adult Programs (For Adults 18+)



#### **Community Plant!**

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

DIY Crafternoons (FPL Facebook Page/No registration required)
Second Wednesday of the month at Noon at www.facebook.com/
FranklinPublicLibraryWI. Craft kits available for pickup one week prior
to the program. June 9: Wine Cork Trivets / July 14: Fabric Bangle
Bracelets / August 11: Woven Yarn Wall Hanging.

#### Technology Programs (www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI)

- -Tech Tip Tuesdays: June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, 2 p.m. on FPL Facebook Live. Have a question about technology? Librarian Sam will answer your questions about library apps, ebooks, and audiobooks; the CountyCat app and online catalog; and other digital library services! Email your questions to sam.molzahn@mcfls.org and then tune into www.facebook.com/FranklinPublicLibraryWI on the dates listed above to hear the answers to your questions!
- -Beanstack for Summer Reading Program: Tuesday, June 22, 2 p.m. on FPL Facebook Live. Beanstack is the website and app the Library uses for its reading programs. See how to log books, write reviews, and enter prize drawings in Beanstack for both a computer and a mobile device.
- -Gale Courses Online Learning: Tuesday, July 27, 2 p.m. on FPL Facebook Live. Ever wanted to learn guitar, digital photography, or finally master Microsoft Excel? Gale Courses offers hundreds of free courses focused on professional development, technology skills, and personal enrichment.

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

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

- -Wed., June 23, 11 a.m. OR 2 p.m.—Introduction to Pastels. Learn how to draw with soft pastels.
- **-Wed., July 28, 11 a.m. OR 2 p.m.—Painting with Everyday Objects.** Bubble wrap, Q-tips, even paper cups can be transformed into tools to make beautiful floral paintings!

#### **Cooking Programs**

- -Wed., July 21, 11 a.m. OR 2 p.m.—We Have the Meats! Grilling & Smoking Techniques. Relax on the Library patio as we demonstrate various grilling and smoking techniques and sample some delicious BBQ recipes.
- **-Wed., Aug. 25, 11 a.m. OR 2 p.m.—Garden Harvest.** Get some great ideas for using and preserving your garden bounty and sample some delicious recipes—all out on the Library patio.

Chair Yoga

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





# **Franklin Senior Travel Program**

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

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



#### Hello Franklin Senior Travelers -



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

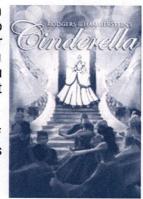
We thought we would give you an update since many of you have been calling because you have heard announcements from different theaters about shows that are opening.

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

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

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

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



Basil & Karen Ryan

## Franklin Senior Dining—Pickup or Delivery:

The Milwaukee County Department on Aging is committed to meeting the food needs of older adults during the COVID-19 crisis. Pickup or delivery of meals is available at the Franklin City Hall Senior Dining location, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Monday—Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to those 60 years and older. Diners are encouraged to contribute \$3 per meal. Call 427-7696 between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. to reserve lunch (24-hour notice needed). For pickup of your meal, come in to the Community Room of Franklin City Hall between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. to receive

your meal. Enjoy lunch safer at home!

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# RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER FRANKLIN, WI 53132

### **Common and Glossy Buckthorn**

Invasive Plants that are Major Threats to Midwestern Woodlands

Provided by the Franklin Environmental Commission

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

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



Common Buckthorn



**Buckthorn Infestation** 

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

## **How to Identify Buckthorn:**

-https://youtu.be/8A6unF\_1F-c.

Methods to Manage and Control Buckthorn: -https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0145/8808/4272/files/A3924-02.pdf.

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

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



## Milwaukee County Home Repair

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

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

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

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

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

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

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

May, 2021

## **Looking Back on Our Journey**

#### DR. JUDY MUELLER, Superintendent

As we near the end of a remarkable school year, I am reminded of a familiar phrase spoken often last spring, "We are all in this together." At the time, it seemed apparent, but as time has gone by, it has become genuine. Working together has truly been the only way we have been able to get to the point we are at today.

Going back to the beginning of the pandemic, we responded quickly to ensure safety and a high-quality learning program for our students. As we approached the start of this school year, our families were given a choice of in-person or virtual learning and we successfully put in place mitigation strategies at our schools that have allowed us to keep them open since September. Our strong relationship with the Franklin Health Department and our Medical Advisory Team set the stage for us to learn more and to be responsive to change.



For the past 14 months, we have learned about the spread of COVID-19, including what is needed to keep our schools open. As a novel virus, we acknowledge that there is a great deal more that we will learn. As we move forward with our planning for the next school year, we are carefully considering what we have learned, what is currently known, and what our Medical Advisory Team indicates are the assumptions we should operate under in planning for next fall. We intend to continue to be responsive to what changes and always focused on becoming a **Better Place to Learn**, **Better Place to Work**, and **Part of a Better Community**.

You can learn more about our journey this year by watching a video sent to families in March. You can also learn more about our plan for opening school by reading our Fall Instructional Program Planning Report, both links provided below.

As a community member, I would like to thank you for doing your part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. It has been vital to the success we have had this year in our schools. Have a wonderful summer. Be well.







#### New FPS Board of Education Members

Three area residents were sworn in as members of the Franklin Public Schools Board of Education at the April 28th School Board Meeting. To learn more about our School Board, please visit our website, click on About Us and find the Board of Education page.

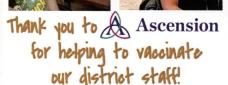
Pictured left to right: Ann Sepersky, Angela Bier, Maqsood Khan



#### **FPS Staff Share Their Shot**

Many staff at Franklin Public Schools celebrated by sharing photos as they received their COVID-19 vaccine.





#### **FPS Strategic Plan**

DR. NICK KOHN, Director of Strategic Leadership

The end of the 2020-21 school year also marks the end of the current Franklin Public Schools three-year strategic plan, known as the Coherence Plan. In the past

three years, Franklin Public Schools has improved student achievement outcomes, student and staff engagement, and expanded our partnerships with the community. We have continued to deepen our application of evidence-based teaching and learning, integrated social and emotional learning into daily practice, and explored equity as a core value of the District. By leveraging our students and staff, we addressed opportunities for improvement and moved closer to achieving our District mission and vision.



As the District prepares the next three-year Coherence Plan, we continue to focus on how to be a **Better Place to Learn**, **Better Place to Work**, and **Part of a Better Community**.

To do this, it is vital to ensure that representatives of our stakeholder groups have the opportunity to assist with the process. This spring, Melissa Matarazzo, a consultant from the Studer Education Group, met with over 100 FPS stakeholders which included District families, students, staff, business partners, and the board of education to discuss their thoughts on where we are heading next in our work to improve the District. This feedback was incorporated into the continued development of the plan. As a result of their time and feedback, the District is well-positioned to continue to achieve our goals into the future.

The updated Coherence Plan will be finalized this summer and available on our website. Thank you to all of our stakeholders for your positive contributions to the Franklin Public School District. We are truly better together.



## **Watch for FPS Staff Recognition Billboards**

Franklin Public Schools and the Franklin Education Foundation are recognizing FPS staff for their hard work and dedication to students. A series of three "Thank You" billboards will be located around the Franklin Community during the month of May. We hope you'll join us in thanking our great staff!



#### July 2 - July 4, 2021

Name(s):

# **2021 Civic Celebration Volunteer Sign-Up**

The City of Franklin Civic Celebration Commission is looking for volunteers who can give their time to help with the 4th of July Festival. Festival hours will be Friday, July 2nd — 5 pm to 11 pm; Saturday, July 3rd — Noon to 11 pm; and Sunday, July 4th — 10 am to 11 pm. Come share in the excitement with family and friends!

Address:	
City: Zip: Email:	
Phone-Day: Phone-Evening:	
Have you worked at the festival before? Yes No	
To volunteer, please check all areas of interest below. Sign up early to activity. All volunteers must be pre-approved by the Franklin Civic Cel 21 years or older to volunteer in the beer tent. Each volunteer recei beverage tickets redeemable during the 2021 festival hours.	lebrations Commission. Must L
Event Set-up	Band Schedule
	Friday
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Bella Cain 7:30-11 pm
Ticket Booth Friday, July 2	Saturday Jimmys 2-5:30 pm & Cheap Shots 7-11 pm
beer rent main stage	Sunday
	Differentials 1:30-5 pm (Eagles tribute) Playlist 6-9:30 pm
Saturday, July 3 Saturday, July 3	Fireworks 9:30 pm
Noon – 4:00 pm Noon – 4:00 pm	
4:00 pm – 7:30 pm 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Please mail form to:
7:30 pm – 10:30 pm 8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Pete Kosovich 8170 S 28th St
Sunday, July 4 Sunday, July 4	Franklin, WI 53132
Noon – 3:00 pm Noon – 3:00 pm	or sign up by calling Pete at 414-761-7664
3:00 pm – 6:30 pm 3:00 pm – 6:30 pm	ar amail Data at
6:30 pm – 9:15 pm 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	or email Pete at pekopete@aol.com

#### SPECIAL HEALTH INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does *not* necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### **LEAD AND COPPER**

The City has never failed any tests for lead or other heavy metals. Since the beginning, Franklin's Water Utility has been diligent in design standards for our facilities.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially in pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with older service lines and home plumbing. The Franklin Water Utility is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for at least 30 seconds (two minutes should be long enough) before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. Lead and copper results are from September 16, 2020.

#### WATER CONSERVATION

Factors such as drinking water treatment, facility improvements, wastewater treatment, and the energy used for treating, pumping, and heating water are factored into the price that we charge for water. Although tap water is a bargain at \$5.04 per 1,000 gallons when compared to most other products we consume, the total cost of water usage can add up quickly.

We must also remember that water is a limited resource; we will never have any more water on earth than what we have right now. So while water use is necessary for us to survive and to produce and process most of the products we use on a daily basis, it also pays for us to protect it as a natural resource for use by future generations.

Most water is used in the bathroom. The largest water user in any household is the toilet with 2 to 7 gallons per flush. Flushes account for approximately 27% of the water used in a typical home. Showers, with a flow rate of 2 gallons per minute, account for around 17% of the water used, while other bathroom uses such as baths and faucets account for around 10%. The second highest water user is the washing machine. At around 41 gallons per load, clothes washing accounts for about 22% of the water used in a typical household.

#### **REGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

SUBSTANCE	MCLG (Ideal Goals)	MCL (Highest Level Allowed)	LEVEL DETECTED	VIOLATION	SOURCE OF CONTAMINANT
Arsenic	N/A	10 ppb	1 ppb	NO	Natural deposits.
Atrazine	3 ppb	3 ppb	0.0 ppb	NO	Herbicide runoff.
Barium	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.021 ppm	NO	Natural deposits.
Coliform (TCR)	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in >=5% of monthly samples	0 count	NO	Naturally present in the environment.
Copper Sample Date 9/16/2020	1.3 ppm	AL = 1.3 ppm	0.12 ppm (90 <sup>th</sup> percentile value) 0 of 30 results exceeded AL	NO	Natural deposits. Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Fluoride	4 ppm	4 ppm	0.7 ppm	NO	Natural deposits. Water additive that promotes strong teeth.
HAA5 (Site FWU-0009)	60 ppb	60 ppb	22 ppb average Range: 16 – 24 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
HAA5 (Site FWU-0020)	60 ppb	60 ppb	16 ppb average Range: 13 – 17 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
HAA5 (Site FWU-0063)	60 ppb	60 ppb	18 ppb average Range: 14 – 21 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
HAA5 (Site FWU-0065)	60 ppb	60 ppb	22 ppb average Range: 17 – 23 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Lead Sample Date 9/16/2020	0 ppb	AL = 15 ppb	3.20 ppb (90th percentile value) 0 of 30 results exceeded AL	NO	Natural deposits. Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Nickel		100 ppb	0.59 ppb	NO	Natural deposits.
Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> -N)	10 ppm	10 ppm	0.46 ppm	NO	Natural deposits, fertilizer, animal, waste, sewage.
Radium, (226 + 228)	0 pCi/L	5 pCi/L	0.9 pCi/L	NO	Natural deposits.
Radium, combined	0 pCi/L	30 pCi/L	0.3 pCi/L	NO	Natural deposits.
Sodium	N/A	Unregulated	14.00 ppm	NO	Natural deposits.
Sulfate	N/A	Unregulated	22.00 ppm	NO	
Trihalomethanes, Total (Site FWU-0009)	0 ppb	80 ppb	54.0 ppb LRAA Range: 36.2 – 60.1 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Trihalomethanes, Total (Site FWU-0020)	0 ppb	80 ppb	34.8 ppb LRAA Range: 26.3 – 43.1 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Trihalomethanes, Total (Site FWU-0063)	0 ppb	80 ppb	37.3 ppb LRAA Range: 27.2 – 45.0 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Trihalomethanes, Total (Site FWU-0065)	0 ppb	80 ppb	46.2 ppb LRAA Range: 29.8 – 54.9 ppb	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Turbidity	N/A	TT = 1 NTU TT < 0.3 NTU 95% of the time	0.031 NTU average Range: 0.02 – 0.06 NTU 100% of samples below MCL	NO	Natural sediment



# 2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

#### AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PROCESS AND PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO PROVIDE QUALITY WATER TO CITY OF FRANKLIN CONSUMERS



**Puetz Booster Station** 

In this report, you will find:

- Information about the source of your drinking water
- The treatment process that ensures you of the highest-quality water
- Results of water-quality testing and compliance with water-quality laws
- Additional educational information

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires drinking water utilities to provide an annual Consumer Confidence Report to help consumers understand where their drinking water comes from so they can make informed decisions about their health and protection of the environment.

TREATED WATER QUALITY

Listed on the following pages are contaminants detected in Franklin's drinking water during 2020. All detects are less than what federal and state regulations allow. Not listed are the results of nearly 3,000 tests conducted for approximately 150 contaminants that were not found during water testing.

The State Department of Natural Resources allows the Franklin Water Utility to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data, though representative, is more than one year old.

The information enclosed is based on the testing conducted in the year 2020. Every year testing occurs; results for the year 2021 will be available in the next annual report. The Franklin Water Utility is committed to providing its 8,500 customers with the highest-quality drinking water that meets and exceeds standards more stringent than federal and state requirements. Please read this brochure for additional information.

#### **UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS**

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist the EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. The EPA requires us to participate in this monitoring. Below are test results from 2015 - 2019. We sample from the Utility's entry point and several locations throughout the distribution system. All results were within the sampling parameters.

SUBSTANCE	LEVEL DETECTED		
HAA6Br (Bromochloroacetic Acid, Bromodichloroacetic Acid, Dibromoacetic Acid, Dibromochloroacetic Acid, Monobromoacetic Acid, and Tribromoacetic Acid)	16.3 ug/L average Range: 10.0 – 25.9 ug/L		
HAA9 (Bromochloroacetic Acid, Bromodichloroacetic Acid, Chlorodibromoacetic Acid, Dibromoacetic Acid, Dichloroacetic Acid, Monobromoacetic Acid, Monochloroacetic Acid, Tribromoacetic Acid, and Trichloroacetic Acid)	19.49 ug/L average Range: 10.0 – 40.48 ug/L		
Manganese	1.09 ug/L average Range: <0.4 (ND) – 2.3 ug/L		

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**AL** = **Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

**Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.

**LRAA** = **Locational Running Annual Average:** Highest sample result averaged over a running annual period and not a calendar year.

MCL = Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MFL = million fibers per liter

MRDL = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

MRDLG = Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health, MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**mrem/year** = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).

**ND** = No Detect: Contaminant was not detected as a result of chemical analysis

NTU = Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**pCi/L** = picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)

**ppm** = parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)

**ppb** = parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)

**ppt** = parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter

**ppq** = parts per quadrillion, or pictograms per liter

TCR = Total Coliform Rule

TT = Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

#### CUSTOMER QUESTIONS WELCOME

Numerous opportunities exist to learn more about the Franklin Water Utility and water quality. If you have questions about drinking water quality, this report, or Water Commission meetings, please call the Engineering Department at **(414) 425-7510.** Water Commission meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at the Franklin City Hall located at 9229 W. Loomis Road.

Information regarding drinking water production can be obtained by visiting the Oak Creek Water & Sewer website at <a href="https://www.oakcreekwi.gov/government/departments/water-sewer-utility">www.oakcreekwi.gov/government/departments/water-sewer-utility</a> or by visiting the City of Franklin website at <a href="https://www.franklinwi.gov">www.franklinwi.gov</a>.