



Borough of Franklin

Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World

2025 Municipal Calendar

www.franklinborough.org



Franklin Borough Municipal Building Hours of Operation - Monday thru Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm

Franklin Borough Departmental Phone Listing for 973-827-9280



Mayor - John M. Sowden, IV - Ext. 105

CFO - Michelle LaStarza - Ext. 119 Municipal Clerk - Colleen L. Little - Ext. 101 Administrator—Neil Spidaletto—Ext. 102

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH:

Bingo/Raffle Licenses
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates
Building Permits
Cert. of Occupancy
Complaints
Dog & Cat Licenses
Electrical Inspector and/or Electrical Permits
Fishing & Boating Permits
Food Handling Lic.
Finance Clerk
Garage Sale Permits
Garbage Collection
Health Complaints
Health Inspections
Liquor Licenses
Marriage License
Municipal Court
OPRA Requests
Peddlers Permits
Planning/Zoning Board Applications
Plumbing Permit
Property Maintenance

Recreation Committee
Road Opening Permits
Septic Permit
Sewer Bills
Sewer Connection
Street Maps
Tax Assessor/Assessments
Tax Assessments Clerk
Tax Collector/Bills
Voting Questions
Vouchers
Water Bills - Water Meter Reading
Zoning Officer
Detective's Bureau
Firearms ID card/permit
Sewer Service/Water Service
Road Conditions
Police Activities
Traffic Problems

ASK FOR:

Clerk's Office
Colleen Little
Hardyston Twp. Construction Office
Hardyston Twp. Construction Office
Administrative Offices
Clerk's Office
Hardyston Twp. Construction Office
Clerk's Office
Clerk's Office
Corry Chrobak
Clerk's Office
Clerk's Office
Sussex County Health Dept.
Sussex County Health Dept.
Clerk's Office
Colleen Little
Lauren Mitchener
Clerk's Office
Clerk's Office
Michelle Babcock
Hardyston Twp.
Joseph Setticas

Suzann Brush
Clerk's Office
Sussex County Health Dept.
Diana Falica
Diana Falica
Clerk's Office
Scott Holzhauer
Christine Nostray
Diana Falica
Clerk's Office
Finance Dept.
Diana Falica
Joseph Setticas
Det. Eric Moschberger or Det. David MacQuesten
Wendy Burdge
Brian Vandenbroek
Brian Vandenbroek
Capt. Seamus Geddis
Sgt. Robert Vanderploeg

EXTENSION

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(973)827-7700 ext. 237 or 228
(973)827-9635
(973)827-7060
(973)827-9849
(973)827-7700 ext. 229
(973)827-7700 or traffic@franklinpd.org

January 2025



Christmas Tree pick-ups will be during the week of
January 6th — January 10th.
Christmas Trees must be placed at curb side.



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		ORDINANCE # 234:23 It is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep sidewalks free of snow and ice. Snow must be cleared within 12 hours of snowfall.		1 Borough Offices Closed 	2 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	3	4
5	6 Board of Health 7:00pm	7 Mayor & Council Reorg Meeting 6pm  Garbage Collection	8  Recycling Pick-up	9 EDC 7:00pm	10	11	
12	13	14 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	15 Municipal Court 4:00pm Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm	16 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)	17	18	
19	20 Borough Offices Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	22  Recycling Pick-up	23	24	25	
26	27	28 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	29 Municipal Court 4:00pm	30	31		

CAT / DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Be sure to include the LATE FEE if paying after February 28th

Licenses can't be issued if rabies vaccination expires prior to 11/1/2025

OWNER: Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

CAT/DOG: Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Color: _____

Hair: Long _____ Medium _____ Short _____ Gender: Female _____ Male _____

Rabies exp. date ____/____/____ Spayed/Neutered: Yes ____ No ____

Vet. Clinic / Animal Hospital Name _____

Microchip Number _____

		DOG	CAT
FEES:	Spayed/ Neutered	\$12.00	\$ 5.00
	Non-Spayed/ Neutered	\$15.00	\$ 8.00

*Late Fee Begins March 1, 2025 Add **\$5.00 per month per animal** late fee*

Please make check payable to: Franklin Borough

ENCLOSED: Check # _____ Amount _____ Cash (in person) _____

_____ Proof of Rabies (**enclose a copy of certificate, do not send original**)

_____ Spayed/Neutered Certificate (if applicable) _____ Enclosed self addressed stamped envelope.

MAIL TO: Franklin Borough, Dog/Cat Licensing, 46 Main Street, Franklin, NJ 07416

YOU MUST INCLUDE A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE WHEN APPLYING BY MAIL.

Licenses will not be mailed back to you without a stamped envelope with correct postage.

February 2025



License your dog and/or cat -
Late Fees Start March 1st

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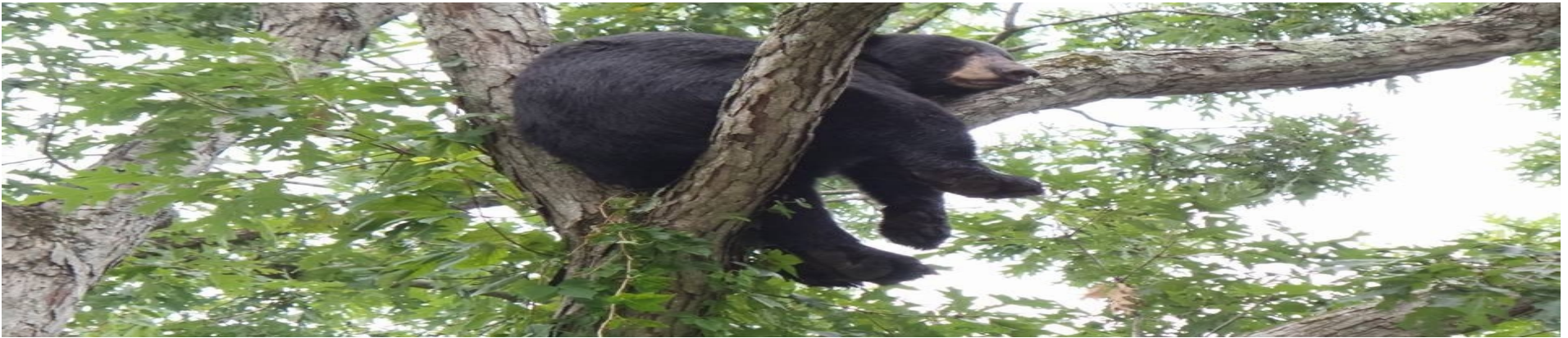
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<p>No overnight parking on Borough Streets from 2:00am - 6:00am November 15 - April 15. Ordinance 259:5</p>  			<p>ORDINANCE # 234:23 It is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep sidewalks free of snow and ice. Snow must be cleared within 12 hours of snowfall.</p> 		1	TAXES DUE
2	3 Board of Health 7:00pm	4  Garbage Collection	5 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)  Recycling Pick-up	6 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	7	8
9	10	11 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	12	13 EDC 7:00pm	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Borough Offices Closed President's Day	18 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	19 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm  Recycling Pick-up	20 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)	21	22
23	24	25 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	26 Municipal Court 4:00pm	27 Municipal Court 4:00pm	28  Last day to register your dog and/or cat before late fees	



Get the Bear Facts

REMEMBER: Never feed bears!! It's illegal in New Jersey, and it's dangerous.

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Black bears are usually solitary animals that are most active at dawn and dusk.
- ◆ Black bears have excellent senses of smell and hearing.
- ◆ Black bears can run up to 35 miles per hour. They are strong swimmers and excellent climbers. Both adults and cubs will climb trees for food and to escape disturbances.
- ◆ Black bears eat both plants and animals. Their diet mostly consists of skunk cabbage, berries, wild cherries, acorns and beechnuts. They also eat insects, small mammals and dead animals.
- ◆ Black bears are opportunistic feeders and will supplement their diet with food or garbage left out by people.
- ◆ Adult females average 175 pounds; adult males average 400 pounds.
- ◆ Not all black bears are black. They can be brown, cinnamon, blonde white and even gray-blue. Fifteen percent of NJ's bears have a white chest blaze.
- ◆ During winter, black bears undergo a period of dormancy in dens, called torpor, to avoid severe weather and food shortages. Since black bears are not true hibernators, they may leave their dens if disturbed or to search for food on mild winter days.
- ◆ Den sites include rock cavities, brush piles, open ground nests and hollow trees. Bears do not eat, drink, urinate or defecate while in dens, but females can give birth and nurse their young.
- ◆ Breeding season runs from late May until August, peaking in June and July. Cubs are born in January and weigh about 8 ounces to 16 ounces. The average litter size is three. Cubs remain with the female until she breeds again 16 months to 18 months later.









TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

- ◆ Use certified bear-resistant garbage containers if you live in an area frequented by black bears. They offer the best protection. Otherwise, store all garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids and place them along the inside walls of your garage or in the basement, a sturdy shed or other secure area.
- ◆ Wash garbage containers with a disinfectant solution regularly to remove odors.
- ◆ Put out garbage on collection day, not the night before.
- ◆ Clean up after pets. If you feed them outside, do so during daylight hours only. Pick up any leftover food and remove bowls immediately after they have finished.
- ◆ Clean outdoor grills and utensils thoroughly after each use and store grills securely. Grease and food residue attract bears.
- ◆ Do not place meat or any sweet foods in compost piles.
- ◆ Avoid feeding birds if you live in an area frequented by black bears. Birdseed attracts bears. If you choose to feed birds, do so during daylight hours only between December 1 and April 1, when bears are least active. Suspend feeder from a free-hanging wire, making sure the bottom is at least 10 feet off the ground. Bring feeder indoors at night. Clean up spilled seeds and shells.
- ◆ Pick up any fruit or nuts that fall from trees and discard it in garbage containers with tight-fitting lids.
- ◆ Consider installing electric fencing to protect crops, beehives, livestock and compost piles if you live in an area frequented by black bears.

**REMEMBER: Immediately notify local police or the DEP'S Division of Fish and Wildlife at 1(877)WARN DEP
If you encounter an AGGRESSIVE BEAR**

March 2025

No overnight parking on Borough
Streets from 2:00am - 6:00am
November 15 - April 15.
Ordinance 259:5

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2	3 Board of Health 7:00pm	4  Garbage Collection	5 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)  Recycling Pick-up	6 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	7	8
9 	10	11 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	12 Municipal Court 4:00pm	13 EDC 7:00pm	14	15
16	17  Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	18  Garbage Collection	19 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm  Recycling Pick-up	20 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)	21	22
23	24	25 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	26 Municipal Court 4:00pm	27	28	29
30	31					

The 2025 Borough of Franklin Governing Body

The Borough Council is the legislative body of the Borough and consists of the Mayor and six Council members. The Mayor serves a four year term. Council members are elected to 3 year terms.

MAYOR

John M. Sowden, IV

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Patricia Carnes

Rachel Heath

Stephen Skellenger

Concetto Formica

Joseph Limon

Gilbert Snyder

The Council's powers consists of:

Adopting ordinances; reviewing, revising and adopting a budget; making appropriations; levying taxes; authorizing bond issues; fixing salaries and establishing general municipal policies.

Regular Meetings are scheduled on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month.

Office of the Municipal Clerk - Ext. 101

NJ Statutes define the Municipal Clerk's responsibilities as:

Secretary to the Governing Body, Secretary to the Municipal Corporation, Administrative and Licensing Officer,
Election Administrator and Registrar of Voters and Custodian of Records.

As Secretary to the Governing Body the Clerk attends all Council meetings, prepares minutes, maintains ordinances and resolutions. As Custodian of records the Clerk is responsible for all OPRA requests. Duties as election official involve handling voter registrations, candidate petitions for Mayor, open Common Council seats and petitions for Party Committee Seats.

After approval by the Governing Body the Municipal Clerk issues Liquor Licenses, Taxi Permits, Pet Shop Permits, Peddler/Solicitor Permits, Tattoo Parlor Permits and Raffle/Bingo Licenses. The Clerk maintains all deeds, leases of property owned by the Borough, and is the custodian of all Performance/Surety Bonds.

April 2025

Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing April 1st -30th
Water may become discolored for brief periods
of time. Residents are advised to check their
water before doing laundry.

Flushing will be done between the hours of 9PM and 2AM

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<u>Ordinance #259:5</u> No overnight parking on Borough Streets From 2am-6am Nov. 15 - Apr. 15		1  Garbage Collection	2 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)  Recycling Pick-up	3 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	4	5
6	7 Board of Health 7:00pm	8 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	9 Municipal Court 4:00pm	10 EDC 7:00pm	11	12
13	14	15  Garbage Collection	16 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm  Recycling Pick-up	17 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)	18 Borough Offices Closed GOOD FRIDAY	19
20 	21 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	22 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	23 Municipal Court 4:00pm	24 Leaf & Brush Pickup 	25	26 Girl Scouts Garage Sale To Register Contact Betsy 973-986-5666
27	28	29  Garbage Collection	30 Municipal Court 4:00pm  Recycling Pick-up	Leaf & Brush pick-ups 4th Thursday April - October Final pick-up is Monday, November 24th		

FRANKLIN BOROUGH REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Registrar's Office: 973-827-9280 ext. 100 or 101

Registrar: Colleen Little - ext. 101 Deputy Registrar: Sandi Cowan - ext. 100

**The Registrars Office is responsible for:
all Births, Marriages, Re-marriages, Civil Unions, Domestic Partnerships and Deaths
within Franklin Borough.**

How to Obtain a certified copy of a Vital Record, such as a Birth, Death, or Marriage Certificate

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order #18, only the following persons are entitled to a certified copy of a vital record:

Subject, Subject's Parents, Legal Guardians, or Legal Representative, Spouse, Child, Grandchild or Sibling, if of legal age.

ALL CERTIFIED COPIES ARE \$10.00 each.

For more information and frequently asked questions please visit the Franklin Borough website at:

www.franklinborough.org

**If you would like to visit the website of the NJ State Office of Vital Statistics and Registration please go to
www.state.nj.us/health/vital**



Marriage/Re-marriage/Civil Union/Domestic Partnership Licenses



Please call 973-827-9280 ext. 100 or 101 to schedule an appointment to complete a Marriage License Application. The State requires a 72 hour waiting period from the date of application before the license is issued. No license is to be issued prior to the 72 hours unless ordered to do so via an appropriate Court Order. A license is valid for 30 days from the date issued.

Applicants should follow these rules when applying for a License

The Marriage license application is to be made in the New Jersey Municipality in which either party resides. The license is valid throughout the State of New Jersey only.

If neither applicant is a New Jersey resident, submit the application in the municipality where the event will be taking place. The license is then only valid in the municipality where the license is issued.

The cost of the license is \$28.00, cash, money order or check made payable to Franklin Borough and is required at the time you apply.

May 2025

POOPER SCOOPER LAW

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP AFTER YOUR
ANIMALS, FAILURE TO COMPLY CAN RESULT
IN A FINE FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE

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NOTICE—Zoning Permits are required for sheds, fences, walls, additions, garages, swimming pools, decks, removal and construction of any structures, etc. Questions please contact: Zoning Official—ext. 113				1 TAXES DUE	2	3 Senior Spring Fling
4	5 Board of Health 7:00pm	6  Garbage Collection	7 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)	8 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	9	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i>	12	13 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	14  Recycling Pick-up	15 EDC 7:00pm	16	17
18	19 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	20  Garbage Collection	21 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm	22 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed) Leaf & Brush Pickup 	23	24
25	26 Borough Offices Closed 	27 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	28 Municipal Court 4:00pm  Recycling Pick-up	29	30	31

Get Fast Assistance

TextMyGov™

Text Franklin Borough!

Skip a phone call and use your mobile phone's text messaging service to find information and report issues on the go.

Franklin Borough
973.528.8588

Contact

Garbage

Calendar

Pay My Bill

Ordinances

Zoning

Taxes

Construction

Access Information

You can send a text message to the borough using simple keywords to find information such as: **BUILDING PERMITS, FISHING, FORMS, or REGISITER TO VOTE.**

Report Issues

Easily report an issue to the city by texting **REPORT** or an issue specific keyword such as: **ROADS, MISSED GARBAGE, POWER OUTAGE, POTHOLE, or BROWN WATER.**

24/7 Texting Service

Smart texting technology identifies keywords texted in to provide immediate assistance. It can relay information back to you or guide you through a few steps to complete a report.

Get Started

Text **Hi** to Franklin Borough
at: **973.528.8588**

Save our number to your phone and text **HI** anytime you need it.

Msg & Data rates apply. View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions

Franklin Borough, NJ Text Alerts!

Get updates sent directly to your phone via text message.

TextMyGov™



ALERTS
91896

FRANKLIN BOROUGH

You've requested to join
our text notification list.

Reply 'YES' to opt-in.

Yes

You have successfully
opted-in.

FRANKLIN BOROUGH >

123 [globe icon] [microphone icon] space return

Sign up to receive text message notifications!

Opt-in today.

Text **FRANKLIN BOROUGH**
to: **91896**

What to Expect:

- After the initial keyword is sent, you will receive a confirmation message asking you to reply **YES** to verify opt-in.
- You may receive multiple text messages per month with a notification.
- You can text **STOP** at any time to remove yourself from the notification list.

Msg & data rates may apply. Check with your carrier for details. View terms and privacy policy info at: textmygov.com/opt-in-terms-conditions

June 2025

Overnight Parking permits Expire June 30th

Renew your parking permit to avoid fines
and/or towing fees

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1	2	3  Garbage Collection	4 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)	5 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	6	7
8	9 Board of Health 7:00pm	10 Primary Election Polls open 6am-8pm  Garbage Collection	11 Municipal Court 4:00pm  Recycling Pick-up	12 EDC 7:00pm	13	14
15 	16 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	17  Garbage Collection	18 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm	19 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)	20	21
22	23	24 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	25 Municipal Court 4:00pm  Recycling Pick-up	26 Leaf & Brush Pickup 	27	28
29	30	<p>*§ 194-1. Overnight Parking by Permit Only*</p> <p>In order to park in the municipal parking lot between the hours of 2:00am and 6:00am, a vehicle must have a parking permit issued by the Borough of Franklin. Annual permits may be obtained from the Franklin Borough Clerk's office and will expire on June 30th of the year of issuance.</p> <p>Failure to possess and exhibit a permit while parked in the municipal parking lot will result in the vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.</p>				

Franklin Borough Recreation Committee

46 Main Street Franklin, N.J. 07416 Attn: Recreation Committee

Meetings are held in the Borough Hall Council Chambers on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Franklin Pond Recreation Area

The Recreation Committee oversees a wide range of leisure activities and facilities for Borough residents. The Committee is continuing the process of examining long-range park and recreation needs of the community. We encourage residents' input by submitting your thoughts either in writing or by attending a Meeting. Every year we organize a Halloween Parade, Christmas Tree Lighting, Movies in the Park after Dark and Summer Arts & Crafts programs. The Borough offers the Franklin Carnival and swimming at the Franklin Pond.

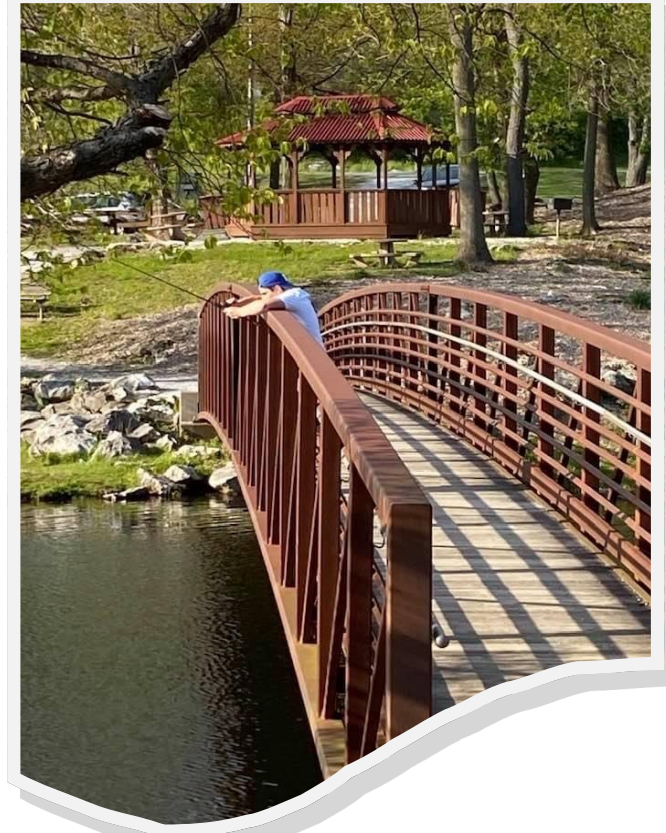
We would like to personally thank all the sponsors and volunteers that help make these events possible.

Volunteers are always needed and of course greatly appreciated. We look forward to adding new and exciting trips and functions for all to enjoy. Future projects will include upgrading the concession stand, announcer booths, and adding a walking path around the pond.

We hope you will join us so we can continue to make Franklin a great place to live & enjoy.

Visit the Franklin Borough Recreation Facebook page via the below link for additional activities

<https://www.facebook.com/franklinreccommittee>



July 2025

No person shall throw or discharge in or
upon any street, road, sidewalk or publicly owned parking lot
within the Borough any water or other liquids
including water from sump pumps.

Ordinance #234-22

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		1  Garbage Collection	2 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)	3 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	4  Independence Day Borough Offices Closed	5
6	7	8  Garbage Collection	9 Municipal Court 4:00pm  Recycling Pick-up	10 EDC 7:00pm	11	12
13	14	15 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	16 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm  Recycling Pick-up	17 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)	18	19
20	21 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	22  Garbage Collection	23 Municipal Court 4:00pm  Recycling Pick-up	24 Leaf & Brush Pickup 	25	26
27	28	29  Garbage Collection	30 Municipal Court 4:00pm	31		

Franklin Senior Center

Located at the Franklin Pond Recreational Center

Please call 973-827-2973 for Further Information on the Senior Programs.

Senior Lunch Program

The Senior Lunch Program is held weekdays, Monday thru Friday. Lunch is served at 11:30 A.M. A reservation is required.

Please call one day in advance, before 11:00 AM. For reservations and information please call 973-827-2973.

A donation of \$2.00 is suggested.

The Menu is printed in the Sunday New Jersey Herald, Life Style Section.

For transportation please call Skylands Ride 973-579-0480.

Senior Bingo - Bingo is every Tuesday and Friday - Approximately at 12:00 P.M., after lunch.

Healthy Bones Exercise Group - Meets every Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. Call 973-827-7534 for more information.

Monthly Bus Trips - Bus trips leave from the Senior Center and are scheduled on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from April to November. Reservations are required. For more information call Anna at 973-827-2973

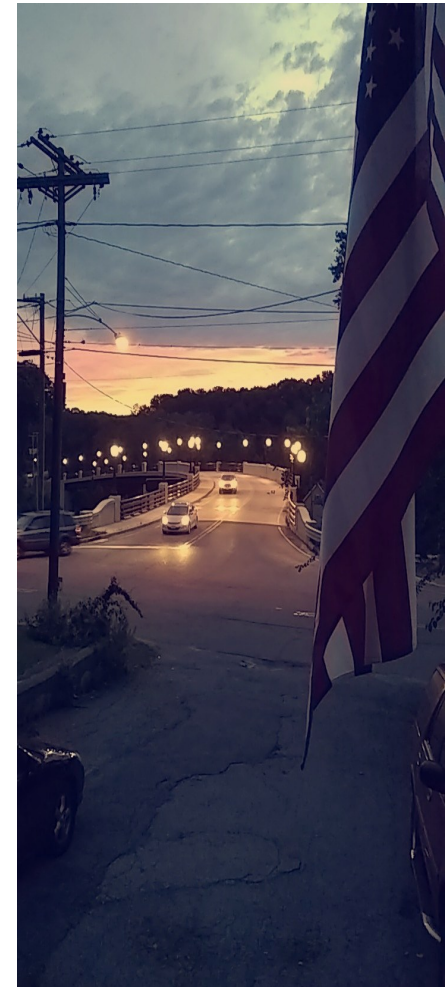
STREETLIGHT ON THE BLINK? TELL US

To report a streetlight outage:

- ♦ Call JCP&L's automated outage reporting line at 1-888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877). For faster service, use the phone number associated with your account and say "streetlight problem" after the greeting.
- ♦ Visit www.firstenergycorp.com and select your electric company. Under Outages, click on "Report Streetlight Problems."
- ♦ Call Franklin Borough Clerk's office at 973-827-9280.

When you contact either JCP&L or Franklin Borough, just let them/us know the following:

- ♦ Your name and phone number, in case we need more information.
- ♦ Address where the streetlight is located - nearest house or business address and the nearest cross street.
- ♦ The number on the pole.
- ♦ What is wrong with the streetlight - for example, damaged pole, light fixture is broken, the light is on during the day, the light flickers or is out completely.

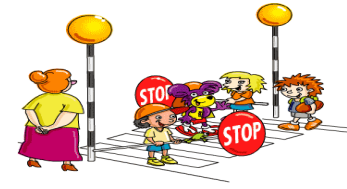


August 2025

SCHOOL IS OPENING

PLEASE

DRIVE SAFELY!



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3	4	5  Garbage Collection	6 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)  Recycling Pick-up	7 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	8	9
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Sussex County Division of Senior Services

PROJECT HEALTHY LIVING

Evidence-Based Health Promotion



A MATTER OF BALANCE: Managing Concerns about Falls - FREE Peer led, 8 session (2 hours each) program that offers practical strategies to reduce fear of falling, address safety issues, increase activity levels, and improve balance, flexibility, and strength through exercise.



TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH - Action Plans for Enhancing Wellness for adults of all ages and caregivers who are dealing with a long term health/medical condition(s). **FREE** Peer led, six-week (2 1/2 hour sessions) self-management programs that are goal-oriented and include a **FREE** manual, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions."



DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM - Action Plans for Enhancing Wellness for adults of all ages and caregivers who are dealing with Type 2 diabetes. **FREE** Peer led, six-week (2-1/2 hour sessions) self-management programs that are goal-oriented and include a **FREE** manual, "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions."



HealthEASE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS - FREE presentations of health promotion programs for seniors available for clubs and community groups.

*Exercise and Getting FIT

*Serving Up Good Nutrition

*Keeping Your Mind Sharp

*Standing Tall Against Falls

*Be Wise about Your Medications

*Bone Up on Your Health

*Keeping Up the Beat (Heart Health)



PROJECT HEALTHY BONES - Peer led, 24 week (1 1/2 hour sessions) exercise and education program for men and women who are at risk, or who have osteoporosis. This program is designed to stabilize bone density, increase strength, balance and flexibility; and build muscle mass. Manual and light weights are provided.



MOVE TODAY – Peer led, 12 session (1 hour each) non-aerobic exercise program using resistance bands. This program is designed to improve flexibility, balance, stamina, muscle strength, posture, and body mechanics. Resistance bands and manual provided.

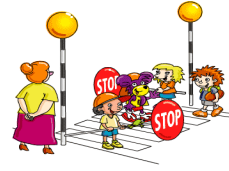
For additional information about any of the Project Healthy Living Initiatives, or leadership opportunities for any of the programs, contact:

The Sussex County Division of Senior Services

973-579-0555

seniorservices@sussex.nj.us

September 2025



REMEMBER
SCHOOL IS OPEN
PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY!

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	1 Borough Offices Closed Labor Day	2  Garbage Collection	3 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)  Recycling Pick-up	4 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	5	6
7	8 Board of Health 7:00pm	9 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm  Garbage Collection	10 Municipal Court 4:00pm	11  9/11 Memorial EDC 7:00pm	12	13
14	15 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	16  Garbage Collection	17 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm  Recycling Pick-up	18 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)	19	20 Girl Scouts Garage Sale To Register Contact Betsy 973-986-5666
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28	29	30  Garbage Collection				

**Sussex County Department of
Environmental and Public Health Services,
Office of Public Health Nursing**

Sponsors clinics available to:

ALL SUSSEX COUNTY RESIDENTS

**Clinics are held at various locations throughout the
County. The office of Public Health Nursing is
located at
201 Wheatsworth Road, Hardyston Township**

Call for information: (973) 579-0570

WOMEN'S HEALTH SCREENING

SKIN CANCER SCREENING

MEN'S HEALTH SCREENING

CHEM 18/BLOOD SCREENING

**For information on NJ CEED program and to find
out if you are eligible for a FREE cancer screening
call 1-800-328-3838**

**SEASONAL FLU, PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINE,
TETANUS VACCINE**

**Flu Vaccine and Pneumococcal Vaccine is FREE
to anyone 65 years and older.**

(YOU MUST BRING YOUR MEDICARE CARD)

**If you are under age 65: Flu \$15.00, Pneumococcal
\$50.00 and Tetanus/Pertussis (Tdap) \$35.00
(Must be 10 years since your last tetanus vaccine)**

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED ► NO WALK-INS ◀

YOU MUST CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

973- 579- 0570

or REGISTER ON LINE AT www.sussex.nj.us

Flu Basics

What Is The Flu? The flu, the common name for influenza, is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by influenza viruses.

What Are The Symptoms Of The Flu? Fever, Cough, Sore Throat, Body Aches, Headache.

Who Gets The Flu? Anyone can get the flu. On average, in the United States, 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu each year.

When Does The Flu Occur? Flu season in the United States is usually in the fall and winter months. The peak of flue season is between October and April.

How Does The Flu Spread? The flu virus spreads through droplets that enter the air after people cough and sneeze. Others can breathe them in or get them on their hands and become infected when they touch their eyes, nose or mouth

When Are People Contagious? People can spread the flu up to 24 hours before they feel sick and for about a week after symptoms begin. That time may be longer for children.

How Soon Do Flu Symptoms Start? Symptoms usually start 1 to 3 days after the flu virus enters the body.

How Long Do Symptoms Last? People are usually sick for about one week.

How Can The Flu Be Prevented? Get the flu vaccine. Cover coughs and sneezes. Wash hands frequently. Avoid sick people. Clean commonly shared or frequently touched items.

When Should I Get The Flu Vaccine? You should get vaccinated as soon as vaccine is available (ideally by October-November) and as long as flu is present in the community.

Do I Have To Get Vaccinated Every Year? Yes. The seasonal flu virus is always changing, so you need to get a new vaccine each year.

After I Get Vaccinated Am I Protected Right Away? No. It takes about two weeks for your body to be protected.

What Should I Do If I Get The Flu? Drink plenty of liquids. Get plenty of rest. Stay home from work or school. Call your healthcare provider.

Useful Links: NJ Department of Health - www.nj.gov/flu
http://nj.gov/health/cd/flu/other_lan.shtml
Caring for the Flu at Home: A Self-Help Guide
www.nj.gov/health/flu/documents/flu_guide.pdf
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov/flu

October 2025

Annual Tax Sale

For Information please call
the Tax Collector -
973-827-9280 ext. 117

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 <p>Coming November 1st Free Rabies Clinic Borough Garage on Cork Hill Road 1:00pm - 3:00pm</p>			<p>1 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)</p> <p> Recycling Pick-up</p>	<p>2 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 Board of Health 7:00pm</p>	<p>7  Garbage Collection</p>	<p>8 Municipal Court 4:00pm</p>	<p>9 EDC 7:00pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13 Borough Offices Closed Columbus Day</p>	<p>14 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm</p> <p> Garbage Collection</p>	<p>15 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm</p> <p> Recycling Pick-up</p>	<p>16 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>21  Garbage Collection</p>	<p>22 Municipal Court 4:00pm</p>	<p>23 Leaf & Brush Pickup </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
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YOUR HOME'S FIRE PREVENTION PLAN



PLAN AHEAD If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Safety Tips:

Draw a home escape plan and discuss it with everyone in your household.

Practice the plan night and day with everyone in your home twice a year.

Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.

Have a meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.

Push the smoke alarm button to start the practice drill.

Get out Fast practice using different ways out.

Teach children to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

Close doors behind you as you leave.

Go to your outside meeting place. Get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people or pets.

Use your second way out in the case of an actual fire if smoke is blocking your door or the first way out.

Get low and go under the smoke to get out safely if you have to escape through smoke.

Feel the door and knob before opening the door. If they are hot use the second way out.

Consider getting escape ladders listed by a recognized testing laboratory for escaping from second and third floor windows if all other exits are blocked.

Make sure the ladder fits the window.

To Avoid injury, only use the ladder in a real emergency.

To Report a Fire Dial 911



Photo Courtesy of Dr. Bill Truran

November 2025

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	NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON BOROUGH STREETS 2:00 AM—6:00 AM NOVEMBER 15TH - APRIL 15TH ORDINANCE 259:5					1 TAXES DUE  Free Rabies Clinic Borough Garage on Cork Hill Road 1:00pm - 3:00pm
2 	3 Board of Health 7:00pm	4 General Election Day Polls Open 6am-8pm  Garbage Collection	5 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)	6 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	7	8
9	10 Mayor & Council Meeting 7:00pm	11 Borough Offices Closed Veteran's Day  Garbage Collection	12 Municipal Court 4:00pm  Recycling Pick-up	13 EDC 7:00pm	14	15
16	17 Planning Board Meeting 7:00pm	18  Garbage Collection	19 Historic Preservation Meeting 7pm	20 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm (as needed)	21	22
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Holiday Lighting Safety Reminder Tips

The holiday season is the most popular time for home decoration. Here are some tips for your holiday lighting displays to help you and your family remain safe throughout the season.

Outdoor Lighting Safety

- * Check all lights for frayed wires or areas where insulation has pulled away from plugs or sockets. Discard and replace any damaged light strings.
- * Take extra care using a ladder to install lights-avoid contact with overhead wires and make sure the ladder is placed on solid, level ground that isn't slippery.
- * Ensure that tacks or nails used to hold light strings do not pierce any insulation on wires or light sockets.
- * Use only extension cords that are approved for outdoor use. These cords must meet rigorous safety standards that indoor cords may not meet.
- * Out door lights, inflatables and other decorations should be plugged into outlets protected by ground fault interrupters.
- * Place outdoor lights on a timer or turn them off before you go to bed.

Indoor Lighting Safety

- * Inspect all light strings and cords for any damage, including frayed wires or insulation that has pulled away from light sockets or plugs. Also check for chewing or scratching damage if you have pets in the house. Discard and replace any damaged light strings.
- * Live trees should be kept well-watered.
- * No more than three strings of standard indoor lights should be connected to any extension cord.
- * Make sure cords are placed where they won't be stepped on, kinked or pose a tripping hazard.
- * Lights should not be permitted to touch drapes, furniture or carpeting.
- * Lights should be turned off overnight and when no one is home.

Additional holiday safety information provided by FirstEnergy Corp. is available at: <https://www.firstenergycorp.com/help/safety/safe-holiday-decorating.html>



December 2025

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON BOROUGH
STREETS 2:00 AM—6:00 AM
NOVEMBER 15TH - APRIL 15TH
ORDINANCE 259:5

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	1 Board of Health 7:00pm Leaf & Brush Pickup 	2  Garbage Collection	3 Planning Board 7:00pm (as needed)	4 Recreation Meeting 7:00pm	5	6
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21	22	23  Garbage Collection	24 Borough Offices Close at 11:30  Recycling Pick-up	25 Borough Offices Closed  Christmas Day	26 Borough Offices Closed	27
28	29	30  Garbage Collection	31			

Public Information for Taxpayers

Taxes may be paid at the Municipal Building during regular hours Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm

Make checks payable to "Franklin Borough"

To prevent long lines from forming during collection time, please have checks filled out prior to approaching the Tax Collection window.

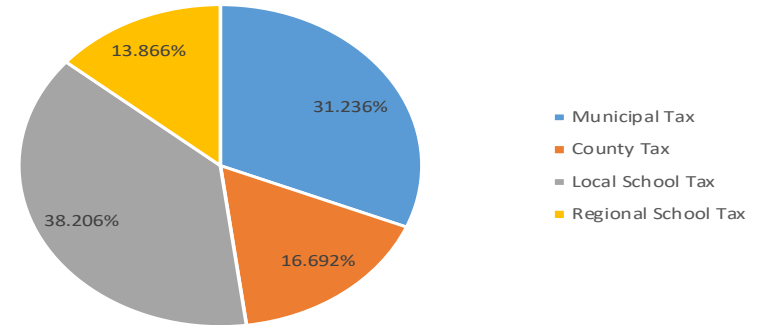
If your account is delinquent:

Please call 973-827-9280 ext. 117 for your correct balance including interest

If you require a receipt for your payment, please bring in your Tax Bill or Statement and we will date stamp it for you.

Otherwise, your check will be your receipt.

Borough of Franklin 2024 Tax Rate: 2.654



Municipal Tax	31.236%
County Tax	16.692%
Local School Tax	38.206%
Regional School Tax	13.866%

Tax and Water/Sewer Payment Information:

Paying Your Bill:

At Municipal Building:

- Check
- Cash
- Money Order
- Credit/Debit Cards

(Convenience fees apply)

On Line Payments:

edmundsgovpay.com/franklinborough



There are fees associated with paying your bill online.

- ACH or E-check payments—\$1.95 convenience fee
- The fee for debit/credit card payments will be approximately 2.95% of your total bill.

Municipal Court Payment Information:

Franklin Borough Municipal Court is now offering **NEW** payment options when paying your court fees and or fines.

You can pay using any of the following methods:

- Cash
- Check
- Money Order
- Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover)
- Debit Cards
- NJMC Direct - On-line available 24 hrs.
(for traffic violations only)

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING INFORMATION

Blue Diamond 973-598-9800

Solid Waste Trash/Garbage pickup is collected **every Tuesday** and should be placed at curbside no later than 6:30 am.

Each taxpayer is entitled to 3 (three) 32 gallon trash containers collected each week.

Blue Diamond may or may not observe all holidays, when in doubt, please put your trash/recyclables out for the scheduled day!

COLLECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE NEXT DAY IF A HOLIDAY IMPACTS PICK-UP

RECYCLING

Single stream (comingled) recycling pickup is collected **every other Wednesday** and is available for all residential dwellings regularly serviced by Blue Diamond and material must be placed at the curb by 6:30 am.

Residents may place their comingled newsprint, junk mail, brown paper bags, office grade printing paper, shredded paper and magazines together with other recyclable material in a single container marked "RECYCLABLE".

(Stickers are available at Borough Hall).

Paper newsprint, magazines and cardboard placed curbside must be cross tied and bundled to a height no higher than 12 inches.

Corrugated cardboard & chipboard placed curbside must be flattened and tied. Co-mingled materials consisting of three colors of glass, Tin, Aluminum, & Plastic

Containers (#1 through #7) must be placed curbside in the reusable "Recycling" Container.

Items left in plastic or paper bags will not be picked up.

VEGETATIVE WASTE COLLECTION

During the months of April through October, grass, leaves and branches will be picked up on the **"FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH."** **FINAL PICK-UP IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025.**

PLACE AT CURBSIDE NO LATER THAN 6:30 AM

Brush and branches shall be bundled and tied together and shall not contain pieces greater than 4-feet.

Leaf, grass and vegetative yard waste should be bagged using ***ONLY* BIODEGRADABLE PAPER BAGS**, or be placed in re-usable containers, non-biodegradable bags **WILL NOT** be picked up!!

BULK PICKUP - HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ONLY - AND MAY NOT EXCEED 3 (THREE) CUBIC YARDS PER RESIDENCE

Items such as furniture type garbage will be picked up on regular garbage days.

Please contact: Blue Diamond @ 973-598-9800

the day prior to your regular pickup to inform them you will be placing a bulk item at curbside.

For white goods/metal, e.g., stoves, refrigerators and appliances **please call: BLUE DIAMOND 973-598-9800**

Important Bulk Pick-up Changes!!

The following items may no longer be placed curbside for bulk pick-up:

Televisions - Monitors, - Computers - Portable/Laptop Computers

The New Jersey Electronic Waste Management Act bans the disposal of these electronic devices and mandates that they be recycled. See the page on SCMUA for more information on electronic waste recycling.

Franklin Borough is now accepting E-Waste items

Drop off is at the Department of Public Works Garage located at 75 Cork Hill Road between the hours of 7am and 2pm

Acceptable Items: CRTs, Computers, Laptops, Monitors, Printers / Fax Machines, Televisions, VCR's/Cable boxes/DVD Players, Cell phones & tablets, Game consoles, Servers and networking equipment

The following items **CANNOT** be accepted for recycling at this location: White Goods, Household Appliances, lightbulbs, batteries, smoke detectors, mercury containing devices (thermostats), ballasts

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