

News in the Village of Franklin Spring 2025

Boy was it a rough winter! So many storms, wind and cold....I'm sure that I am not alone in being ready to think Spring! Thank you to all who so diligently kept up with clearing your sidewalks this winter. We appreciate that! The Village will be looking into ways to deliver notifications rapidly for those who's sidewalks aren't clear as this creates a tremendous hazard to those walking. For the Spring, I am sending the mowing regulations along. And the reminder that the Village yard waste dump is for Village residents only and is for basic yard waste: leaves, lawn clippings and small twigs and branches (under 3" in diameter). If you are planning on having a tree removed from your property, please have the tree company contact the Village Clerk at 607-829-6776 or email Jason at dpw@villageoffranklinny.us so that the curb stops for the water system can be marked to prevent damage.

Spring also makes me think of outdoor recreation. If you enjoy riding ATV's, please be respectful of your neighbors and their property. Ride where permission has been granted and steer clear where it hasn't. When riding to your destination please remain off of the sidewalks. It will be time to start getting out there soon, help ensure that all enjoy the nice weather that is on it's way!

I hold office hours at Village Hall on Tuesday's from 5:30pm until 7pm and can arrange alternative meeting times if you have a concern.

~Hanna

Online payment option is now available on the Village's website! Pay your water bill or taxes with the click of a button at villageoffranklinny.us

The Village Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 13th at 12pm in the village park on Main Street!

A community picnic is being planned for mid June. This will be a collaboration between the Village and various groups and organizations. We'll have food, games, walking trail adventures and fun! Come socialize with each other and see all that the Village has going on. Stay tuned for more details.

Old Franklin Day is right around the corner! August 23rd!

Looking to the future.....

We will be having lower Water Street repaired and regraded due to the water runoff. We will share more information as soon as we have it.

Per Department of Health recommendation, we will be having a new and enhanced security fence installed surrounding our water storage facility this Spring. Many security enhancements have already been completed as we make every effort available to ensure the integrity and safety of our water supply.

Recognition

It is with extreme gratitude that we thank John Wilson for his years of service as a Village Trustee. His attention to detail and diligence is commendable. While he has retired from this position, he remains a very active and vital member of our community. Thank you John!

On behalf of the Village, I would like to thank the volunteers that make up the Franklin Fire Department and Emergency Service Squad for their dedication to keeping our community safe. They respond to a wide variety of calls that range from minor to life threatening incidents, regardless of the time or weather. They provide assistance to area departments when needed, all while volunteering their time and energy. If you see a member of the squads; give them an encouraging word, pull over if you see those flashing lights behind you and stay aware when the sirens are blaring. Your support is crucial to the squad and you can show your support by attending their annual pancake breakfast on April 13th from 8am - 12pm. Members of the fire and emergency departments, we appreciate you!

How to contact us:

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Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm at Village Hall, Water Street
(zoom link available on request)

Recreation Commission Update

Field Sports: Kendall Beadle facilitated open gym during the colder months and will be coaching T-Ball again this Spring. Her dedication is much appreciated! We would like to offer more youth sports options in Franklin and have heard of interest in youth soccer. For that to happen, we will need coaching volunteers. Please reach out to mayor@villageoffranklinny.us if you are interested in coaching to help bring more youth sports options back to Franklin. We are grateful for the partnership with Unatego that allows Franklin youth to participate in their variety of sports options.

Pool: Joanna Banks is getting ready for the summer pool season with the hiring of lifeguards, securing a water safety instructor for swim lessons and so much more! Details on pool hours and swim lesson sign ups will be available as soon as the information is finalized. Last year the locks were replaced on the gates in an effort to maintain a secure area. This year will see the installation of security cameras that will be activated when the pool is closed to minimize the risk to all. The pool is only to be utilized during the hours it is open or during a planned special event, and only if lifeguards are on duty.

Great news for water aerobics fans! Linda Worden will once again be offering water aerobic classes! If you made it to any of her classes last year, you know how much fun they were. There will be a nominal fee this year to help cover the cost of replacing equipment as needed. The fee will be \$20 for the season. Information on how to sign up will be available soon.

Recreation Commission Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm at Village Hall, 141 Water Street