

# Borough of Franklin

*Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World*

2026 Municipal Calendar

[www.franklinborough.org](http://www.franklinborough.org)



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

## Franklin Borough Departmental Phone Listing - 973-827-9280

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

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

IF YOU NEED HELP WITH:	ASK FOR:	EXTENSION #
Bingo/Raffle Licenses	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Birth/Marriage/Death Certificates	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Building Permits	Hardyston Twp. Construction Office	973-823-7020 X9451
Cert. of Occupancy	Hardyston Twp. Construction Office	973-823-7020 X9451
Complaints	Administrative Offices	100/101
Dog & Cat Licenses	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Electrical Inspector and/or Electrical Permits	Hardyston Twp. Construction Office	973-823-7020 X9451
Fishing & Boating Permits	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Food Handling Lic.	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Finance Clerk	Corry Chrobak	124
Garage Sale Permits	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Garbage Collection	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Health Complaints	Sussex County Health Dept.	973-579-0370
Health Inspections	Sussex County Health Dept.	973-579-0370
Liquor Licenses	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Marriage License	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Municipal Court	Lauren Mitchener	106 or 108
OPRA Requests	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Peddlers Permits	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Planning/Zoning Board Applications	Michelle Babcock	113
Plumbing Permit	Hardyston Twp.	973-823-7020 X9451
Property Maintenance	Joseph Setticase	113
Recreation Committee	Clerk's Office	125
Road Opening Permits	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Septic Permit	Sussex County Health Dept.	973-579-0370
Sewer Bills	Diana Falica	117
Sewer Connection	Diana Falica	117
Street Maps	Clerk's Office	100 or 101
Tax Assessor/Assessments	Scott Holzhauer	116
Tax Assessments Clerk	Christine Nostray	118
Tax Collector/Bills	Diana Falica	117
Voting Questions	Clerk's Office	101
Vouchers	Finance Dept.	124
Water Bills - Water Meter Reading	Diana Falica	117
Zoning Officer	Joseph Setticase	113
Detective's Bureau	Dsg. David Schneider or Det. Zachary LaGrave	(973)827-7700 ext. 3129 or 3136
Firearms ID Card/Permit	Wendy Burdge	(973)827-9635
Sewer Service/Water Service	Brian Vandenbroek	(973)827-7060
Road Conditions	Jesse Bogart	(973)827-9849
Police Activities	Capt. Seamus Geddis	(973)827-7700 ext. 3122
Traffic Problems	P.O. Jake Rotunda	(973)827-7700 ext. 3138

# JANUARY 2026



Christmas Trees will be picked up during the week of  
January 5th - January 9th.

Christmas Trees must be placed at curb side.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>ORDINANCE #234:23</b>  It is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep sidewalks free of snow and ice. Snow must be cleared within 12 hours of snowfall.		<b>1</b>  Borough Offices Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Mayor & Council Reorg Meeting 6PM  	<b>7</b>  Recycling Pick-up	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Board of Health 7PM	<b>13</b> Mayor & Council Meeting 7PM  	<b>14</b> Municipal Court 4PM	<b>15</b> Recreation Meeting 7PM EDC 7PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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## **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 11/1/2026**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Late Fee Begins March 1, 2026 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

# FEBRUARY 2026

Good Neighbors  
Clear Their Sidewalks  
of Ice & Snow.  
Be A Good Neighbor.



Ordinance 259:5  
No overnight parking  
on Borough streets  
From 2:00am - 6:00am  
November 15 - April 15

Late Fees Start March 1st



MAKE YOUR PET LEGAL  
DOG & CAT LICENSES  
NOW AVAILABLE

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# The 2026 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.**

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## 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.

# MARCH 2026



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## **FRANKLIN BOROUGH REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

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

**Registrar: Colleen Little - ext. 101    Deputy Registrar: Sandra 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.

# APRIL 2026

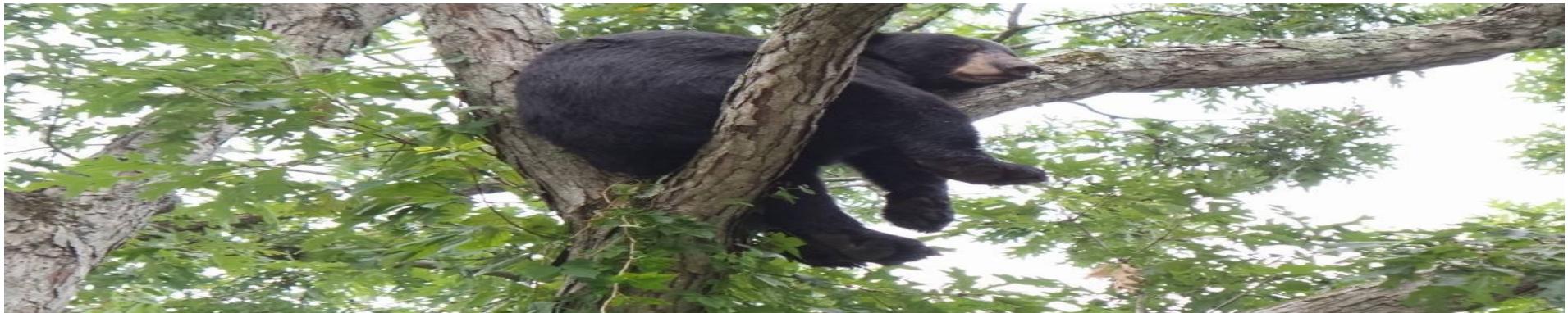


**Spring fire hydrant flushing to begin April 1 - 30. Water may become discolored for brief periods of time. Residents are advised to check their water before doing laundry.**

**Flushing will be done between the hours of 9PM & 2AM.**



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## **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**

# MAY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	 <p><i>Leaf &amp; Brush pick-up 4th Thursday April - October. Final pick-up is November 30.</i></p>				<p>1 TAXES DUE</p>	2
3	<p>4 Board of Health 7PM</p>	 <p>5</p>	6	<p>7 Recreation Meeting 7PM</p>	8	9
10 	11	<p>12 Mayor &amp; Council Meeting 7PM</p> 	<p>13 Municipal Court 4PM</p> 	<p>14 EDC 7PM</p>	15	16
17	<p>18 Planning Board Meeting 7PM</p>	 <p>19</p>	<p>20 Historic Preservation Meeting 7PM</p>	<p>21 Recreation Meeting 7PM (as needed)</p>	22	23
24	<p>25  Borough Offices Closed</p>	<p>26 Mayor &amp; Council Meeting 7PM</p> 	<p>27 Municipal Court 4PM</p> 	28	29	30
31	<p><b>PERMIT REQUIRED</b></p> <p><i>NOTICE - Zoning Permits are required for sheds, fences, walls, additions, garages, swimming pools, decks, removal and construction of any structures, etc.</i></p> <p><i>Questions? Contact the Zoning Official - Ext. 113</i></p>					

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 REGISTER 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.

## Franklin Borough, NJ Text Alerts!

Get updates sent directly to your phone via text message.



# 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.

# JUNE 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Board of Health 7PM	2 	3	4 Recreation Meeting 7PM	5	6
7	8	9 Mayor & Council Meeting 7PM 	10 Municipal Court 4PM 	11 EDC 7PM	12	13
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28	29	30 				

## Franklin Borough Recreation Committee

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

### 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.

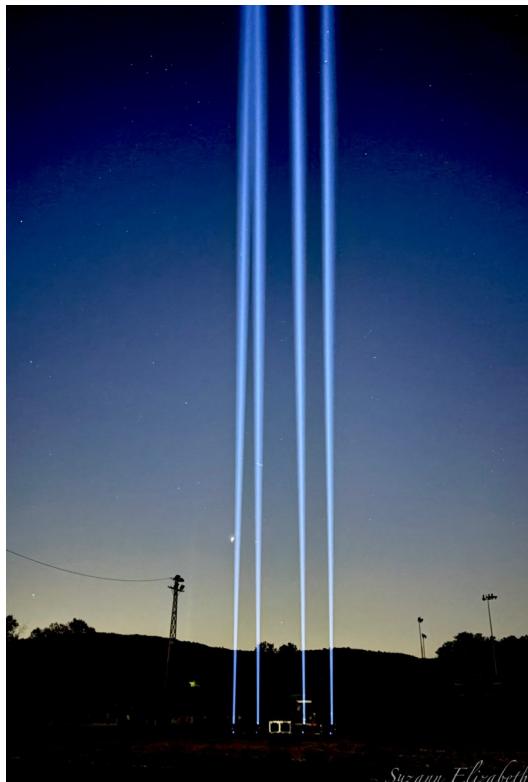
We would like to personally thank all the sponsors and volunteers that help make these events possible.

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 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Recreation Meeting 7PM	3 Borough Offices Closed	4 
5	6	7 	8 	9 EDC 7PM	10	11
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***Franklin Senior Center***  
***Located at the Franklin Pond Recreational Center***

**Please call Anna Fisher, Director - 973-827-2973 for Further Information on 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. A donation of \$2.00 is suggested. The Menu is printed in the Sunday New Jersey Herald, Life Style Section.

**Senior Bingo** - Bingo is every Tuesday and Friday approximately 12:00pm after lunch.

**Healthy Bones Exercise Group** - Meets every Wednesday at 1:00pm. 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 April - November.

Reservations are required.

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



**STREETLIGHT ON THE BLINK? TELL US OR JCP&L**

**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](http://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 2026



**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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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
- \*Keeping Your Mind Sharp
- \*Be Wise about Your Medications
- \*Serving Up Good Nutrition
- \*Standing Tall Against Falls
- \*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](mailto:seniorservices@sussex.nj.us)**

# SEPTEMBER 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2	3 Recreation Meeting 7PM	4	5
6	7 HAPPY <i>Labor Day</i> Borough Offices Closed 	8 Mayor & Council Meeting 7PM 	9 Municipal Court 4PM 	10 EDC 7PM	11	12
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**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 CEEP 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)**

## **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 flu 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://www.nj.gov/flu)  
[http://nj.gov/health/cd/flu/other\\_lan.shtml](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](http://www.nj.gov/health/flu/documents/flu_guide.pdf)  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
[www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu)

# OCTOBER 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>Annual Tax Sale</b> For Information please call the Tax Collector 973-827-9280 ext. 117		1 Recreation Meeting 7PM	2	3
4	5 Board of Health 7PM	6 	7 	8 EDC 7PM	9	10
11	12  Borough Offices Closed	13 Mayor & Council Meeting 7PM 	14 Municipal Court 4PM	15 Recreation Meeting 7PM (as needed)	16	17
18	19 Planning Board Meeting 7PM	20 	21 Historic Preservation Meeting 7PM 	22	23	24
25	26	27 Mayor & Council Meeting 7PM 	28 Municipal Court 4PM	29	30	31 



## 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.



# NOVEMBER 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3 Municipal Court 4PM 	4	5 Recreation Meeting 7PM	6	7 <b>FREE RABIES CLINIC</b> FOR DOGS & CATS 
8	9 Board of Health 7PM 	10 Mayor & Council Meeting 7PM 	11 Borough Offices Closed 	12 EDC 7PM	13	14
15	16	17 Municipal Court 4PM 	18 Historic Preservation Meeting 7PM	19 Recreation Meeting 7PM (as needed)	20	21
22	23 Planning Board Meeting 7PM 	24 Mayor & Council Meeting 7PM 	25 	26 Borough Offices Closed 	27 Borough Offices Closed	28
29	30 <i>Last day for leaf &amp; brush pick-up</i> 	 NO PARKING		<p><b><u>Ordinance #259:5</u></b> No overnight parking on Borough Streets from 2am - 6am Nov. 15 - Apr. 15</p>		

## Holiday Lighting Safety Reminder Tips

The holiday season is the most popular time for home decorations. 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.
- \* Outdoor 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 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 	2	3 Recreation Meeting 7PM	4	5
6	7 Board of Health 7PM	8 	9 Municipal Court 4PM 	10 EDC 7PM	11	12
13	14	15 Mayor & Council Meeting 7PM 	16 Historic Preservation Meeting 7PM	17 Recreation Meeting 7PM (as needed)	18	19
20	21 Planning Board Meeting 7PM  <i>Winter Begins</i>	22 	23 	24 <i>Borough Offices Close at 11:30AM</i>	25  Borough Offices Closed	26
27	28	29 	30	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.

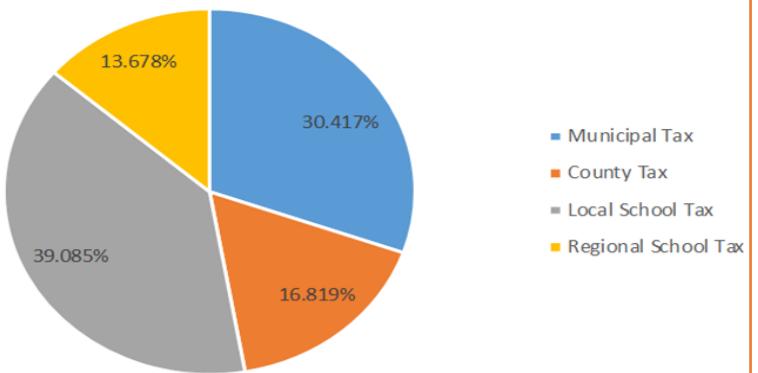
If your account is delinquent:

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 2025 Tax Rate: 2.515



### Tax and Water/Sewer Payment Information:

#### Paying Your Bill:

##### **At Municipal Building:**

- Check
- Cash
- Money Order
- Credit/Debit Cards  
(Convenience fees apply)

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.

#### **On Line Payments:**

[edmundsgovpay.com/franklinborough](http://edmundsgovpay.com/franklinborough)



#### Municipal Court Payment Information:

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

- 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 materials 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. Comingled 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 - picked up by Blue Diamond**

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, NOVEMBER 30, 2026.**

**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 Sussex County Municipal Utilities (SCMUA ) - 973-579-6998 - <https://scmua.org> for more information on electronic waste recycling.**

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