

All Welcome to Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service November 24th

By LYN MACLEAN

Thanksgiving is an annual celebration of a harvest and its bounty. It is a time of giving thanks and expressing gratitude with family and friends. It is also an opportune time for the faith communities to come together meaningfully to unite as one with the shared belief of serving thy neighbor. Franklin is fortunate to have formed the Franklin Interfaith Council to do just that.

Using Thanksgiving as an allied opportunity, the Franklin Interfaith Council welcomes all faith communities to an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This year the service will be held on Sunday, November 24th at 7 p.m. at the First Universal Society of Franklin located at 262 Chestnut Street in Franklin. Any donations to this service are applied directly to a fuel assistance fund granted to local community members in need.



The Franklin Interfaith Choir, is a big part of the Franklin Interfaith Council's annual Thanksgiving Service, which unites eight different local houses of worship in celebration. All are welcome to the service and to join the choir, shown here at the Franklin Federated Church in 2022. Photo used courtesy of Mary Diehl.

The one-hour service will have each faith represented with sermons, choir (more below on this subject), music, readings, and poems cited from each faith community. The focus is relative to what

represents to each house of worship.

"Everyone is welcome to attend, refreshments will be provided allowing all to collab-

INTERFAITH
continued on page 2



Lisa Loo at her desk at the Bellingham Senior Center works on applications for heating assistance. "Some people have to decide between paying for heat and paying for food." Raeleen Gallivan (not shown) is the heating assistance contact at the Franklin Senior Center.

Home Energy Assistance Applications on the Rise this Year

By David Dunbar

Need assistance with your winter heating bills? The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) from the state can help qualifying homeowners with fuel bills for oil, gas, propane, electric, and more.

"No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter," said Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. "With high

ASSISTANCE
continued on page 2

Thanks for Giving!

I am collecting for my Annual Food Pantry Drive from November 1-30th


I CAN PICK UP FROM ANY LOCATION.

Call Lorraine Kuney today for a no-obligation evaluation

Experience. Service. Trust.

Lorraine Kuney
508-380-9938
Lorrainekuney@gmail.com




Scan to learn more!

dogtopia
DAYCARE

Dogtopia of Franklin Village
475 Franklin Village Dr • 508-964-3695



• Free Estimates
• Licensed & Insured

• Roofing • Residential
• Gutters • Rubber
• Siding • Flat Roofs
• Windows


ROBERT ROOFING AND GUTTERS

NO GIMMICKS JUST HONEST PRICING!

www.robertroofingandgutters.com

Serving the South Shore and Surrounding Areas
Robert Greene - 857-247-8709

One Call Sends a Roofer Not a Salesman



Authentic Landscapes

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Let us point you in the right direction for your next hardscape/landscape project

Hardscapes • Patios • Walkways • Stone Walls • Landscape Maintenance & Design
Plantings • Backhoe/Excavator/Bobcat Service • Outdoor Kitchens & Showers • Firepits

508-528-7114

www.authenticlandscapes-ma.com

Insured Licensed

Serving our communities for 30 years!



FPAC Holiday Productions presents

THE NUTCRACKER

December 7 & 8
Franklin High School Auditorium

Tickets: FPACOnline.com

INTERFAITH

continued from page 1

orate as a wonderful unifier community event and we would love to increase the visibility of it," claimed Mary Diehl, President of the Franklin Interfaith Council and Interfaith Choir Director.

The service format represents eight local Franklin faith communities. Current members of the Franklin Counsel are:

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
• Franklin Federated Church
• Franklin United Methodist Church
• First Universalist Society of Franklin
• New England Chapel
• St. John's Episcopal Church
• St. Mary's Catholic Church
• Temple Etz Chaim

The Interfaith Council which originated in 1991, established the objective to "Sensitize the community to issues of deprivation and social justice, promote tolerance and understanding through worship and unified events" cited Mary.

The Council meets monthly to invite community members to share ways the council can as-

sist and support the community. School superintendents, town administrators, and police are a few examples of who they have met with.

If your heart wants to help, you can make a tax-deductible donation to three different funds, a General Fund, a Fuel Assistance Fund, and a Local Humanitarian Aid Fund. Visit www.franklininterfaith.org to donate.

Additional opportunities to participate in the Council could be joining the Interfaith Choir. This choir, which originated in 2009 currently participates in two events. They perform at the Thanksgiving Service and the biennial Spring concert. The next one will take place Spring of 2025 called "Voices of Faith." The Spring concert is assigned a united theme representing all faith traditions. Songs are specifically selected to represent the different beliefs allowing the community to share different viewpoints supporting the chosen common theme. You may listen to singing accompanied by a piano, guitarist, or string quartet. Funds raised during this concert are shared in the community for refugee assistance, snap benefits at the Franklin Farmers Market, and other needs.

All are welcome to join the choir!

Contact Mary Diehl - the Choir Director at msdiehl@gmail.com .

ASSISTANCE

continued from page 1

costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. Please share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months."

Administering agencies include the Senior Centers in Bellingham and Franklin.

"Last year I assisted with 67 fuel assistance applications," says Raeleen Gallivan, Social Services Coordinator at the Franklin Senior Center. "The number of people that apply for fuel assistance has significantly increased due to the rise in the cost of living. Unfortunately, I am seeing a lot of landlords increase rent, which makes it harder for people to afford paying their winter heating bills. People are looking for ways to save money. Most of the people that I help worry about having enough funds to pay their bills. It is especially hard for seniors during the winter months being on a fixed income."

In Bellingham, at the Senior Center, Lisa Loo reports that she has 100 re-certifications for people who were approved last year. "And I will probably process 20 to 50 new applications this year."

Loo, the Center's Social Services Coordinator, notes that the

numbers vary "because financial situations change." A recertification takes about 20 minutes; a new application takes about 45 minutes.

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

"There have been no major changes so far this year," explains Gallivan in Franklin. "People who would like to apply can go online (selfhelpinc.org) and apply on the portal or contact Self-Help INC. and apply over the phone by calling (508) 588-5440. Franklin residents can call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment to apply. I do an eligibility screening over the phone and provide a list of documents that are needed for the application."

In Bellingham, Loo adds, "However, there have been some improvements to eliminate long delays from last year. It took six to 12 weeks from first contact to getting results."

Loo worked with an 84-year-old Bellingham resident who worried about a smell leaking out of her heating system. "She called at the end of September, and it took almost eight weeks to resolve. But her entire heating system was replaced."

"People will call and say they are desperate because their oil tank is empty," says Loo. "Don't wait!"

In the 2023/2024 HEAP season, 149,778 households were served with an average benefit of \$1,050 per household, according to the state.

And this year the HEAP portal went live at 12:01 a.m. October 1st, and so far, more than 43,000 applications have been received.

Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance. This upcoming season a family of four earning up to \$94,608 may be eligible for HEAP. Benefits do not need to be repaid, and households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify. HEAP automatically qualifies eligible households to receive monthly discounts on their investor owned-utility electric and natural gas bills. Heat sources can include oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal.

"Every person that I help is appreciative of the HEAP program," according to Gallivan. "I always get a big smile and a thank you for helping them apply. Worrying about bills affects emotional wellbeing. My job is to bring the resources to the community to help them continue to be self-sufficient and live their best life."

How does helping people make Loo feel? "It's very rewarding. Especially because I can help someone say warm during the winter."

localtownpages logo
Published Monthly Mailed FREE to the Community of Franklin
Circulation: 13,164 households & businesses
Publisher: Chuck Tashjian
Editor: J.D. O'Gara
Send Editorial to: editor@franklintownnews.com
Advertising Director: Jen Schofield
Creative Design & Layout: Michelle McSherry, Kim Vasseur, Wendy Watkins
Ad Deadline is the 15th of each month.
Localtownpages assumes no financial liability for errors or omissions in printed advertising and reserves the right to reject/edit advertising or editorial submissions.
© Copyright 2024 LocalTownPages

3 PRIVATE DINING AT 3
Up to 150 guests
Corporate Dinners, Rehearsal Dinners, Bridal & Baby Showers, Graduations & more
Our contemporary, beautifully appointed private dining rooms provide the perfect backdrop for your event. 3 has the menu, and atmosphere, to suit the most discerning tastes.
For more information, contact Jasmine at jm@3-restaurant.com or 508.528.6333
461 W Central Street (Rt. 140), Franklin, MA
3-restaurant.com

Planning and preparing your Estate today is a gift to yourself and a gift to your family which brings peace of mind to everyone.
With over 30 years experience, Attorney Daniel J. Cardinal will create an estate plan to fit your specific family needs to protect your children, your home and all of your assets.
FRANKLIN LAW GROUP PLLC
Daniel James Cardinal Attorney at Law
1 FISHER STREET, FRANKLIN, MA 02038
617-277-3477 | cardinal@franklinlawgroupma.com | franklinlawgroupma.com

Help "Light Up Franklin" This New Year's Eve

Boy Scout Troop 126 Selling Luminary Kits, Order by December 13th

Iris Park, volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America Troop 126 Committee, likes the "Light Up Franklin" New Year's Eve initiative. Folks in town order luminary kits (deadline December 13th), which will be distributed at the Franklin Historical Museum at 80 West Central Street on Sunday, December 22nd, from 1-3 p.m. and Saturday, December 28th, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. (A portion of the proceeds is shared with both the Franklin Historical Museum and the Franklin Food Pantry.) Boy Scouts also deliver the kits to Franklin residents for an extra \$3. Then, on New Year's Eve, at

6 p.m., everyone joins together in lighting their luminaries.

"We've done candles and chocolate and popcorn," says Park, "This was a little different. We thought of this during COVID – what the boys could do that was contactless. And then the first two years were very successful. I was surprised how a lot of families participated."

Park and her son, who finished his last year attaining Eagle with Boy Scouts last year, would do the deliveries.

Park especially likes the day of pickup at the museum. "We usually have it on the same day Santa is going to be at the mu-



Photo by Elise Stokes

seum, and it's nice for the boys to ... talk and reach out to community."



Photo used courtesy of The Dajbdeterman Family

The fundraiser also provided funds for the troop, which numbers 25-30 Scouts about now, says Park, to go to Philmont Boy Scout camp as well as Fin, Fur & Feather.

The fundraiser has become more popular. Park notes that the first year, 80 luminary kits were sold, and last year, the troop sold about 250. Park says she sees several homeowner associations getting into the event, which adds to the feeling of community.

Last year, the effort raised \$500 for the Franklin Food Pantry.

"We get the pictures throughout the night; it's just gorgeous lit up outside," she says.

Light Up Franklin 2024

Tuesday, December 31st | Beginning at 6pm

On Tuesday, December 31st let's transform our town into a beautiful winter community! Come together and join us in celebrating this New Year's Eve by lining our neighborhoods with candle luminaries!

Each \$12 Kit contains supplies for 10 luminaries:
10 white bags, 10 votive candles, sand, and instructions

2 Ways Order Your Luminary Kits:

- 1) **Online Orders** use QR code →
- 2) **Manual Orders**
 - a. Fill out form below
 - b. Make check payable to _____
 - c. Mail or drop off form & check: _____



Scout: _____



Order Your Luminary Kits by Dec. 13th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

BSA Troop 126 Luminary Kits (Circle Choice)

	Pick Up*	Delivery (in Franklin +\$3)
1 Kit	\$12	\$15
2 Kits	\$24	\$27
3 Kits	\$36	\$39
4 Kits	\$48	\$51
5 Kits	\$60	\$63

***Pick Up Location:**

Franklin Historical Museum
80 West Central St, Franklin

***Pick Up Times:**

Sunday, Dec. 22nd 1pm-3pm
Saturday, Dec. 28th 10am-12pm

Questions, Email Troop126fundraising@gmail.com -- Thank you for your support!



Drive Around Town and Enjoy!

Portion of proceeds to benefit
Franklin Food Pantry and Franklin Historical Society



Drains-R-Us

Specializing in ALL Plumbing Repairs & ALL types of Water Heater Installations

24 HOUR EMERGENCY CALLS
NO JOB TOO SMALL • VETERANS DISCOUNTS
LICENSED & INSURED

LOCAL RESIDENT: 508-663-7132 • Drains-R-Us.com



Coverage for wherever you call home

Benjamin Insurance Agency
401-767-2061
Bellingham, MA

401-765-5000
North Smithfield, RI

Serving MA & RI
Se Habla Espanol

Allstate
You're in good hands.

Subject to terms, conditions, and availability. Allstate Vehicle and Property Ins. Co., Allstate Property and Casualty Ins. Co. & affiliates: 2775 Sanders Rd Northbrook IL 60062. © 2019 Allstate Insurance Co.

18679493

What Did the Turkey Say When He Met the U.S. President? "Pardon Me."

In a completely different context, you may hear an occasional "pardon me" after your Thanksgiving guests have finished joyfully stuffing their bellies with all the delicious foods you've offered.

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday with families and friends gathering to celebrate, including folks from other countries.

Jyoti Sachdeva is from India and moved to Franklin in 2014, where she now lives with her husband and two sons.

"Since we don't have any family here, we were looking to make a family away from family," she explains. "We call it USA Family. I met my colleague, who I call my family friend, Monica in 2008. Our first Thanksgiving was at Monica's house in 2014. She has been celebrating Thanksgiving for many years. We Indian families are all first generation, and we try to adapt to the culture of America so our kids don't feel

they are different, and they also can talk in school the same way as American kids do."

"Slowly in years it became a tradition," she continues. "We celebrate Thanksgiving at Monica's house, Christmas at Roopa's house and one Indian festival Diwali at our house. Diwali is like Christmas for Indians."

For Jamie Hellen, Franklin's CEO/Town Administrator, "Thanksgiving is a great time to pause and reflect on the past year and what is ahead. Personally, it is always a weekend where I feel grateful to call Massachusetts home. We are very fortunate to live in such a great place that is relatively very safe, have the best public education system in the world, and have an outstanding quality of life. Given what is going on around the world, we are all very fortunate to call Massachusetts home."

How does your family celebrate? Hellen answers, "Family, Food, Football. Also, I would



Ready to run? Participants prepare to go in last year's annual Franklin Turkey Trot 5k race. This year, the 13th annual trot will begin at 8 a.m. on Thanksgiving at 91 Jordan Road. Money raised is shared with the Franklin Food Pantry. Last year, 850 local families were helped and 1,822 folks participated in the run.



ANYTIME PAINTING SERVICES INC
Dedicated to Quality

- Interior & Exterior
- Wallpaper Removal
- Water Damage Repair
- Carpentry
- Cabinet Painting
- Pressure Wash
- Gutter Cleaning

Call us for a Free Consultation!
508-308-6285
www.anytimepaintingservices.com



New England Steak & Seafood Restaurant

THANKSGIVING DINNER
with all the Fixins' To-go at your House!

TURKEY DINNER
(Approximately 20 lb. Fresh Birds, NEVER Frozen)

FEEDS APPROXIMATELY 12 PEOPLE, INCLUDES:
Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Peas & Pearl Onions, Cranberry Sauce & 2 Pies cooked w/reheating instructions ... **\$345**

NOTE: All birds cooked fresh Thanksgiving Day

Please Order Early! Call 508-478-0871

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY NOV. 25 & PICKED UP ON NOV. 28 between 11am & 2pm

EXTRAS:

- Cinnamon rolls, Onion rolls & Pumpkin bread: **\$16.99/doz.**
- Apple pie & Pumpkin pie: **\$19.99/each**

Route 16, Mendon
nesteakandseafood.com

Please look for our CHRISTMAS Dinner To-Go Special!



be remiss if I did not mention the Franklin Football game at 10 a.m. on Thanksgiving against arch-rival King Philip. The FFT is having a great season, and we hope this is a big day for Franklin Football!"

For those looking to "trot" first thing Thanksgiving morning, there are professionally organized "runs" nearby. The 13th Annual Franklin Turkey Trot starts at 8 a.m.; 5K long (more at franklinfoodpantry.org). Closer to Boston, the 12th Annual Franklin Park Turkey Trot starts at 9 a.m.; 5K long (more at franklinparkcoalition.org). Both donate to local charities.

If you prefer sitting on the couch in front of the TV, check out Macy's Thanksgiving Day

Parade; some movies you might like include The Sound of Music, The Joy Luck Club, and Fantastic Mr. Fox. Oh, and remember all those football games.

"We have hosted Thanksgiving at our home in Franklin for the past 20 years for about 12-15 of our family who all live in Massachusetts," says town resident Laura French Jumes. "Even though we have Greeks and Hungarians as part of the family, we love to make a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings right down to the pumpkin and apple pie. Growing up, the kids never loved turkey much and would (and still do even now that they are grown) feast on my scrumptious pumpkin bread made from scratch."

She adds, "Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday in our house, and we are thankful to have a home where family can come and share it with us! We are especially thankful for our health and having our now grown sons come home to spend time with us."

If you'd like to dine out, there are nearby restaurants to choose from, all open on Thanksgiving Day. Here are five: Coachmen's Lodge in Bellingham, 3 Restaurant in Franklin, Luciano's Restaurant in Foxboro, Lake Pearl Wrentham, and The Curry House in Franklin.

"You can tell you ate too much for Thanksgiving when you have to let your bathrobe out." -- Jay Leno

St. John's Christmas Fair Set for December 7

St. John's Church Christmas Fair is set for Saturday, December 7, from 9 am to 2 pm at 237 Pleasant Street, Franklin.

Do your holiday shopping in one stop: Buy gift cards from popular restaurants and stores; silent auction and raffle items. Check out gift baskets with themes like sports; spa, health

and wellness, and pet items. Give the gift of food, wine, coffees, or teas. Appreciate unique, hand-made crafts? You'll love the beautiful fresh wreaths and greens, as well as cozy scarves, mittens, and hats.

Pick out delicious treats like cookies, fudge and other baked goods at the Cookie Walk.

Snacks and drinks can be purchased during the fair.

For more information, Visit us on Facebook at St John's Episcopal Church, see our website at www.stjohnsfranklinma.org, or call (508) 528-2387.

Vendetti Collision Center sets the Gold Standard for Collision Repair

By: JENNIFER RUSSO

You are driving along, headed to pick up a few things at the grocery store for dinner and the driver in front of you stops suddenly because a deer decides it's the perfect time to cross the street. You react and swerve, but unfortunately your cars collide. Your bumper falls off, your hood is slightly bent in, and your headlight is cracked. You are both okay, but your car isn't.

When it comes to proper collision repair, it's important not to just take the car anywhere. Unfortunately, some repair shops rely on a "this is how we've always done it" approach, and regardless of the technician having many years of experience, this is not a best practice.

Cars today are different, with many more bells and whistles, including AI technology and sensors. Because of this, following manufacturer repair procedures when repairing any vehicle is key. Not doing so can lead to other issues with the car, or worse, another accident which could lead to additional damage or loss of life.

"What a lot of car owners don't realize, is that even something as simple as a bumper replacement requires a vehicle to be calibrated after the repair," shares Doug Begin, Vendetti Motors Collision Center Manager.

"With the way cars are built now especially, if they are not calibrated after work is done, it could lead to other features not working properly, such as a vehicle's Advanced Driver-Assistance System (ADAS). Those cameras and sensors need to be adjusted, even after low-speed impact collisions."

With over 80 years of combined experience between Doug, his assistant, and both repair and refinish technicians, Vendetti Collision Center has a clear understanding of what is required for different makes and models. In addition, they are able to use diagnostic scanners that are specific to that particular vehicle make. The reason for this is simple – there is a difference between an electrical issue and a structural one.

"An electrical issue will be picked up easily by the scanner, but to really understand a structural issue, it is important to take the time to understand the car's history and what happened in a collision. The details are very important. For example, if a child's car seat was in the car at the time of the accident, it's likely that it needs to be replaced, and we can help provide that documentation to insurance companies," shares Doug.

While they have a very loyal customer base and have been in business for over 60 years, it may be a surprise for those that live in the area that Vendetti Collision Center serves a wide variety of vehicle owners. Because they are located within a Buick GMC dealership, people may think that they only work on General Motors vehicles, but they actually work on most makes and models with very few exceptions.

Vendetti Collision Center is a member of the Tri-County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Doug is also on the Board of Directors of the AASP, which serves as the Massachusetts Autobody Association, as a committee chair. He knows Massachusetts repair regulations inside and out,



as well as being well-versed in the state's auto insurance policies. This means you can rest assured that he and his team have the expertise to repair your vehicle the right way, the first time.

"We try to go beyond just repairing your vehicle – deep diving into what needs to be done is critical," says Doug.

"Not everything is repairable. You can't always just use a hammer to bang a piece of

repairs if required by the manufacturer. Because they are within a Buick GMC dealership, GM vehicles can be calibrated onsite. For non-GM vehicles, the shop outsources to a calibration expert for that vehicle.

The effort Vendetti Collision Center puts in is recognized with an I-CAR Gold Class® designation as well. To earn that honor, the shop needs to maintain the highest level of role-relevant training across each collision repair role. The shop invested in ensuring that their technicians, repair personnel and estimators were all trained to the highest standard.

Vendetti Collision Center (License #: RS0002838) is located at 411 West Central Street in Franklin, MA and can be reached at (508) 520-5189. Check out their website for more information on their services at www.vendettimotors.com/bodyshop

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

GET NOTICED!

**For rates and info on advertising your business,
please call Jen at 508-570-6544
or email: jenschofield@locaaltownpages.com**



At Vendetti Collision Center, we provide the level of customer service and Expert Collision Repair. With our State-of-the-Art equipment and Gold Class technicians, you can get your vehicle repaired with us and leave with the peace of mind that goes along with knowing your vehicle just received the very best collision services in the greater Boston area.

- Free Estimates
- Towing Available
- Rental Assistance
- 4.9 stars on google
- We work on most makes and models
- Detailing services
- Lifetime warranty
- State-of-the-Art Repair/Refinish Equipment

"You Have the Right to Choose your Repair Facility"
Choose the only I-CAR Gold Class Facility in Southern Norfolk County

Choose Vendetti Collision Center



We handle your car with the best of care every step of the way

Vendetti Motors
(508) 520-5189
411 W Central St | Franklin, MA 02038
Lic# RS0002838



Family-Run Affordable Junk Removal Takes the Stress Out of Cleanups

By CHRISTIE VOGT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Whether it's one old fridge in the garage or an entire home of unwanted goods, the team at Affordable Junk Removal offers a cost-efficient, stress-free approach to waste management. "You don't lift a finger," says owner Jason Schadler, who started the company along with his wife Christine in 2005.

The business offers same-day service for both residential and commercial clients across eastern and central Massachusetts and northern Rhode Island. In addition to junk removal, the company rents 15-yard dumpsters.

As a family-owned and operated company, Schadler says Affordable Junk Removal has lower overhead costs and is more accessible than national competitors. "I answer my phone 24 hours a day," he says. "I was on vacation in Italy and Portugal, and I was still answering my phone on the beach. When you call us, you get me — not an au-



tomated machine!"

Schadler says the company has an environmentally friendly approach to disposal in which it recycles items when possible, properly disposes of non-recyclables and resells many items at the Schadlers' secondhand store, Resellables. "We opened that store in Bellingham because we hated to see things thrown away," Schadler says. "We have four kids and sustainability is extremely important to us."

During the business's early days, Schadler provided junk re-



moval on nights and weekends when he wasn't busy working at a machine shop. Eventually, the business grew into a full-time endeavor, and the Schadlers invested back into the company with new equipment and techniques. "When I first started, for example, we didn't have

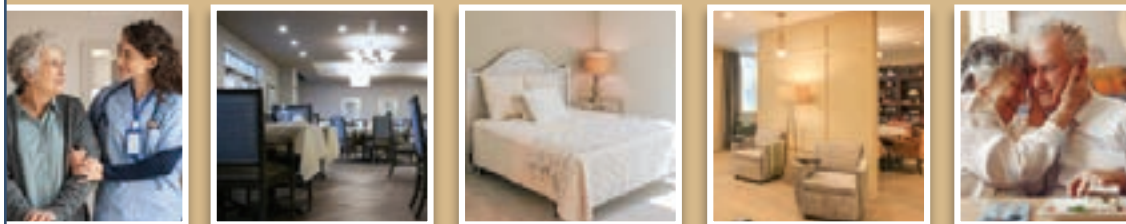


Christine and Jason Schadler, shown here with their children and dog, started Affordable Junk Removal in 2005.

SALMON
HEALTH & RETIREMENT
THE WILLOWS | WHITNEY PLACE
MEDWAY

The Perfect Season

FOR A NEW BEGINNING AT WHITNEY PLACE



Experience peace of mind and heartfelt care this season with **Whitney Place at Medway's Tapestry Memory Care**. As the leaves change, discover a nurturing, secure environment where those with Alzheimer's and dementia are supported through comfort, safety, personalized care, and engaging activities—all in a community that feels like home.

Call **508-533-3300** today to schedule a tour and experience it for yourself.

44 WILLOW POND CIRCLE | MEDWAY, MA 02053

any tarps. I'm driving around and things are flying out of my truck," Schadler laughs. "I'm like, 'Oh my god, I need a tarp.'"

Schadler says his wife Christine "was equally as involved" in getting the business off the ground. "She handled the back-end while I did the heavy lifting, all while she was working at EMC," he says. "Fast forward 17 years, and we both work full time managing the company as well as other endeavors. Business is doing great; it has grown tremendously to a fleet of trucks and dumpsters, and we've also been able to buy a pizza place, The Corner Market in Holliston."

In addition to delivering an in-demand service to the community, Schadler is appreciative that Affordable Junk Removal has helped provide a work-life balance that suits his family. "It allows me to be able to do what I like doing and spend time with my kids," he says. "I'm home to see my babies play softball and do all that stuff. We are also able

to give back to the communities we serve."

As for Franklin in particular, Schadler says they are proud to have many repeat customers and friends in the area. The Schadlers' oldest daughter lives in Franklin, and their kids attended softball camp and learned how to skate in town. Prior to starting Affordable Junk Removal, Christine worked for years in Franklin as well.

One of the best parts of his job, Schadler says, is meeting and getting to know new people and developing relationships with returning customers. "We are really grateful for the repeat business and the chance to form connections with residents across the MetroWest area," he says.

To receive a free junk removal estimate, call (774) 287-1133 or visit affordablejunkremoval.com.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Touching Base with the TA

Franklin is in the throes of the Beaver Street Interceptor project, said Jamie Hellen, Franklin Town Administrator. That is part of Franklin, “really preparing the town for the long haul,” he says.

At press time, the town was looking forward to the second meeting of the Joint Budget Subcommittee, which was scheduled to take place on October 23rd. Budget numbers, said Hellen, are expected to shift with local aid.

“At the end of the day, no one is getting local aid numbers until early February. We won’t know our health insurance numbers until then, too. I think the model is going to show some assumption, but there are still a handful of unknowns out there that are huge. This is a collective bargaining year for teachers, fire (personnel), custodians – all the major unions are up for a new contract this year. FY26 is going to see new collective bargaining agreements. We have eight unions.”

Hellen also noted more needed to be revealed about the school redistricting analysis. (Since *Local Town Pages* spoke with Hellen in early October, Superintendent Giguere had is-

sued a press release on this issue, which readers will find in this paper.) Hellen noted, “There’s going to be an enormous one-time cost to hire movers, coordinators, facilitators, to handle the bus system. This is not an inexpensive endeavor, but also what is the town going to save on expense costs, and what is the school going to save relative to any inefficiencies they see. I think the public needs to understand and have a clear vision on what those expenses are. There’s still a tremendous amount of questions we will slowly answer through the year.”

Hellen cautioned patience, focus and discipline among town members “not get ahead of ourselves. Everyone knows there’s a group of folks in town that want to know what that number is and when another override will be.” However, he said, beginning the budget process earlier than usual, the Town needed “to try to make sure we started from scratch. We’re showing people in live monthly meetings.”

Hellen encourages residents to attend these town meetings, calling them “an immensely good opportunity for people who are really interested in the mechanics of the budget ... I think

it’s essential we walk through month-by-month just exactly how the budget is built, on state laws that govern the budget process and inform people of the immense constraints on the local budget,” said Hellen. He points out Franklin is one of many towns in the Commonwealth

that have held override votes, and added, “If you go to the FinCom meeting, we go through year to date, we show what departments are doing great ... we do an immense deep dive, and usually no one ever shows up at those meetings.”

The next Finance Committee meeting, should residents be interested, will take place on November 6th.

“After that, in December, we’re going to put out the entire calendar for next year,” says Hellen.

Actually, Homelessness Does Exist in Your Backyard

November is National Homelessness Awareness Month

They are disheveled, un-showered, pushing a shopping cart full of belongings asking for handouts. These are the stereotypical images we have of the homeless. Yet the reality is that there are thousands of unhoused in the state who are not so easily visible and likely living in your community.

Massachusetts, like much of the country, has seen a surge in homelessness over the last year. Overall, the latest state count reveals there are more than 29,000 homeless in the state; a

Thousands of ‘Hidden Homeless’

Despite the number of homeless individuals accounted for, there exists a population of unhoused individuals—unlikely part of any statistics—they are known as the “hidden homeless,” who number in the thousands in Massachusetts.



29,000+
Homeless in MA
54% Increase
from 2023



“All I need for the winter is a pot to melt snow in for drinking water.”

*~ Man in his 40s living in a tent in the woods**

54% increase from 2023. Statewide data indicates this crisis touches EVERY community in the state.

“Because I stayed one night in a motel and then had to sleep in my car, I was still considered not homeless enough to receive emergency shelter services.”

*~ Woman in her 20s evicted by her landlord**

“hidden,” from national or local statistics, they lack access to housing support resources.

Central Mass. Housing Alliance Executive Director Leah Bradley provides additional insight into the state’s homelessness and what can be done to help with this crisis. To read the Q&A:

Scan the QR Code



or visit milfordregional.org/about-us/community-benefits/

* Quotes are from local individuals who have spoken to members of the Community Benefits Committee. They are not identified for safety and privacy reasons.

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

- Tree Removal
- Pruning/Trimming
- Storm Damage
- Land Clearing
- Stump Grinding

Quality Timely Service!
BELLINGHAM, MA
508-883-8823
FREE ESTIMATES • FULLY INSURED

KEVIN LEMIRE, OWNER
All employees are covered under Workers' Comp Ins. CharronTreeService.com

Aging well takes planning. Where do you start?

Ways our expert Aging Life Care Managers can help:

- Provide In-home Assessments
- Navigate Insurance, Medical Systems & Financial Advisor Referrals
- Help Elder Placement in Long-term Care or Assisted-Living Facilities
- Coordinate Key Support Systems & Facilitate Family Communication

Contact us for a free, 30-minute personal consultation.
agingwelladvocates.com | 774.277.0367



UMass Memorial Health - Milford Regional Medical Center's Community Benefits Committee is bringing awareness to the homelessness crisis that many in our service region are facing.

Robert Roofing & Gutters

49 YEARS IN BUSINESS!

*Gather under a
Thankful Roof*

*Thank you Neighbors, for your support,
your business and referrals throughout the year.
We wish you all a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving.
Warmest Wishes ~ Robert Roofing & Gutters Family*

**One Call Sends a Roofer,
Not a Salesman**

ROBERT GREENE

857-247-8709

robertroofingandgutters.com



Free Estimates • Licensed & Insured • Serving the South Shore & Surrounding Areas

Your Money, Your Independence

Use November to Finalize Year-End Success and Plan for 2025



Glenn Brown, CFP

November is a pivotal month for financial planning. An opportunity to measure against financial goals, make final strategic decisions for tax year 2024, and prepare for the upcoming year.

Wait until December, you risk falling into the apathy and distractions common from Thanksgiving to the New Year. Do you want that for your finances?

Here are key financial planning topics to consider now.

Review Your Planning Goals.

Take stock of your progress: have you met your savings targets? Made headway on debt repayments? Improve upon experience spending? Expand investing to asset allocation? This review can help identify areas to accelerate efforts before the year ends or be of greater priority in 2025.

Tax Planning Strategies.

Does Roth Conversion or switching 401(k) contributions to Roth make sense?

If doing Roth Conversion, what's your expected Federal tax bracket and how much to convert to ensure you're not bumping up a level or two?

Do you or a grandparent want to gift more than \$18,000 to a child's 529 Plan?

If self-employed and want to open a Solo 401(k) plan, it must be done by December 31. Know that isn't required until April tax filing deadline.

Recall 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act lowering federal tax brackets will expire end of 2025. Current % will revert back (%): 12% (15%), 22% (25%), 24% (28%), 32% (33%), 35% (35%) and 37% (39.6%). Furthermore, the Standard Deduction \$ amount for tax returns nearly doubled, it too reverts. Are there circumstances to plan for splitting realized gains over 2024 and 2025?

Open Enrollment for Work Benefits.

Does your current health plan meet you and/or your family's health and financial well-being? Does FSA or HSA make sense? If so, how much to contribute?

Should you utilize supplemental Life or AD&D insurance? Are you opting into long-term disability insurance?

Are you enrolling in dependent care and/or transportation flex spending accounts?

Use your Medical Flex Spending Account (FSA).

Unlike Health Savings Accounts (HSA) that rollover each year to accumulate, FSA is a "use it or lose it" benefit program. Some allow ~\$500 carried the following year, others \$0. If you're low on qualified medical expenses, schedule elective appointments, renew prescriptions and/or spend on wellness. Don't spend New Year's Eve panic shopping in CVS.

Evaluate Investment Portfolios.

Assess your asset allocation, then rebalance and/or tax-loss harvest, if necessary. Remember, asset allocation is different from diversification. Owning a S&P 500 Index fund is diversification, as it owns 500 largest U.S. companies, but it's not an asset allocation model. Ensure asset classes are near their targets.

Nearing retirement or have major life changes requiring funds? Identify source of funds, develop a tax-efficient distribution strategy and allocate remaining long-term assets to grow over time relative to need, not greed or fear. Meaning your asset allocation may (and likely should be) different within taxable accounts versus 401(k), 403(b), pre-tax IRA accounts versus Roth IRA, HSA accounts.

Don't Forget Your RMD.

For 2024, the age for Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) from retirement accounts is 73, up from 72 due to changes enacted by the SECURE 2.0 Act.

Also new, per finalized IRS regulations, Inherited IRAs from a non-spouse (i.e. parent) in 2020 or later where the deceased was taking RMDs, then you must also take RMDs within the 10-Year Rule. If previous years were missed, the IRS will not penalize, however they will after December 31, 2025.

Conclusion.

November is a month of reflection, giving thanks and preparation in the realm of financial planning. If feeling overwhelmed, connect with your Certified Fi-

ancial Planner to finish the year strong and set a solid foundation for a prosperous 2025.

The opinions voiced in this material are for general information only and are not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for any individual.

Glenn Brown is a Holliston resident and owner of PlanDynamic, LLC, www.PlanDynamic.com. Glenn is a fee-only Certified Financial Planner™ helping motivated people take control of their planning and investing, so they can balance kids, aging parents and financial independence.

Sponsored articles are submitted by our advertisers. The advertiser is solely responsible for the content of this article.

CLEANOUT COUPON
ONE COUPON PER CLEANOUT. *\$100 MINIMUM.
JUNK IT NOW!
PRO-JUNK-REMOVAL
"We empty - the Junk Bag"
(3 cubic yards) Call for Price
Buy at store - Fill it -
We empty & Leave it
Homes • Apartments • Businesses • Yard waste
Pools • Boilers • Hot Tubs • Sheds Removed • Appliances
toll free • Fully Insured • Call Tom Cassidy
\$20 OFF 1-855-533-JUNK (5865) **\$20 OFF**
1-508-308-2279 Call-only www.junkitnow.us **\$20 OFF**

Azza Law

Amy Azza, Esq

Amy N. Azza, experienced attorney of 24 years, is accepting new clients for their estate planning needs for wills, trusts, powers of attorney and health care proxies.

WHY YOU NEED A TRUST
A trust will help you avoid probate and appoint a trustee to manage assets for family members or beneficiaries who are unable to manage their assets.

WHY YOU NEED A WILL
Wills can distribute your property, name an executor, name guardians for children, forgive debts and more. Having a will also means that you, rather than your state's laws, decide who gets your property when you die.

WHY YOU NEED A HEALTH CARE PROXY
A health care proxy is a document that names someone you trust as your proxy, or agent, to express your wishes and make health care decisions for you if you are unable to speak for yourself.

WHY YOU NEED A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY
A Durable Power of Attorney provides extensive power to the individual who is assigned that role. Absent an appointed Agent in a Durable Power of Attorney, it would be necessary for a family member or loved one to petition the court to become the guardian over the incapacitated person.

Discover the Azza Difference
and call Amy Azza at 508 517 4310
or email azzalaw@outlook.com
51 Whitehall Way, Bellingham, MA 02019

IS YOUR HOME UNDER ATTACK?
DON'T TOLERATE ELIMINATE!

WPC SERVICES

WPC Pest & Termite

Call today!
508-435-2211
NoBugsNoPests.com

ASK ABOUT OUR INSULATION DECONTAMINATION

FPAC to present David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Proof*

The Franklin Performing Arts Company (FPAC) is excited to continue the 2024-25 Season with David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning play *Proof* November 15-17 at THE BLACK BOX. The four person play features New York actors Ali Funkhouser as Catherine, Robbie Rescigno as Hal, Lindsey White as Claire, and FPAC's Nick Paone as Robert.

Catherine has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, Robert. When he dies she has more than grief to deal with: there's her estranged sister, Claire, and Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that Robert left behind. And a further problem: how much of her father's madness - or genius - will Catherine inherit? Directed by Nick Paone.

Patrons are advised: *Proof* deals heavily with themes of grief, death, and dying and contains strong language and some mature themes.

Proof won the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play. A 2005 film adaptation was directed by John



Madden, starring Gwyneth Paltrow as Catherine, along with Anthony Hopkins, Hope Davis, and Jake Gyllenhaal.

FPAC is an Actors' Equity Small Professional Theater company based at THE BLACK BOX in downtown Franklin. Each season, FPAC produces musicals, plays, ballets, and more featuring Broadway stars, professional actors, local artists, and students of the arts. Follow Franklin Performing Arts Company and THE BLACK BOX on Facebook and Instagram for updates on programming.

Proof runs November 15-17 at THE BLACK BOX at 15 W. Central Street in downtown Franklin, MA. Tickets are available at FPAConline.com or by calling the box office at (508) 528-3370.



Franklin Veterans' Services Notes

Reach the Franklin VSO at (508) 613-1315



AIRPORT SHUTTLE
RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION
to: (BOS) (PVD) (ORH)
VISIT US & BOOK ONLINE →
spartancarservice.com

SPARTAN Car Service
508-733-1356
FRANKLIN, MA

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER



Free quotes and appraisals
By appointment sales
Paying 80% of spot for silver coins

I Have Coins
Buying and selling coins
www.IHaveCoins.com

Rod
(781) 962-0329
Rod@ihavecoins.com
15 Main St. Franklin

November 6 - Monthly Veterans Coffee Social - 10 a.m. - Franklin Senior Center Café. Veterans are invited to join us for coffee, conversation and announcements.

November 10 - Marine Corps 249th Birthday

November 11 - Veterans' Day Luncheon - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Elks Lodge #2136 at 1077 Pond Street. Franklin Marine Veteran Patrick Doyle will be the featured speaker. Reservations are required. The event will be videotaped and shown on Franklin TV. Check their program guide for dates and times. THANK YOU to the Elks for sponsoring the annual luncheon. THANK YOU to all who have served in the U.S. Military! We are the Land of the Free because of the Brave!

November 11 - Veterans' Day - Is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice treaty which ended WWI and the day to thank military Veterans for their service and sacrifices.

November 21 - Veterans' Council Meeting - 7 p.m. at the Senior Center. All members of the Franklin community interested in Veterans' activities are welcome to join us!

- The next engraved brick installation on the Veterans Memorial Walkway is scheduled to coincide with Veterans' Day. Brick orders are now being accepted for the May 2025 installation.
- The Tune It Out guitar lessons program for Veterans meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Guitar experience is not needed, and we have guitars! Call the Veterans' Services office for details.
- Warrior Within Yoga classes for Veterans and First Responders are held on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. Call our office to register.

- Our office recently installed a new display in the Town Hall lobby to highlight Franklin's American Legion and VFW, and the great work their members do for Veterans and families in the community. Membership is open in both organizations. Check out the display the next time you're visiting the Town offices!
- Holiday cards for U.S. troops who are deployed are available to sign in the Senior Center lobby. Please show your support and appreciation for our military service members and let them know they are not alone during the holiday season!

To learn more about Veterans' Services, please visit our web page at: <https://www.franklinma.gov/veterans-services>.

Santa Foundation Giving Trees Offer Neighbors Simple Way to Help

By J.D. O'GARA

The Santa Foundation, each year, works with several generous community partners to help make the holidays special for those in Franklin and surrounding towns who are experiencing financial hardships. These partners provide the location of "Giving Trees," adorned with gift wish tags neighbors can take, fulfill and return to each location. These gifts will be distributed by the Santa Foundation. At press time, Giving Trees were scheduled to be placed at the following locations:

- Advanced Auto, 45 Pulaski Blvd. Bellingham
- Grove Street Auto, 79 Grove Street, Franklin
- James Breakfast & More, 850 Franklin St., Wrentham
- King Street Cafe, 390 King St., Franklin
- Middlesex Bank, 1000 Franklin Village Drive, Franklin
- Norfolk Credit Union, 194 Main St., Norfolk



The Santa Foundation's annual fundraiser at La Cantina Winery's new location in Franklin was a sold-out event this year. The organization had already received 400 requests for assistance by mid-October, according to its Facebook page. You can help by purchasing a "Giving Tree" gift at several locations around Franklin, or by donating at www.sfjoy.org. Photo used courtesy of The Santa Foundation.

- Postal Center, 279 E Central Street, Franklin
- Postal Center, 9 Medway Rd., Ste. C, Milford
- Postal Center, 14 Milliston Rd., Millis
- Salon Elan, Inc., 9 Summer St., Ste. 102, Franklin

In addition to the "Giving Tree" locations, although no trees are put up at the following locations, these community partners graciously collect and deliver gifts for The Santa Foundation:

- Franklin Police Department, 911 Panther Way, Franklin
- Medway Police Department, 315 Village St., Franklin
- Norfolk Fire Department, 117 Main St, Norfolk

The Santa Foundation recently held a successful annual fundraiser at La Cantina Winery in Franklin on September 20th, selling out tickets. The organization, which recently moved from its long time Joy Street location to



a new home at 275 Washington St., Unit 6, in Franklin, continues to sell calendars for an annual raffle. Each day in the month of November, a winner will be drawn to win the prize listed for that day on the calendar. If you would like to contribute and purchase this year's calendar raffle, visit www.sfjoy.org.

FINANCING AVAILABLE

- 12 Months
- No Interest
- No Payments
- Free Estimates
- Get Instant Estimate Online @ <https://robertevansjrinc.com/>

Or Call **508-877-3500**
Millis, MA 02054

Fully Licensed & Insured
CSL 056746
HIC 108807

5 STAR

OVER 30 YEARS OF BUSINESS
ROBERT EVANS JR
CONTRACTOR
ROOFING, SIDING, WINDOWS & MORE
EST. 1992

Lifetime Roof Guarantee

Get a FREE Upgrade to a

Lifetime Guarantee
Exp. November 30, 2024
Offers May Not be Combined

\$500 OFF

Full Roof Replacement

On 28 Square Feet or More

Exp. November 30, 2024 • Offers May Not be Combined

ROOFING • SIDING • WINDOWS

November Is Family Caregiver AND Alzheimer's Awareness Month

By J.D. O'GARA

According to the Alzheimer's Association of America (www.alz.org), November is National Caregiver Awareness Month, while the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (www.alzfdn.org) recognizes this month as Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disease, the most common cause of dementia, according to the Alzheimer's Association, while dementia is not a specific disease, but an overall term that describes a group of symptoms. One thing is certain, caregiving and Alzheimer's go hand-in-hand, and there are local supports for people struggling with the disease and those caring for them.

"Create Your Own Sunshine!" is the logo of Franklin Senior Center's Sunshine Club, a supportive day program for people with mild to moderate

dementia, cognitive decline or social isolation. Ariel Doggett, Program and Volunteer Coordinator, talked about the Sunshine Club at Franklin Senior Center.

"We're the only full day five-day program in the area – a social day program, not a medical model," Doggett explains. The supportive day program "provides respite for the caregiver, while the loved one is in a safe supportive, engaging program." Members of the Sunshine club make friends, because the routine, which includes games, music, and physical activity, becomes familiar to them.

"Overall, caregivers love it," says Doggett. "The program gives caregiver a break. They don't have to worry about their loved one from 9 – 3 during the day (Monday through Friday)." While participants come home happy, caregivers have had a respite to work, go grocery shop-

ping, or simply participate in daily activities they are unable to do while caring for their loved one.

"We're finding that a lot of family members are taking on the responsibilities of their aging parents," says Doggett, "Dementia numbers are skyrocketing, and they're finding a link between COVID and dementia." Also, says Doggett, with the cost of living so high, unless the loved one has long-term care insurance, caregivers are deciding to keep family members with diseases like Alzheimer's home longer to ensure they have enough funds to live the rest of their life in a facility when and if they do enter one. "More care is involved," says Doggett, who says the demographics of caregivers she sees are trending younger, "We're seeing people with parents at home and kids in school. Caregivers are burnt out ... it's exhausting."

Leona Montville, a retired nurse who works in Bellingham Senior Center's, 3-day Supportive Day Program, echoes what Doggett says. "I really think there's a definite need for this program. I know that there are a lot of people with family members in the home trying to keep them at home as long as they can. (Supportive Day) gives them a break, as most of them have some form of dementia. We give them a few hours to do what they need to do, and it is also an outlet for the family members, to have something different to do."

Caregiving itself takes a toll, and more Americans will be taking the stress on as the population ages.

According to an Urban Institute analysis of U.S. Census figures, the number of Americans ages 65 and older will double to 80 million in 2040, while number of adults ages 85+, those who need the most help with basic personal care, will have quadrupled from 2000 to 2040.

Although the median cost of full-time in-home care (\$5,200 a month) is less than nursing home care (\$9,034 a month) according to A Place for Mom's 2023 Cost of Long-Term Care and Senior Living report, that cost is difficult to bear for those without

10 Early Warning Signs & Symptoms of Alzheimer's & Dementia

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life.
- Challenges in planning or solving problems.
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks
- Confusion with time or place
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
- New problems with words in speaking or writing
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
- Decreased or poor judgment
- Withdrawal from work or social activities
- Changes in mood and personality

Source: Alzheimer's Association, see www.alz.org for further explanation of these warning signs.

long-term care insurance or a lot of assets. 82% of caregivers reported their physical, mental, and financial well-being is at risk, with a large majority putting their parents' needs above their own. The study found the average family caregiver is 50 years old; with 20% of caregivers over 65. A majority (61%) are women. Most (96%) of family caregivers feel emotionally drained from the day-to-day challenges of caregiving, and 75% who were employed prior to assuming the caregiver role said they have less time to focus on work or have had to quit their jobs altogether to provide care.

Bellingham's Supportive Day program is open 9 am - 3 pm, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Income-eligible clients may be able to attend our program with some assistance from Tri-Valley Elder Services, Inc. The program includes a continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Transportation is available at no additional cost to Bellingham residents. For out-of-town members, transportation is made on a case-by-case basis. For more information, please contact Marjorie Warnick, Supportive Day Program Coordinator, at (508)657-2711.

For information on Franklin Senior Center's Supportive Day program, call (508) 520-4945. The Franklin Senior Center also offers a Memory café on the third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. for those with memory loss and their caregivers. In ad-

dition, they offer an Alzheimer's Support Group for caregivers providing to their loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m., as well as a more general Caregiver Support Group that meets the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

For a good place to begin, caregivers in Massachusetts can check out the Family Caregiver Support Program (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/family-caregiver-support-program>) which connects non-paid caregivers or adult family members, age 18+ who care for individuals age 60+ or any individual living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia. The program pairs the caregiver with a Caregiver Specialist who provides information and other means of support to family caregivers, helping them create a customized plan.

For those on Medicaid, the Massachusetts Home Care Program (HCP)

<https://www.mass.gov/in-home-services> assists elderly persons to remain living at home or within the community. This program allows certain family members to be hired and paid as the personal care provider. Visit the website or contact Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs: 800-243-4636, or Massachusetts Age Info: 1-800-243-4636.

Book your Holiday Lashes now!
Appointments are going fast.

SERVICES OFFERED:

- Lash Extensions
- Lash Lifts
- Brown Laminations
- Tinting of Eyelashes & Brows

Call Felicia: **781-856-5271**
or Email: feesh59@yahoo.com

Gift Cards Available

Just Felicia
www.justfeliciawi.com

MORAN PLUMBING SOLUTIONS

FOR ALL YOUR PLUMBING NEEDS

CALL TODAY!
508-918-4648

Gerald Moran, Owner
License # PL36504-J
Insured

FREE ESTIMATES

COMPLETE BATHROOM REMODELING

FRANKLIN BATH & TILING

Gary - 508-528-7245
Jim - 508-294-1130

49th Annual Franklin Newcomers & Friends Craft Fair Nov. 9th



We're excited to announce that our 49th annual Craft Fair is set for Saturday, November 9th at Tri-County High School in Franklin. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are again back in our original location in the lobby, hallways and cafeteria. Tri-County High School is located at 147 Pond Street.

This popular and well-established juried craft fair features hand-crafted items from artists throughout New England. You'll find a great selection of items for your home, for gift-giving, specialty foods, and more. The entry fee is \$3 for people 12 years of age and older. The funds raised allow us to give back generously to the local community. We were able to donate \$6,000 from funds raised at last year's Craft Fair to 10 different organizations. In ad-

dition, we also accept donations for the Franklin Food Pantry at the entrance to the Craft Fair.

Volunteers Needed

If any High School students in our surrounding area need community service hours, reach out to us for information. We need volunteers to assist crafters before and after the craft fair with the set up and take down of their booths. Email us at franklincraftfair@gmail.com.

For more info, find us on Facebook and Meetup for club information and activities:

Franklin Newcomers & Friends Club. <https://www.facebook.com/FranklinNewcomersCraftFair/> <https://www.meetup.com/Franklin-Newcomers-Friends>

Attention Middle and High School Students:

Join Pantry Elves and Help Raise Funds for Franklin Food Pantry



The Franklin Food Pantry, which provides supplemental food and household necessities, invites middle and high school

students to volunteer for the Pantry Elves campaign!

Since 2005, hundreds of students have participated in this holiday-inspired campaign, which has evolved into one of The Pantry's largest fundraising events of the year. The annual campaign has been instrumental in raising funds to fight food insecurity during the holiday season and throughout the year.

This year, Pantry Elves will fundraise electronically from their friends and family members and will not canvass neighbor-

hoods. Donations, which will be used to purchase fresh produce, dairy, meats and proteins, and household necessities, will be sent directly to The Pantry.

Pantry Elves registration is open through December 2, 2024, and volunteers will receive 12 hours of community service. To register, visit www.franklinfoodpantry.org/get-involved/volunteer/pantryelves, or contact Jen Johnson, Development Associate Franklin Food Pantry, at jjohnson@franklinfoodpantry.org.



FREE: 100 gallons of home heating oil or propane*
FREE: \$100 Account credit towards your first tune-up or service plan*

Be Sure to Ask About our New Customer Program

Your neighbors have voted us GOLD MEDAL WINNERS!
 Call today to learn more about our services!

Give us a call today!
800-649-5949
info@medwayoilpropane.com

Happy THANKSGIVING

Fuels

- Heating Oil
- Propane
- Diesel
- Bagged Coal

Installations

- Oil & propane heating systems and water heaters
- Oil to propane conversions

MEDWAY

OIL & PROPANE

"Your Total Home Comfort Company"

Family owned and operated since 1954

Service

- Emergency service 24-7
- Oil & propane fired equipment

Programs

- Flexible pricing and budget programs
- Ask about our Veteran, Military, First Responders discount

*APPLIES TO WHOLE HOUSE HEAT CUSTOMERS ONLY. ASK FOR DETAILS. *New automatic delivery customers only. Offer ends the last day of the month.

Encore Students Achieve Gold

It is with great pride and excitement that Encore Music Academy and Recording Studios announces that Sunehri Verma, age 16, of Franklin, who is a voice and piano student of Lisa Ostrow, has won the National Gold Medal of Excellence with the Royal Conservatory of Music Certificate Program for Level 7 Voice for the 2023-2024 academic year! To achieve this, Sunehri attained the single highest score for her level of voice in the entire country during academic year 2023-2024 and, as a result, will perform at Carnegie Hall at the US National Celebration of Excellence this coming January, where she will be presented with her gold medal. This will be Sunehri's third appearance at Carnegie Hall.

Three Encore students have been awarded Regional Gold Medals of Excellence for academic year 2023-2024 with the

Royal Conservatory of Music Certificate Program. These students attained the single highest score for their level of voice in the region, which includes the following states: MA, RI, CT, ME, VT, NH, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, and WV.

Congratulations go out to:

- Alice Val, student of Lisa Ostrow, age 9 of Franklin, Preparatory Voice,
- Ananya Sharma, student of Lisa Ostrow, age 11 of Franklin, Level 1 Voice
- Rishita Phanse, student of Rebecca Abalutzk, age 17 of Mansfield, Level 6 Voice

In addition, we would like to extend special congratulations to the following students for having achieved the highest score in Massachusetts for academic year 2023-2024 on their instrument or voice:

- Anisha Vipul, student of Lisa Ostrow, age 10 of Hopkinton, Level 2 Voice
- AJ Trull, student of Rebecca Abalutzk, age 16 of Franklin, Level 4 Voice
- Patrick O'Toole, student of Joyce Harrington, age 17 of Franklin, Level 4 Saxophone

As a result of their tremendous achievements, our Regional Gold Medal winners will be performing at the annual Northeast Celebration of Excellence in New York City in January, 2025.

Our heartfelt congratulations go out to all the winners, their instructors, and families for all the hard work, dedication, support, and practice that it takes to attain such levels of success.



Sunehri Verma, age 16, of Franklin has won the National Gold Medal of Excellence with the Royal Conservatory of Music Certificate Program for Level 7 Voice for the 2023-2024 academic year.

4th Annual Trivia Extravaganza November 17, 2024

Presented by Independent Order of Odd Fellows William F. Ray Lodge No. 71

William F. Ray Lodge No. 71, Franklin, MA Chapter will be hosting our fourth annual TRIVIA event to raise funds to allow our lodge to continue the longstanding Odd Fellows tradition of giving back to the local community! The event will take place at the Bellingham Sportsman's Club, 360 Lake St., Bellingham, from 2-4:30 p.m. on November, 17, 2024. The event will consist of teams of up to 10 players. Cost is \$15 per person

with pre-registration and \$20 at the door, cash bar at event. Entries at the door will be integrated into whatever team has space remaining

Team and individual pre-registration is required!

There will be raffles with prizes available. There will be a cash prize for 1st place,

Pre-Registration/Payment Link

<https://form.jotform.com/242596749662170>



If you cannot attend but would like to donate to help us further our cause, please feel free to scan this QR code to donate via Venmo. (this will be through our Lodge's Treasurer, Greg Mullen)

We would like to give a special thanks to the Bellingham Sportsman Club for providing the venue for this event!



116 Main Street, Medway
(508) 533-6655

32 Hasting Street, Rte 16, Mendon
(508) 381-0249

43 Main Street, Hopkinton
(508) 625-8100

325 N. Main Street, Natick
(508) 647-0500

296 Washington Street, Westwood
(508) 533-6655

MUFFIN HOUSE CAFE

Now Open!
907 Main Street, Walpole

Breakfast and Lunch Sandwiches
Best Blueberry Muffins Since Jordan Marsh

Receive 10% off any cake
with this coupon
All our cakes are made from scratch on the premises
Expires 11-30-2024

FREE SMALL COFFEE
with a purchase of a muffin with this coupon
Expires 11-30-2024

Tri-County Regional Chamber to Host Black & White Night Fundraiser

The Tri-County Regional Chamber will host a fun night full of rock & roll, great food, an exciting auction during its major fundraiser, "Black & White

Night," on November 23, from 6-10 p.m. Dress attire is black and white. Go all out or keep it casual. Find out more at www.tricountychamberma.org.

Franklin Public Schools Shares Update on 2024-25 District Reorganization Plan

Superintendent Lucas Giguere wishes to share an update on Franklin Public Schools' 2024-25 District Reorganization Plan.

On Tuesday, Oct. 8, the Franklin School Committee voted unanimously to create a boundary line determining students' assignments to elementary schools. To increase equity across all schools, Franklin is developing a new boundary line, establishing two new school communities located in the north and south within reasonable proximity to the Town's school complex locations.

This Pre-K-to-8 reorganization, which will take effect for the 2025-26 school year, is based on the recommendation of the School Facilities and Educational Master Plan Report. This plan includes creating a central unified middle school, consolidating five elementary schools into four schools in two complexes (each K-2 & 3-5), one early childhood school (Pre-K), and anticipated expansion at the existing Pond Street building as part of a broader plan to establish a childcare center for staff,

etc. This will occur in phases over time.

The new boundary line promotes more equitable learning environments, balances class sizes, and optimizes the District's resources to meet enrollment needs. The Master Plan recommendations align with Franklin's long-term vision to provide the best educational experiences for every student in the District.

The reorganization is necessary due to declining enrollment over the last 20 years and the closure of Davis Thayer Elementary School in 2021. The Master Plan aims to provide learning environments that support high-quality educational experiences for all students, appropriate physical spaces to meet program and enrollment needs now and in the future, and phased implementation of short-, mid-, and long-term improvement strategies. Franklin Public Schools conducted a redistricting analysis in previous years, which served as a foundation for the decisions made in 2024.

This reorganization will



Three strategic recommendations to implement in SY2025-26. Attendance boundary and assignment of all students and staff during SY 2024-25

1. Unify 3 middle schools into 1 middle school
 - a. 6-8 student experience in same building
 - b. Located on Oak Street adjacent to the FHS site
 - c. ASMS and RMS location no longer used as middle schools
2. Unify 5 elementary schools into 4 elementary schools in 2 complexes
 - a. K-5 student experience in same complex
 - b. Washington Street: "South Elem", K-2 & 3-5
 - c. Lincoln Street: "North Elem", K-2 & 3-5
 - d. Kennedy, Oak, and Parmenter K-5s no longer used as elementary schools
3. Prepare for ECDC expansion at Pond Street location
 - a. Substantial increase number of children served
 - b. Approaching Universal Pre-K numbers
 - c. Explore revenue generating opportunities including childcare options to utilize space

allow Franklin to put students and staff in the District's most modernized facilities.

The new boundary line for 2025-26 will place 1,027 students in the north elementary zone and 904 students in the south zone, which provides sustainability and consideration for future population shifts.

"This reorganization provides incredible opportunities

for our community. This change is about more than just balancing enrollment numbers — it's about creating new opportunities for growth, collaboration, and learning," Superintendent Giguere said. "By adjusting our boundaries, we are fostering a more inclusive and diverse student body, allowing our children to expand their social networks and learn alongside peers from

different neighborhoods and backgrounds. This will also allow us to strategically invest in the facilities we already have in a fiscally responsible manner while ensuring that every student has access to a high-quality education and the resources they need to succeed."

Anyone with questions can email district-reorganization@franklin.net.

Woodforms

Fine Cherry Furniture

Made in Massachusetts

Come visit our FACTORY and FACTORY SHOWROOM!

131 Morse Street | Foxboro | 508-543-9417 | woodforms.net

Hours: Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Friday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. CLOSED Sunday

Ladybugs Honored at State House on 50th Anniversary of Bill Signing

In 1974, something was bugging the second graders at Kennedy Elementary School in Franklin. They were puzzled that among all the symbols in the Commonwealth, there was no state insect. Since ladybugs are considered good luck and protect plants from pests without being harmful to gardens, the children and their teacher considered the insect worthy of becoming the Bay State's official state bug.

These second graders swarmed the State House while wearing homemade ladybug costumes and visited lawmakers to make their case. After some heroic efforts by these pioneering students and their teacher, involving a petition, testimony before a legislative committee, and letters to legislators, the ladybug became the official state insect in 1974.

On Friday, October 4, 2024, the same ladybugs, along with family and friends, returned to the State House for a 50th Anniversary celebration and tour. Organized by State Representative Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin), the Ladybugs were also joined by the



Members of Franklin's 1974 second-grade Kennedy Elementary students returned to the statehouse on October 4th to commemorate their advocacy for the ladybug to be the state bug of the Commonwealth. They were joined by some family members of their 2nd grade teacher Ms. Palma Johnson, and the visit was organized by Rep. Jeff Roy. State House photo by James Gay

family of their teacher, the late Palma Johnson during the State House visit.

"Although five decades have passed since H.5155, An Act designating the Ladybug as the official bug of the Commonwealth, was signed into law, the passage of time has not diminished the importance of their

achievement and timeless inspirational story," said Representative Roy, "Their efforts and dedication in 1974 showed how anyone with a good idea can affect change. It was the ultimate civics lesson for these students, and we celebrate their accomplishment."

One of the students in the

class took that civics lesson to heart. Twenty years after the bill signing, Jim Vallee was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives where he served Franklin for 19 years.

Their historic accomplishment by the Franklin students is now part of the State House lore and is featured on its web-

site (<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/cis/ciskid/kidlbs/lbsidx.htm>) and celebrated in a booklet distributed in the building. The accomplishment was also featured several years ago on an episode of WCVB's "Chronicle." (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=weoanYKnVKM>).

First Universalist Society in Franklin November Events

Chestnut Street Revue Variety Show

November 9, 2024, 7 to 9:30 p.m., \$10/person and \$25/family, Bake Sale at Intermission

The First Universalist Society in Franklin (FUSF) is pleased to announce the return of The

Chestnut Street Revue. The FUSF Community prides itself on its musical and artistic talent. Don't miss this jam-packed evening of music, singing, dancing,

and more! Something for all families and the young at heart to enjoy. Delicious treats from the Bake Sale Table made by our expert bakers will be available during intermission along with the opportunity to win unique treasures. For tickets and information, please go to FUSE.org and click on "Upcoming Events."

Special Sunday Service: Re-grounding Ourselves: Sunday, November 17, 10 a.m.

Feeling slightly unmoored by the relentlessly divisive election season? Join us on Sunday, November 17, as the FUSF Worship Committee offers a lay-led

worship service of nature-based poetry and music to help all of us regroup and reconnect to the mystery and beauty of living in this world. We hope you will join us.

The First Universalist Society in Franklin is a Unitarian Universalist Welcoming Congregation located at 262 Chestnut Street, Franklin MA. For further information about FUSF and this event please explore our website at fusf.org or contact our Interim Minister, the Reverend Beverly Waring at (508) 528-5348 or minister@fusf.org.

The Norfolk Community Federal Credit Union
AUTO LOANS
 Our rates are low
NEW and USED is 5.99% APR

Call our office for more details (508) 528-3360
 Or go to our website www.norfolkcommunityfcu.org

NORFOLK COMMUNITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

(508) 528-3360
 18 Union Street, Suite 104
 Norfolk, MA 02056



Children’s Museum of Franklin Shares Renderings of Planned Home

The Children’s Museum of Franklin, planned as a regional children’s museum, recently shared renderings of its plans for its permanent location at 157 Cottage Street, in Franklin.

The museum is being funded through generous donations from individuals and organizations across the region.

To learn more or to donate, visit www.childrensmuseum-franklin.org.



PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Charles
BAILEY
for STATE
REPRESENTATIVE

- ✓ Veteran
- ✓ Fiscal Conservative
- ✓ Focused on the needs of Franklin & Medway and NOT the National Agenda
- ✓ Advocate for Public Safety and Public Health



<https://www.charlesbaileyforstaterep.com/>



REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
TENTH NORFOLK DISTRICT **Vote for ONE**

JEFFREY N. ROY ++++++ Democratic
15 Summer St., Franklin Candidate for Re-election

CHARLES F. BAILEY, III ++++++ Republican
715 Summer St., Franklin

 CharlesBaileyforStateRep@gmail.com

Paid for by Committee to Elect Charles Bailey

The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

b.LUXE is Celebrating with Special Holiday Offers, and Your Chance to Win a \$100 Spa Gift Card!

BY GINA WOELFEL

The holiday season is approaching, and there's excitement in the air at the b.LUXE Studio in Medway. We're thrilled to celebrate this festive time of year with you. Whether you're preparing for a holiday party, looking for the perfect gift, or just need a moment of pampering amid the holiday rush, we have something special to make this season even more memorable!

This year, from November 1st through December 23rd, we're thrilled to bring back some of our most popular holiday offers! It's the perfect time to treat someone special on your holiday shopping list or indulge yourself with a gift of beauty, relaxation, and self-care!

HOLIDAY GIVEAWAY!

For every gift card purchased in-store or online, from 11/1 to 12/23, your name will be entered to win a \$100 SPA GIFT CARD!

Holiday Gift Card Specials: The Perfect Gift for Everyone!

Finding the perfect gift just got easier! Our Holiday Gift Card Specials offer a variety of luxurious services that will make

anyone feel pampered. From hair treatments to spa facials, b.LUXE has you covered with incredible holiday packages:

* Scan QR Code for Full Details

- **Luxury Hair Gift Card Package** – For just \$100, you'll receive a hair gift card along with a complimentary LUXE add-on treatment, such as Hydrate, Detox, Shine, or Volume. Priced at \$130 in value, this package ensures a little extra shine and style for the season.
- **Spa Facial Package** – Relaxation at its finest! This client-favorite package features a b.LUXURY Facial, a complimentary lip rescue and under-eye collagen treatment, along with your choice of a robust scalp massage or Gua Sha lymphatic facial sculpt. Priced at \$195, it's an indulgent treat designed to refresh and rejuvenate.
- **Scalp Spa Package** – Treat your scalp and soul with this luxurious offer! It includes a scalp buff and treatment, a scalp & hand massage, a wash and deep conditioning treatment, a full blow-out, and a full bottle of b.LUXE BEFORE OIL to

Beauty is our Business!



SCAN FOR MORE INFO

take home. This complete pampering experience is specially priced at \$120.

- **Custom Gift Cards** – Let your loved ones choose their own luxury. From hair, spa, and facials to makeup, waxing, lash extensions, and spray tanning, our customizable gift cards are available in-studio or online for any amount.

Buy 3 Retail Products, Get 1 FREE!

'Tis the season to stock up and save! That's right! It's the promo you've been waiting for all year! BUY 3 GET 1 FREE— Looking to spread some holiday cheer? This offer is perfect for those who want to give the gift of beauty or replenish their own supplies. *Free products must be of equal or lesser value.



Celebrate the Season
with b.LUXE Hair & Makeup

Celebrate the Holidays in Style

At b.LUXE, we're so excited to share the joy of the holidays with you! We specialize in event hairstyling, special event makeup and spa services like tanning, brows and facials that will have you party-ready in no time! We're here to make sure you shine bright this holiday season.

Our clients are the heart of b.LUXE Hair and Makeup, and we're grateful to be part of your

holiday celebrations and gift-giving. With our vast range of beauty services and thoughtful gift packages, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Happy Holidays from all of us at b.LUXE!

For more information or to purchase gift cards, scan the QR code or visit us at bLUXE.com

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Sponsored articles are submitted by our advertisers. The advertiser is solely responsible for the content of this article.

RECYCLE THIS NEWSPAPER

Happy Thanksgiving!

COAN
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
Specialists in Home Comfort & Energy Conservation

Interested in a new heating system?
Ask about our preseason discounts!

HEATING • AIR CONDITIONING • HOT WATER • INDOOR AIR QUALITY
Heating Service Plans, Heating Install and Repairs & More!
Coan Bioheat® Fuel Delivery

With significantly reduced greenhouse gas emissions & lower carbon footprint, it's the most environmentally friendly heat fuel, and the safest.

196 West Central St., Natick • 508-653-5050 • 800-262-6462 • coanoil.com

children's museum of franklin
coming to 157 cottage st, franklin

As a 501(c)3 non-profit, we rely on donations to open our doors and bring inclusive education through play to the community.

You can be a part of this story. please donate today.

Sports

Emily Carens Taking Over Volleyball Team

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

With Head coach Samantha Redmond on maternity leave from the Franklin volleyball team, Emily Carens has continued to lead the Panthers on the verge of a tournament berth once again.

Last year under Redmond guidance Franklin went 16-2 during the regular season earning themselves a ten seed in the Division 1 State Volleyball Tournament. The Panthers would sweep Wachusett 3-0 before edging out both Newton South and number two seed Haverhill 3-2 advancing to the Final 4. Once in the Semi-Finals, the Panthers fell to Barnstable the number three seed and was sent back home from the Cape 3-0.

“Our goal coming into this year is to get back to the Final 4 and hopefully go further,” Carens said. “We’ve lost seven seniors from that team, so this is a resetting in a way. This year we are much different, but one that is capable of getting back there.”

The interim coach is looking for the girls to just go out and continue to grow each and every day, and if they stay focused on one team at a time, she believes that they will have success.

Thus far this year, Carens has continued to have success with Franklin as the girls are currently 9-3 at the time of this writing; looking for at least one more win to secure a position in the State Tournament once again. Within the Hockomock League, Franklin is 7-3 and ranked 7th in Division 1 with still another 8 games remaining in their regular season.

Although a relatively young team with room to grow, the Panthers have managed to spread out their three losses and are looking to stay focused to get back to the State Tournament.

Carens will be relying on her three seniors (Olivia Valante, Brooke Daniels and Faith Edgehille) to help the squad continue to play to their potential. Co-Captain Valante is a defensive specialist for the Panthers and along with her consistent serving she is also playing phenomenal back row defense.



Interim Volleyball Coach Emily Carens takes a steady and focused approach in strengthening and steering her team to win this year.

Daniels, the team’s setter, has been able to spread the ball around while moving the ball around the court. As the quarterback of the team, she is the one who is running the plays for Franklin while on the court. According to the coach, in addition to sharing the love, Daniels is one that can take her feedback and better herself to help the team.

Edgehille, the final senior, lines up in the libero position and brings the energy to the court. She is not only a leader, but also a hard worker who is extremely dedicated.

“I’ve known Faith since her freshman year on the JV team, and she is always looking to improve her game,” Carens said. “While her energy is unmatched, she just wants to go out on the court and help her team.”

The Coach noted that she feels extremely lucky to have three big leaders on the team that look to help in any way that they can.

“Their play helps to show the rest of the team that every point is the same win or lose,” Carens said. “If they continue to keep that energy up while minimizing our losses and not allowing mistakes to add up we will be ok.

That positive attitude, no matter what is happening on the court, is vital to being successful.”

Another captain, Makayla Kuykendall is a junior outside hitter for the squad and recently surpassed her 500th kill for the Panthers.

“It’s worthy of accomplishment and a big accomplishment for her,” the Coach said. “She’s getting the kills, but it’s her teammates who have helped her immensely get to this position by setting her up.”

Junior Olivia Alberti is another middle hitter for the team that brings positive energy to her game and along with Daniels have formed a connection over the years. The duo have been working together for the past three seasons and communicate well with one another on the court.

Two freshman who have stepped in to help the team to nine wins in their first 12 games are Charlotte Yeulenski and Emerson Delleo. According to the coach, both girls are a pleasure to coach – Yeulenski is a middle hitter that is willing to learn, while Delleo is an outside hitter who has had some powerful kills.

Over the years, Franklin usually only has had one freshman make the varsity team,

but having the two this year is something that the coach didn’t expect. However, she did say that the two freshman have definitely earned their spots on the team. Sophomore Gianna Laurello is a right-side hitter and was the only freshman to make the squad last fall, this year she returns with experience.

Although the Panthers still have some quality games on their schedule, Carens is looking for the team to keep winning and would love to capture the Hockomock League Championship while definitely getting back to the Division 1 Final 4.

“Mini goals each day will help us to improve. A loss isn’t necessarily a loss; it’s feedback to what we need to do to get better,” Carens said. “We have also added some top-notch teams like Newton South and Barnstable to our schedule to help us prepare for the playoffs. Playing teams like them will show us what we need to work on.”

Right now, the Panthers are working on keeping focused on each game one day at a time, and if they can do that, they should not only have a high seed in the tournament but should be able to give their fans a deep run to the Final 4 and beyond.

PROFESSIONAL TREE SERVICE

Shade Tree Pruning • Tree Removal
Ornamental Tree Pruning
Bucket Truck Service

Call the certified arborists at
Destito Tree Services for an evaluation.

The name you have trusted since 1984.
Massachusetts Certified Arborist - Fully Insured

FAMILY
OWNED AND
OPERATED

DESTITO
TREE SERVICES
Quality Tree Care

Nicholas Destito
781-551-0266
508-699-4532

www.destitotreeservices.com

Living Healthy

Glaucoma Treatment: iDose TR

Commonly Asked Questions

BY: ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.
MILFORD FRANKLIN EYE CENTER

Glaucoma is a condition that can damage our field of vision. It occurs when the pressure inside the eye is higher than what the eye can tolerate. Glaucoma is treatable with drops aimed at lowering eye pressure, but many patients find it challenging to use these drops consistently due to irritation, side effects, or simply forgetting. In these cases, iDose TR, a new sustained-release implant, can offer an innovative solution for managing intraocular pressure without the need for daily eye drops.

What is iDose TR?

iDose TR is an FDA-approved prescription medication and drug delivery system for patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension. The implant contains travoprost, a prostaglandin analog that has long

been used in eye drops to lower intraocular pressure by increasing the outflow of fluid from the eye. However, unlike traditional drops, iDose TR is gently implanted directly inside the eye, where it releases the drug slowly over time, reducing the need for frequent applications.

How does iDose TR work?

iDose TR delivers a sustained release of travoprost, which helps reduce and maintain healthy eye pressure levels. The tiny implant is placed in the eye's trabecular meshwork during a minimally invasive procedure performed under local anesthesia at our state-of-the-art surgery center. Once in place, iDose TR continuously delivers the medication for an extended period, reducing the need for daily drops while effectively managing eye pressure.

The implant does not need to be removed, as it is designed

to remain in the eye for many months. In some cases, patients may benefit from the iDose TR implant for up to a year or longer before a replacement is needed.

Benefits of iDose TR

iDose TR offers several key advantages over traditional glaucoma treatments:

- **Long-lasting effect:** Reduces the need for frequent eye drops, improving adherence and convenience.
- **Minimally invasive:** The implant is inserted via a simple surgical procedure, often performed under local anesthesia.
- **Reduced side effects:** May result in fewer side effects, such as redness, irritation, and blurry vision, compared to traditional eye drops.
- **Improved quality of life:** By eliminating the need for daily drops, iDose TR enhances patient comfort and convenience.

Who is a candidate for iDose TR?

iDose TR is approved for patients with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension. However, not every patient is an ideal candidate. Contraindications include:

- Infection or suspected infection in the eye or surrounding area
- Corneal endothelial cell dystrophy or prior corneal transplant
- Narrow angles, where the iris and cornea are too close together
- Allergies to any of the ingredients in the implant

If you meet the criteria, iDose TR may be a great option to help manage your glaucoma and reduce the need for daily eye drops.

Risks of iDose TR

Like any medical treatment, iDose TR comes with some potential risks. While generally well-tolerated, clinical trials have shown the following possible side effects:

- Increased eye pressure
- Eye pain, irritation, or redness
- Inflammation of the iris (iritis)
- Dislocation of the implant (rare)
- Macular edema, a swelling of the retina
- Possible permanent brown pigmentation of the iris

It's important to discuss any concerns with your ophthalmologist to determine if iDose TR is right for you.

Alternatives to iDose TR

There are several other effective treatments for open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension. These include:

- **Eye Drops:** Prostaglandin analogs (like latanoprost), beta-blockers (timolol), alpha-2 agonists (brimonidine), and carbonic anhydrase inhibitors (dorzolamide) are common options.
- **Laser Surgery:** Selective laser trabeculoplasty (SLT) and cyclophotocoagulation are minimally invasive procedures to improve fluid drainage or reduce fluid production.



- **Surgical Implants:** Devices such as the Ahmed glaucoma valve and Ex-PRESS glaucoma implant help drain excess fluid from the eye.

Each treatment has its own set of benefits and risks, and the choice depends on the severity of glaucoma, overall health, and patient preferences. Discuss your options with your ophthalmologist to determine the most appropriate treatment.

Is iDose TR for me?

If you've found daily eye drops challenging, or if they haven't effectively controlled your glaucoma, iDose TR might be the solution you're looking for. It offers long-lasting pressure control, fewer side effects, and greater convenience, allowing you to focus on living your life without the constant worry of administering drops.

The iDose TR implant helps reduce the burden of daily drops, improving patient compliance and quality of life. At Milford Franklin Eye Center, we are committed to offering the latest advancements in glaucoma care, including iDose TR. We are proud to have performed one of the first iDose TR procedures in New England at our Cataract and Surgery Center of Milford. As a leader in advanced eye care technology, we are thrilled to be among the pioneers of this groundbreaking treatment. Our surgery and surgeon were featured in a segment broadcasted on Channel 5 TV. We are available for second opinions and dedicated to providing world-class outcomes. Here's to pushing the boundaries of eye care!

For more details, see our ad on this page.

Sponsored articles are submitted by our advertisers. The advertiser is solely responsible for the content of this article.

Optical Shop On-Site



MILFORD - FRANKLIN
EYE CENTER

Saturday & After Hours Available

WORLD-CLASS SURGICAL FACILITY - NO OR FEE CHARGE

ANESTHESIOLOGISTS ARE PRESENT FOR ALL SURGERIES

NOW ACCEPTING VSP VISION INSURANCE

NEW PATIENTS RECEIVE A FREE PAIR OF SELECT GLASSES



Roger M. Kaldawy, M.D.



Jorge G. Arroyo, M.D.



Dan Liu, M.D.



Michael R. Adams, O.D.



Shalin Zia, O.D.



Donald L. Conn, O.D.



Dr. Purvi Patel, O.D.

SMILEFORVISION.COM

FRANKLIN OFFICE
750 Union St.
508-528-3344

MILFORD OFFICE
160 South Main St.
508-473-7939

MILLIS OFFICE
730 Main St.
508-528-3344

SURGERY CENTER MILFORD
145 West St.
508-381-6040

BFCCPS Accepting Applications for 2025-2026 School Year

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School (BFCCPS), located in Franklin, Massachusetts, has begun accepting applications for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. BFCCPS is a regional public charter school for students in Kindergarten through Grade Eight. This year BFCCPS celebrates its 30th year of operation. The school was founded in 1995 and is one of the oldest and most successful charter schools in the state of Massachusetts.

Siblings of currently enrolled students will have priority enrollment status; thereafter applicants from communities in the school's district will have a chance at securing a spot for their child through the annual enrollment lottery to be held on February 24, 2025. Applicants from outside of the region (who reside within the state of Massachusetts) will be eligible for enrollment should additional spaces remain after all sibling and regional applicants have been placed.

For the 2025-2026 school year, 100 spaces will be offered for Kindergarten and students at all other grade levels will receive a waiting list number. Offers for Grades One through Eight would be contingent upon currently enrolled students electing not to return next year.

The school provides a well-



rounded, rigorous academic program designed to educate the whole child providing courses in art, music, languages, technology, and physical education. In addition to our core academic and co-curricular classes, students in Grade Six through Eight participate in weekly Classical Enrichment Courses and start Latin

studies in Grade Six. Middle schoolers are also eligible to participate in our Spring Musical. Students in Grades 5-8 also have the opportunity to participate in overnight field trips each spring.

Round trip bus transportation is available with bus stops currently in Bellingham, Blackstone, Franklin, Norfolk, Mendon,



Medway, Milford, Millis, Norfolk, and Wrentham.

BFCCPS alumni continue to excel during their attendance at local public high schools as well as independent high schools.

Please visit the school's website at www.bfccps.org for enrollment details, including applications. Enrollment information sessions and building tours will be held on January 11th and February 8 from 10am to noon. Please note that the enrollment period will come to a close on February 14, 2025 at 4 p.m.

To learn more about the educational mission of the school or for enrollment related questions, please contact the school's Communication Coordinator, Joanne

Basile at jbasile@bfccps.org or (508) 541-3434 x104.

About the Benjamin Franklin Charter School

The Benjamin Franklin Classical Charter Public School's mission is to assist parents in their role as primary educators of their children by providing students with a classical academic education coupled with sound character development and community service. Our mission is supported by four distinct, yet interconnected pillars that provide for a collaborative, rigorous education for all students. These pillars guide, direct and define the school in all it does.

Metrowest Boston Visitors Bureau Announces Grant Program

The MetroWest Boston Visitors Bureau (MBVB), located in Framingham, announced that their annual mini grant program is now accepting applications. Designed for marketing and advertising projects that will promote tourism in MetroWest, grants from \$1,000 to \$10,000 each are available. The MBVB will consider applications for projects devoted to marketing a MetroWest event, attraction, restaurant, shop, or cultural or recreational offering. The applicant does not need to be a 501(c)3 charitable organization, but must be based in one of the 19 towns that comprise MetroWest or be devoted to attracting potential visitors to those 19 towns.

Eligible projects include brochures and other printed collat-

eral; print, TV, radio, outdoor or online advertising; and websites. Advertising in the Bureau's co-op advertising program is also eligible. The marketing project must be targeted, at least partially, at potential visitors who live more than 50 miles from the event or business location. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for 25% of their campaign, up to \$10,000. For-profit businesses are eligible to apply for 10% of their campaign, also up to \$10,000. Grant applications can be submitted at www.bit.ly/FY25mini-grant and will be reviewed on a rolling basis from now until December 1. Awarded grant funds must be spent prior to June 30, 2025.

For questions, or to discuss your project idea prior to sub-

mitting an application, please contact MBVB Executive Director Stacey David at sdavid@metrowestvisitors.org.





**RECENTLY INFECTED OR
VACCINATED AGAINST
COVID-19?**

You may qualify to enroll in our blood collections and receive up to

\$1500 annually.

Your blood donations will help us in the fight against new and emerging infectious diseases.

DONORS MAY QUALIFY IF THEY:

- Are currently or recently infected with COVID-19
- Recently received the COVID-19 vaccination
- Have **never** been vaccinated or infected with COVID-19

[www.mrndx.com/
clinicalcollections](http://www.mrndx.com/clinicalcollections)

(508) 384 0033

101 Constitution Blvd. Franklin, MA




Medical Research Network, LLC

Scan and take our "Get Qualified" survey to enroll

Milford Regional, UMass Memorial Health Formalize Affiliation

As of October 1st, UMass Memorial Health (UMMH) announced, Milford Regional Medical Center, inclusive of Milford Regional Physician Group and its employees, are now formally part of the UMMH system. Milford Regional Medical Center's name is now officially UMass Memorial Health – Milford Regional Medical Center.

“We welcome Milford Regional caregivers to the UMass Memorial Health family and look forward to supporting Milford Regional as it advances its commitment to providing exceptional healthcare services to the greater Milford community,” said Eric Dickson, MD, President and CEO of UMass Memorial Health.

UMass Memorial welcomes approximately 2,500 Milford Regional employees and providers, which grows the system to more than 20,000 caregivers. Ed Kelly, President of Milford Regional, will continue his role and will join UMass Memorial Health's senior leadership team.

Some positive benefits offered by this new affiliation are:

- Preserving Milford Regional Medical Center as an acute care hospital offering inpatient and outpatient services;
- Supporting strategic capital investment in facilities, equipment and other infrastructure to support clinical care and the local community;

• Future integration of Milford Regional into the Epic electronic medical record system;

• Maintaining Milford Regional's role as an employer of choice in the local/regional market, and enhancing Milford Regional's ability to address workforce challenges; and

• Retaining a local community board of trustees, with Milford Regional having representation on the UMass Memorial parent board.

“Since first clinically partnering more than thirty years ago, our two organizations have

realized much success through multiple points of patient-centered collaboration. Taking our longstanding partnership with Milford Regional to this next level allows UMass Memorial Health to meaningfully expand our continued work to provide high-quality, accessible, and affordable care to the communities of Central Massachusetts,” Dickson added.

“This is the right time and UMass Memorial Health is the right partner to pave the path for our promising future,” said Kelly, who explained further that UMMH and Milford Regional began their collaboration in 1991 when Milford Regional Medical Center became the first

hospital to clinically affiliate with UMass Memorial Medical Center. “Since then, many additional clinical and educational programs have been created with UMMH to bolster the level of care offered to the greater Milford community ...”

The affiliation will preserve Milford Regional's existing clinical relationships with other academic medical centers, says Kelly.

To learn more about the corporate affiliation between UMass Memorial Health and Milford Regional, visit <https://www.milfordregional.org/about-us/umass-memorial-health-affiliation/>.

*For rates and info on advertising your business,
please call Jen at 508-570-6544 or email: jenschofield@locaaltownpages.com*

Political Advertisement

FRANCIS T. CRIMMINS, JR.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

- ✓ Former Trial Court Justice
- ✓ 40+ Years of Legal Experience
- ✓ Public Servant

www.electcrimmins.com

Early Voting: October 19
General Election: November 5

Let's Restore Trust in Our Judicial System!



COUNCILLOR
SECOND DISTRICT

Vote for ONE

FRANCIS T. CRIMMINS, JR. 271 Plain Dr., Stoughton
Former Trial Court Justice, Selectman, Moderator

Paid by CTE Francis T. Crimmins, Jr. - 247 Washington St #2, Stoughton, MA 02072

SAFE Coalition to Present Program November 7th

On November 7, SAFE will present a screening of Lisa Olivieri's documentary, Recovery City at the SAFE Office, 31 Hayward St, Franklin. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the film screening will take place at 6:30 p.m., followed by discussion with Olivieri and the four women featured in the film who share their substance use recovery journeys.

Recovery City is an intimate, unflinching portrait of four women refusing to let themselves or their community give in to the stigma and despair of addiction. Set in Worcester, MA, the film follows the lives of women reflecting different facets of addiction and recovery.

Ribbons for Recovery art installation also on display at this event! Presented by FIRST Steps Together (<https://capecodchildrensplace.com/family-support/first-steps-together/>) with the Cape Cod Children's Place (<https://capecodchildrensplace.com/>), Ribbons for Recovery



uses material art to reveal the many paths taken toward recovery and the effort it takes to continue the journey.

Registration required and seating is limited: www.tinyurl.com/saferc

Upcoming SAFE Narcan Training, Events, Programs

Nov. 1 & Dec. 2

Free community Narcan trainings.

- Norfolk Public Library, 9–10 a.m.
- Medway Public Library, 10:30–11 a.m.
- Wrentham Public Library, 11:30 a.m.–noon

SAFE can also schedule 1-on-1 Narcan trainings or bring training to your organization/group. Email info@safecoalitionma.org to schedule.

Nov. 7

6:30 p.m. at SAFE: Recovery City documentary screening and Q&A. Registration required: www.tinyurl.com/saferc

- Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for viewing of Ribbons of Recovery art installation. Presented by FIRST Steps Together with the Cape Cod

Children's Place, Ribbons for Recovery uses material art to reveal the many paths taken toward recovery and the effort it takes to continue the journey.

- 6:30 p.m. Screening of Recovery City
- 8:15 p.m. Q&A with director Lisa Olivieri and the four women featured in the film.

Nov. 12

6–7 p.m. Diaper drive hosted by Girl Scout Daisy Troop #63341 at SAFE (31 Hayward St., Suite 2C, in Franklin). Help troop #63341 earn their Considerate and Caring badge by donating to SAFE's diaper bank, which provides diapers to those in need.

SAFE

continued on page 25

HOSPITALITY & CHARM LIVE HERE.

While hospitality and charm seem hard to find in some parts, you'll experience them every day at The Enclave of Franklin Senior Living. Let our team take care of the daily chores while you enjoy engaging activities, social events, and more opportunities for fun and fulfillment. Best of all, you can sit down to a chef-prepared meal that'll remind you of how charming life is in New England.



THE ENCLAVE

— OF FRANKLIN —

Experience a superior level of hospitality and attention to detail that some have all but forgotten. Call (774) 291-5890 to schedule your personal visit.



Franklin Art Association to Feature Jerry Aissis November 6th

The Franklin Art Association invites the public to our Wednesday, November 6 meeting. We will warmly greet Guest Demo-Artist, Jerry Aissis, our fine-art painter for this month's public demonstration. He will be giving a water-based media event. Our free to the public meetings are

held at the Franklin Senior Center at 6:30 p.m.

Jerry Aissis works on an art-related activity or a painting every day. He studied with Al Albrekston at the RI Watercolor Society where Jerry is now a watercolor instructor. His work is shown at the gallery at Patriot's Place, Foxboro. He enjoys painting landscapes and seascapes in a loose approach, avoiding too much detail. Bright, bold colors are his passion. He feels his work can be recognized because of his love of bright colorings. He wants to be inspirational, saying, "There is inspiration all around you. Never stop looking. Never stop."

Jerry's work can be seen at, <https://www.artpal.com/jerryaissis>.

FAA welcomes the public to attend. Refreshments are served at the break.

There will be an ongoing sale of raffle tickets for our art raffle



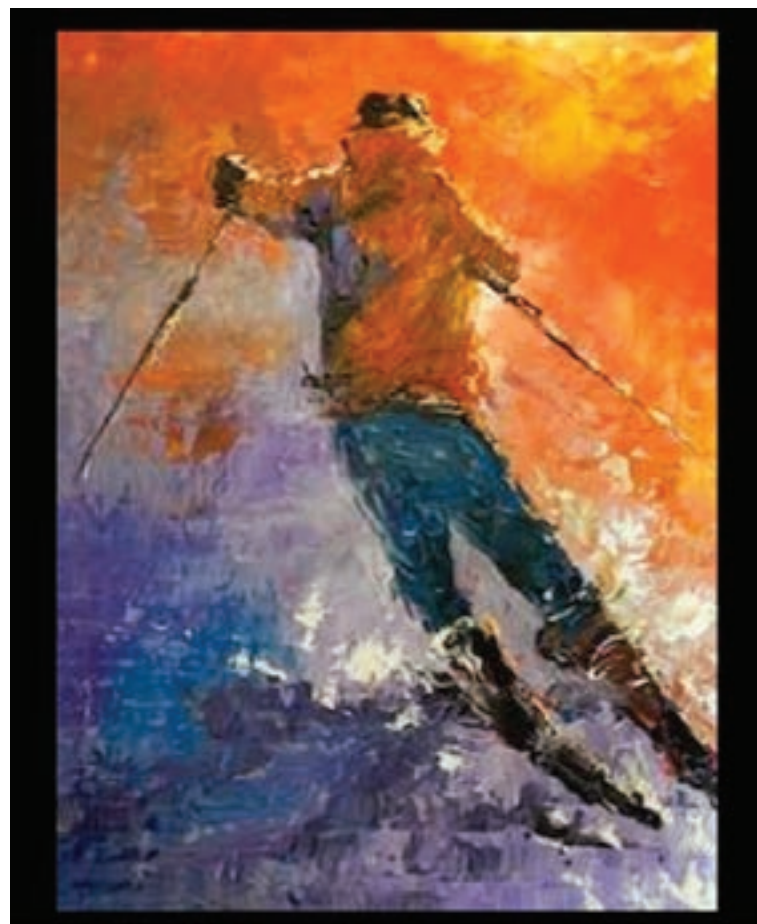
Curious Koi, Jerry Aissis, watercolor

to raise money for our annual art scholarship which goes to a student choosing to continue their education in the study of the arts. Members are requested to donate work. Please come by to see the wonderful creativity of local artists and support our scholarship fund.

The FAA is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Franklin Cultural Council, Franklin Cultural District and www.franklinart.org. And we can be viewed on Franklin Matters, Facebook and Instagram.



Signs of Spring, Jerry Aissis, watercolor



"Red Snow," Jerry Aissis

Norfolk County Sheriff Partners with Coats for Kids & Families

Quincy/Dedham, MA – Sheriff Patrick W. McDermott has announced the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is partnering with Coats for Kids & Families to help thousands of people who may not have ac-

cess to winter coats as the colder weather starts to settle in.

"With the chill in the air, we are all digging through closets for that perfect coat to keep us warm," said Sheriff McDermott. "As you find yourself searching,

please consider donating any children's or adult winter coats you no longer need... We will have collections bins in the lobbies of our Correctional Facility in Dedham and our Civil Process office in Quincy ... through Fri-



day, November 8th."

Drop-offs at the Dedham facility will be accepted 7 days a week through Nov. 8th between 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. The Dedham facility is located at 200 West Street, Dedham, MA. Drop-offs at the Quincy Civil Service Office will be accepted Monday-Friday from Friday, October 11th through Friday, November 8th between 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The Civil Service Office is located at 1255 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA.

The coats will be professionally cleaned by Anton's Cleaners and given to local nonprofits, social service agencies, and schools

for distribution in Norfolk County and beyond.

Coats for Kids & Families has collected, cleaned, and distributed 1,810,839 free coats at more than 70 collection locations and events since the program began in 1995



Edward Jones

> edwardjones.com
Member SIPC

What does market volatility mean for you?

We offer in-person guidance.



Kevin L Johnson
Financial Advisor
205 E Central St Suite 10
Franklin, MA 02038
508-346-3750

Community Invited to Create “A-Wreath-of-Franklin”

Join us for A-Wreath-of-Franklin, a festive community celebration! Local artists, schools, and community members are invited to create their own wreaths! These beautiful wreaths will be paired with local businesses throughout the downtown area. Each display will include a QR code for community members to vote for their favorite wreath. On December 7th, (time tbd), enjoy a “Sip, Shop, Stroll & Roll” event, where you can vote, partake in festive activities, and support Franklin’s local businesses. Don’t miss the fun!



SIGN UP to participate here! at <https://form.jotform.com/242634718318056> ! Deadline for participation form to be filled is Friday, November 22nd.

A-Wreath-of-Franklin Stories of the Season Join the collaborative efforts of the Franklin Cultural Council, Franklin Cultural District, Businesses of Franklin, and the Department of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy for the inaugural wreath display program, “A-Wreath-of-Franklin,” celebrating the rich traditions of the town of Franklin.

For this community celebration, we see wreaths as a beautiful symbol of the care and connec-

tion that binds us together. Their unbroken circular shape reminds us of the continuous cycle of giving and supporting one another through every season. Just as each wreath is carefully crafted, our traditions and acts of kindness weave together to create a stronger, more united community. We invite you, our Franklin community to participate by decorating a wreath reflecting

what you believe, “Stories of the Season” means to you!

Once the wreaths have been created our volunteers will match the wreath with a local business located in the Downtown/Cultural District area. Wreaths will be placed in windows, and with QR code signs enabling our community to vote for their ‘fan favorite!’ Example of the voting platform here: <https://form.jotform.com/242465376017155>



Are you a local business interested in hosting a community wreath? Fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/AWreathof-Franklin>

Any local businesses not located in the area, but would like to participate? We can loop you into the festivities through the reboot of the Franklin First Gift Card! Franklin First Gift Card -Visit <https://franklingiftcard.com/> to Give the gift of local business with a Franklin Gift Card! A great way to support our local economy, while providing the flexibility of use! The Think Franklin First Gift Card will be accepted at a wide variety of local businesses, shops, and venues! Makes the perfect gift, all while keeping it local! #Think-FranklinFirst

How are we ‘rebooting’ the Franklin Gift Card Program that is currently in practice? We’re launching an ‘awareness’ marketing campaign and engaging with

local businesses through the ‘A-Wreath-Of-Franklin’ program.

Program Links shared below: Use this QR Code to Review our updated community marketing plan for the Think Franklin First Gift Cards and ‘A-Wreath-of-Franklin’ programs.

Have questions? Please reach out to Cory Shea, Director of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy.

Thank you to our Community Partners: The Franklin Cultural Council, the Franklin Cultural District Committee and the Downtown Franklin Partnership.



SAFE

continued from page 23

Dec. 3

Save the date! Giving Tuesday is Dec. 3. SAFE’s free support groups, youth preventative and diversion programming, 1-on-1 support, public presentations, and more are 100% donation and grant funded. Donate to SAFE on Giving Tuesday to show your support and help sustain and expand these community resources. Donate by sending a text with the message Give2SAFE to 50155 or visit www.safecoalitionma.org/donate

Weekly Support Groups and Programming.

Visit www.safecoalitionma.org or email info@safecoalitionma.org for more info.

- Mondays, 7–8 p.m., The Ripple Effect, sibling support group, online
- Tuesdays, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Families Anonymous, at SAFE & online

- 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 p.m., Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, at Bernon Branch YMCA & online
- Fridays, 8:30 a.m.–noon, SAFE Café, a time for anyone to stop by SAFE for community, support, and resources; at SAFE.
- Saturdays, 8:30–10 a.m., Trauma-informed yoga, at SAFE. Registration required: www.tinyurl.com/safeyogareg

Youth Programs

Visit www.safecoalitionma.org or email info@safecoalitionma.org to refer a teen.

- Tuesday–Thursday, Up in Smoke, weekly 3-day substance use diversion program
- Wednesdays, WhyTry, substance use prevention program

WOODSTOCK BUILDING ASSOCIATES, LLC

The Leader in Design-Build

WOODSTOCK, CT
3 Route 171, Suite 1
860-928-0897



FRANKLIN, MA
15 Main Street, Suite 11A
508-570-4853

Residential Carpenter to join the team in Franklin, MA!

If you want to work in a supportive team environment and collaborate on some amazing residential projects, then you should join the Woodstock Building Associates team. Our company is focused on continuously improving our processes and elevating our business. Our mission is to have a positive sustainable impact in the communities we build in. We are a residential design-build firm that is 21 members strong, a family focused organization, passionate about our mutual success, and looking to create happy clients.

Learn more here: wbahomes.com

Emails at: careers@wbahomes.com



35A Home Improvement Contractor #119015 - MA Construction Supervisor #111269 - CT Home Improvement Contractor #545903 - CT New Home Construction Contractor #160

REMODEL - NEW CONSTRUCTION - KITCHENS & BATHS - ADDITIONS

College-Prep: To-Do List for High School Juniors

Junior year in high school sneaks up on families quickly. Students are now at the halfway point and in less than 2 years, many students will be heading off on a new adventure - college! Junior year is a critical time to put a college prep plan in place. Creating a timeline now, versus waiting until senior year, will definitely alleviate some of the college stress, and will set your student up for a successful college admissions experience their senior year.

Robert D. McCaig, Monmouth University Vice President for Enrollment Management, sums it up perfectly when he said, "The most important thing students should do when applying to college is pace themselves and prioritize. Starting early certainly helps students with the pacing, and knowing when to put time into SAT prep versus studying for an exam versus visiting another college, for instance, is an important part of prioritizing."

@Students: Here are some helpful tips to get you moving in the right direction this fall:

1. GPA and course rigor are the 2 most important factors when an application is reviewed - without question. Make studies a top priority. Other factors like leadership roles, activities, strong test scores, and athletic prowess are secondary considerations. They will help- but you still need good grades!
2. Course selection is important. Colleges like to see growth in a student's transcript. If you have 2 years of A's in College Prep Math - think about taking Honor's Math the following semester or year. A good question to ask- "How much can I push myself without being shoved."
3. If your grades start to slide, don't wait until you are drowning. Immediately meet with your teacher or tutor and ask what can be done to help. Asking for help is not a sign of failure - but of strength.
4. Visit your guidance counselor early junior year - they are there to help and have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Inquire into what college platform your high school uses, like Naviance or Scoir - excellent resource throughout the college process.
5. Plan early for standardized testing. Consider your school and activity schedule, and plan to prep and take the exam when you have the most time. Prep for 8 weeks prior to the exam.
6. Start building an activity resume and update it throughout the year. Make a list with your activities, accomplishments and work experience with a short description. It's never too late to begin an activity or join an organization. Colleges are looking to build a well-rounded class with students that show depth and commitment in a few activities that interest them. My advice: Do what you love and create an impact.



Maryline Michel Kulewicz and Tracy Sullivan of College 101 Admissions Consultants

7. Begin visiting colleges as early as possible. Tour local colleges first, even if you may want to attend college out-of-state. It will help determine college criteria that are important to you before you visit out-of-state campuses- save time and money. A few factors to consider: rural, urban, or a suburban setting; small or large student body; public or private school; major or interest.
9. As a family, determine if you need assistance from an outside source. Independent Educational Consultants (IEC) have broad experience in navigating the many aspects of the college admissions process. Some consultants offer comprehensive packages beginning sophomore and junior years as well as hourly work for specific pieces of the application process.

Good luck and enjoy the journey!

College 101 Admissions Consultants LLC. Website: www.mycollege101.com. Email: tracy@mycollege101.com. Phone: (508) 380-3845.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Sponsored articles are submitted by our advertisers. The advertiser is solely responsible for the content of this article.

Introducing



TRIM™

The Rate Improver Mortgage



Get a great
30-year fixed-rate
MORTGAGE
NOW, and if rates
drop, **JUST TRIM™**
IT LATER...

with
NO FEE!

msic.website/TRIM-it
TRIM@msic.org

Participating credit unions
are NMLS Approved Lenders
and Equal Housing Lenders



**Are you looking for a job with school hours
and the school schedule?
We have the job for you!**

The Medfield Foodservice Department is now hiring! Substitute worker positions available with flexible hours, as well as full time, benefited positions.

**For more information please contact:
Caitlin Fahy at cfahy@email.medfield.net
or 508-242-8897**

Calendar

November 2

CINEMA 80, Silent Films at Franklin Historical Museum: City Lights featuring Charlie Chaplin, 6 p.m., Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central St., Franklin

Copley Cats Acapella Concert, 3 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin
Bellingham Senior Center Craft Fair, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Bellingham Senior Center, 40 Blackstone St., Bellingham

November 3

As Goes Franklin, a look at Franklin's voting habits over the last 140 years, 1:15 p.m., Franklin Historical Museum, 80 W. Central St., Franklin, with local history educator, Jayson Joyce. Free.

November 5

Presidential Election, 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. polls open at Franklin High School Gymnasium, 218 Oak St., Franklin

November 6

Franklin Art Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, features Jerry Aissis, fine-art painter for demonstration on water-based.

Annual Taste of Bellingham and Food Drive, 6-8 p.m., Bellingham Senior Center, 40 Blackstone St., Bellingham, www.bellinghambusinessassociation.org

November 7

Film screening, Recovery City by Lisa Olivieri, SAFE Coalition Office, 31 Hayward St, Franklin. Doors open 5:30 p.m., film screening at 6:30 p.m., followed by Q & A with Olivieri and the four women featured in the film who share their substance use recovery journeys. Ribbons for Recovery art installation will be on display.

Knife Skills with Chef Tom, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

November 9

Franklin Newcomers 49th Annual Craft Fair, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School, 147 Pond St., Franklin, \$3 entrance for 12+ with funds going to community charities, juried craft fair, also accepting donations for Franklin Food Pantry at door

CINEMA 80, Silent Films at Franklin Historical Museum: The Big Parade, 6 p.m., Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central St., Franklin

First Universalist Society of Franklin Chestnut St. Review Variety Show, 7-9:30 p.m., First Universalist Society, Franklin, 262 Chestnut Street, Franklin, FUSE.org and click on "Upcoming Events."

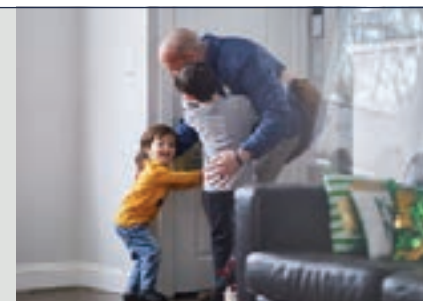
November 10

Second Sunday Speaker Series: The Story of the Boston Floating Hospital, 1 p.m. doors

Hiring all techs, all trades!

- FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
- TECH SUPPORT
- MODERN TRUCKS
- EXPERIENCE & GROWTH

Extensive Benefit Package including health and 401k plans



PLUMBING • HEATING • A/C • ELECTRIC • REMODELING



Enjoy your career!

To learn more, scan the code or visit Rodenhiser.com/Careers



Master Plumber: #10961 | Corporate Plumbing: #2288 | Master Electrician: #21982A
 Master Sheet Metal (Unrestricted): #5867 | Corporate Sheet Metal: #641
 Home Improvement Contractor: #188806

open, presentation 1:15 p.m., Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central St., Franklin, with Franklin's own John Kulig, MD MPH, Professor of Pediatrics Emeritus at Tufts University School of Medicine, free

November 15

Franklin Library Book Sale, 1-5 p.m. Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

November 16

Franklin Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-noon, Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin
Diwali Celebration! 1 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin, family program includes diya painting, dancing, kids' activities, henna and a photo booth

November 17

"Third Sunday" Music at the Museum: Greenwich Bay Brass, doors open 1 p.m., presenta-

tion 1:15 p.m., Franklin Historical Museum, 80 West Central St., Franklin, free

Franklin Oddfellows Trivia Extravaganza, 2-4:30 p.m., Bellingham Sportsman's Club, 360 Lake St., Bellingham, \$15 pre-registration, \$20 at door, <https://form.jotform.com/242596749662170>

Ken Gloss: Book Antiques and Collecting, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

November 20

Winter Sing-Along with Dean College Vocal Ensemble, 4 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

November 24

Franklin Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m., First Universal Society of Franklin, 262 Chestnut Street, Franklin. Eight different faith communities combine for

this service, all welcome. Any donations given to local fuel assistance fund. www.franklininterfaith.org

November 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November 30

Santa StoryWalk at the Library! 10:30 a.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin,

Special indoor version of a beloved tradition! Follow the pages of a cozy winter story, enjoy crafts and activities as you make your way up to meet the big guy himself!

Crochet Fundamentals Refresh Saturday November 30th @ 1-3 p.m.

(Best for ages 16 and over), Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin, materials provided, funded in part by Franklin Cultural Council, funded by Mass. Cultural Council

Historic Happenings at the Franklin Historical Museum

Sun. Nov. 3 – As Goes Franklin...a look at Franklin's voting habits over the last 140 years...

Keyed up about the election? Learn about how and why Franklin has voted for presidents going back to the time of the Civil War! Local history educator, Jayson Joyce, has been delving into archives and histories to learn about Franklin's voting habits going back to the 1860 election of Abraham Lincoln (yes, he carried Franklin), with lots of other interesting bits about how the town has voted right up to the 2020 election. Also look for some other bits of museum ephemera and visuals relating to our politi-

cal past, on exhibit until Thanksgiving...Museum is open 1-4 with the presentation starting at 1:15. The event is Free.

Sat. Nov 9 and Sun. Nov 10 – RECYCLE YOUR POLITICAL SIGNS!

With the election over, unclutter your property and your town and bring your corrugated plastic signs to the museum for recycling. Neither the town's transfer station nor the curbside recycling program can take the type of plastic used in these signs. But our volunteers will! Just stop by the museum during open hours, Sat 10-1 (with coffee and cookies while they last) and Sunday 1-4, and stack you signs neatly on our front steps. Please, if pos-

sible, separate metal legs and pile them separately! There is no fee for this service. AND while you are at the museum, consider taking a look at some of the displays showing how Franklin has voted over the last 150 years in its presidential elections. Questions? Call Historical Commission Chair Alan Earls (508) 560-3786 or email alan.r.earls@gmail.com.

Sun. Nov 10--Second Sunday Speaker Series: The Story of the Boston Floating Hospital

Franklin's own John Kulig, MD MPH, Professor of Pediatrics Emeritus at Tufts Uni-



HISTORIC
continued on page 28

FPAC to Host Annual Gala

The Franklin Performing Arts Company (FPAC) will hold their annual Gala hosted by Broadway's Ben Cameron (original cast of *Wicked*) on Saturday, November 9 at 6:00 pm at THE BLACK BOX.

Attendees are invited to walk the red carpet in their sneakers or stilettos for an evening at THE BLACK BOX, celebrating the stars of FPAC with Tony Award® winner Beth Leavel and Broadway's Ben Cameron. The evening offers a vibrant fundraising extravaganza of cocktails, dinner by 3 Restaurant, live and online auctions, interactive raffles, and performances by Broadway, NYC, and FPAC artists. Gala proceeds support FPAC programming and THE BLACK BOX while encouraging the development of emerging artists. The Gala helps FPAC bring world-class talent to perform in downtown Franklin, amplifying the cultural fabric of MetroWest Boston.



From the beginning, FPAC has followed a mission dedicated to promoting the performing arts with an emphasis on youth development. Through FPAC, THE BLACK BOX stage is graced by Broadway stars, professional artists, local performers, and students of the arts. Their performances feature live orchestras and professional artists, and they often provide a first glimpse into the world of theater for local youth.

Gala host, and longtime FPAC friend, Ben Cameron has appeared on Broadway in *Aida* and the original casts of *Wicked* and *Footloose*. He has toured with *Sweet Charity*, *Fame*, *Tommy*, *Footloose*, and *State Fair* and is currently the creator/host of Broadway Sessions at The Green Room 42 in New York City.

FPAC is an Actors' Equity Small Professional Theater company based at THE BLACK BOX in downtown Franklin. Each season, FPAC produces musicals, plays, ballets, and more featuring Broadway stars, professional actors, local artists, and students of the arts. This season at THE BLACK BOX, FPAC will present *School of Rock*, *Proof*, *To Tell a Story About the Earth*, *The Producers*, and *Little Women*.

For tickets and more information, visit www.FPAConline.com or call the box office at (508) 528-3370.

Coming Up at the Franklin Senior Center

The Franklin Senior Center is located at 10 Daniel McCall St., Franklin. Reach them at (508) 520-4945.

November 4: 1 p.m.: Pageturner's Book Club, *The Paris Daughter*, by Kristan Harmel

November 7:

- 10:30 a.m., Yellow Dot Program
- 1 p.m. Low Vision Technology program – Apple Watch
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. come in for a Zoom meeting with GATRA to discuss public transit in Franklin, registration required.

November 8: 11 a.m., *Eat Around the World*, Argentina
November 12:

- 11 a.m., Social Security Talk - Explore the benefits and resources available to you through SSA.
- 1 p.m., Colds, Flu, Covid, RSV: How to tell the difference. Learn the signs and symptoms to know the difference and how to prevent getting sick.

November 13: 11 a.m., *Willows and Whitney Place* in Med-

way - What is an independent living community? Assisted living vs. memory care unit? Learn the difference and see

if it might be a good fit for you. Lunch is being served.

November 14:

- 12 p.m., Digestive System - Learn all about your digestive system as the Medical Assisting Shop from Tri-County presents.
- 1 p.m., Acrylics with Kathy
- 4:30 p.m., Pizza & Movie, Reagan

November 18:

- 11 a.m. Drum Circle - Scientists are discovering fascinating links to the benefits of drumming. Did you know that drumming can: reduce stress, increase energy, lower blood pressure & boost brain health? Join us for an hour of hand drumming. Drums supplied or bring your own.
- 1 p.m. Testing your brain - Led by Neuroscientist Kymberlee O'Brien. How can we stay sharp and keep our brains healthy across the lifespan? Come play brain

games and neuropsychological tests that will cover short-term memory, speed of processing, cognitive and verbal fluency, inhibition, and more! We will then review some brain pushups to keep you going strong.

November 19:

- 12 p.m., Loneliness and Social Isolation around the Holidays - an informative seminar that explores how grief can impact individuals during the Holiday Season.
- 1 p.m., Let's Laugh a Little - Join New England humorist David Shikes as he presents his collection of humorous situations and New England jokes.

November 20:

- 10:30 a.m., SCAM prevention Presented by Tri-County Legal & Protective Services Shop
- 2 p.m. Thriving Solo For those folks without support from their families or living alone.

SENIOR CENTER

continued on page 30

HISTORIC

continued from page 27

versity School of Medicine, will share the remarkable story of the "Boston Floating Hospital," which literally took its first trip around the harbor back in 1894, providing fresh air and medical care to poor, sick children. That beginning eventually led to an onshore hospital and remarkable research, including the development of life-saving 'formula' for children unable to get mother's milk. Through research, ingenuity, and attention to the needs of ailing children and their families, the hospital grew into a scientific leader, pioneering pediatric medicine. Kulig not only practiced at "Floating" he also was involved in the effort to write the history of the institution, which benefited not only Boston but many, many Franklin area children, over the years.

Sun. Nov. 17 "Third Sunday" Music at the Museum program features Greenwich Bay Brass

The Greenwich Bay Brass has been together since 2006. It is an all-volunteer, British style brass ensemble with unique instrumentation. Based in Rhode Island, the GBB has made numerous appearances around the state including concerts at First Lutheran Church in East Greenwich, the Barrington Congregational Church, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Providence, and outdoor appearances at Hearthside House in Lincoln, and Wilcox Park in Westerly. Additionally, the ensemble has traveled to Massachusetts and Maine, with a concert at the historic Union Church in South Carver, MA and a joint concert together with the Salvation Army Brass Band in Old Orchard Beach, ME. The museum opens at 1 and the program will start at about 1:15. The event is FREE, but donations are always welcomed.

'CINEMA 80'

After a well-received experimental run from January to May at the Franklin Historical Museum, Cinema 80, captained by videographer and cinephile Chris Leverone, is back for another season of amazing free 'Silent Saturday' silent film entertainment on Saturdays at 6 p.m. The program is free, but donations are encouraged. The lineup for October includes:



- 11/2, *City Lights* – The often-comic misadventures of Chaplin's Tramp as he falls in love with a blind girl. Considered by many to be Chaplin's greatest film.
- 11/9, *The Big Parade* – With a showing timed for proximity to Veteran's Day, *The Big Parade* a 1925 American drama has been praised as one of the best and most realistic films about World War I.

The Franklin Historical Museum is located at 80 West Central Street, Franklin. The museum is open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. The museum will be closed Independence Day weekend, July 6 and 7.

When visiting the museum, please consider donating a non-perishable item for the Franklin Food Pantry. Questions? Contact Alan Earls at (508) 560-3786.

Visit us online at <https://www.franklinmuseum1778.com>

November 2024 at Franklin Public Library

The Library will close early at 2 p.m. on Wednesday November 27th, closed Monday November 11th for Veterans Day, and closed Thursday November 28th for Thanksgiving.

Franklin Public Library's 2024 Reading Challenge!

November : A book with food on the cover!

For details, visit our website! Grand prizes made possible by the Friends of the Franklin Library!

ESL & Adult Literacy Program

The Franklin Public Library has started an English as a Second Language and Adult Literacy Program to serve Franklin and surrounding communities. Volunteers and students need not be Franklin residents. If interested, fill out the registration form on the library's website.

Special Events for Kids

Miss Bree's Bookopoly! Starting Friday, November 1st

Roll the dice, move your piece on our giant board, and have fun with a variety of reading and creative challenges, and chances to win prizes galore! Deadline to "buy" prizes is Saturday, January 11th.

Eyes on Owls! Tuesday, November 5th @ 1 p.m.

Join Marcia and Mark Wilson as they share their passion for owls with us! You'll meet six LIVE owls (from small to huge) up close!

Mickey Mouse Birthday Bash! Saturday, November 9th @ 1 p.m.

Mickey Mouse is turning 96! Join us to celebrate everyone's favorite mouse!

Meet Maudie the Chicken! Thursday, November 14th @ 1 p.m.

Come meet Maudie the Chicken and author/illustrator/artist Lauren Scheuer with a

close-up look at Maudie's feathers, feet, beak, and comb, learn about her dinosaur relatives and more, and then you'll learn to draw Maudie! Registration Required.

Illustrator Workshop for Kids! Friday, November 15th @ 1 p.m.

Fun interactive presentation for kids with award-winning, local illustrator Erica Leigh, with a behind-the-scenes look at how picture books are illustrated and chance to create their own picture book character! No registration required!

DINovember Party! Saturday, November 16th @ 1 p.m.

Epic dinosaur themed family party!

Diwali Celebration! Saturday, November 16th @ 1 p.m.

Join us for a special Diwali celebration for the whole family, including diya painting, dancing, kids activities, henna, a photo booth and more!

Science Chefs: Making Butter Friday November 22nd @ 3:30 p.m.

Participants will learn how butter is made and will get to take home some of their own butter for the dinner table! If you can bring a clean, small, screw top jar, it is appreciated!

Crafternoon! Saturday, November 23rd @ 1 p.m.

Assortment of Thanksgiving themed crafts to enjoy (and share)!

Little Groove Band! Friday, November 29th @ 1 p.m.

Fun, interactive 45-minute concert, for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Santa StoryWalk at the Library! Saturday, November 30th @ 10:30AM

Families! This special indoor version of a beloved tradition has you follow the pages of a cozy winter story, enjoy crafts and activities as you make your way up to meet the big guy himself!

Special Events for Teens

Hack Your College App! Wednesday, November 6th @ 6 p.m.

Presented by Mx. Jorge Martinez, a former College Guidance Counselor and a current Admissions Counselor at Dean College. Up your chances of standing out on college applications!

Teensgiving! Wednesday, November 20th @ 5 p.m.

Teens! Join this potluck celebration of thanksgiving! Bring along your favorite snack and your appetite!

Special Events for Adults

Knife Skills with Chef Tom Thursday November 7th @ 6:30 p.m.

Refresh your skills and hone your technique! This hands on class starts by talking about knives: how to handle them

LIBRARY

continued on page 30

Real Estate Corner

We are thankful for your friendship and your referrals

Happy Thanksgiving!

 <p>Eileen Mason 508-330-4234 emason4234@gmail.com</p> <p><i>"We asked for aggressive representation and Eileen came through selling our home in 4 days, above asking price. Couldn't ask for a better agent!"</i> ~Paul L.</p>	<p>326 Union Street Franklin \$1,800,000</p>  <p>COMMERCIAL FOR SALE</p> <p>Eileen Mason</p>	<p>1 Delta Drive Franklin</p>  <p>UAG</p> <p>Susan Morrison</p>	<p>23 Country Village Way, Millis</p>  <p>UAG</p> <p>Susan Morrison</p>	 <p>Susan Morrison 617-686-8178 susan.morrison1@comcast.net</p> <p><i>"If you are looking for a real estate expert, with excellent interpersonal skills, who is hardworking, has the best business connections in the area, and truly cares about her clients, don't hesitate, call Susan!"</i> ~Amber</p>
	<p>10 Birchtree Circle Franklin \$645,000</p>  <p>FOR SALE</p> <p>Eileen Mason</p>			
	<p>8 Virginia Road Medway</p>  <p>CTG</p> <p>Susan Morrison</p>	<p>16 Lavendar Street Millis</p>  <p>COMMERCIAL UAG</p> <p>Eileen Mason</p>	<p>31 Lakeshore Drive Norfolk</p>  <p>SOLD</p> <p>Susan Morrison</p>	<p>20 Moore Avenue Franklin \$2500/mo</p>  <p>RENTAL</p> <p>Eileen Mason</p>

Call us for your complimentary market analysis.

RE/MAX Executive Realty

308 West Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038 | 508-520-9696

Real Estate Corner



Jim Hanewich
 NMLS #: 23315
 Cell: 508-878-5385
 James.Hanewich@bankfive.com
 www.jimhanewich.com



WE'VE MOVED! VISIT OUR NEW WRENTHAM MORTGAGE OFFICE

Jim Hanewich is here to assist with First-Time homebuyer, FHA, VA, portfolio, conventional and jumbo loans.

Set up an appointment at our **new location** at 667 South Street, Suite 2 Wrentham, MA 02093. Located right next door to Cafe Assisi!

Equal Housing Lender. Member FDIC. Member DIF. NMLS #525575



SENIOR CENTER

continued from page 28

November 21

- 11 a.m., Meet the Author – Meet Mike Bernard, a Cape Cod-based author and screenwriter with seven published novels - all fiction, set in Boston.
- 1 p.m., Craft Corner - Make a simple craft with Jean

November 22: 11 a.m., Friendsgiving - Disco Themed Monthly party with full turkey dinner

November 26: 10:30, Warrior Family Books for NICU - Anthony's NICU journey from micro preemie to healthy preschooler. Learn about how they give back!

November 27: 9:30-11, Knights of Columbus Pie Lottery - Sign up open Nov. 1st for the lottery. Signup does not guarantee a pie. Notifications for pies on Nov. 18th.

Save the Date for Virtual Author Event January 25

The Friends of the Millis Public Library will once again host "A Novel Occasion," a virtual live experience with best-selling authors, on January 25, 2023. Authors include

Chris Bohjalian, Gareth Brown, Hank Phillippi Ryan, Jamie Brenner, Jayne Ann

Krentz, Piper Huguley, Rebecca J. Sanford, Tess Gerritsen, and other authors TBA.

Early Bird Tickets on sale for this fundraiser November 15, 2024.

<https://www.anoveloccasion.com/>

Hopkinton Center for the Arts Seeks Community Input

HCA is seeking feedback about the kind of live performance events you'd love to see at HCA in 2025. Your feedback is invaluable!

One lucky respondent will be selected in a random draw to win a free 4-pack of tickets towards

any live HCA 2025 performance event (excluding fundraiser)!

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/HCAsurvey2025>

Please submit your responses by November 15, 2024.

Thank you!

LIBRARY

continued from page 29

safely, what different types are used for, and techniques to use them. Then Chef Tom demonstrates different classic cuts and it's our turn to practice with training knives (vinyl knives that will cut vegetables but not skin).

Ken Gloss: Book Antiques and Collecting Thursday November 17th @ 6:30 PM

Join us in welcoming Ken Gloss of Boston based Brattle Books discussing some of his favorite rare book finds and describes some of the joys of "the hunt" in his collection journey.

Crochet Fundamentals Refresh Saturday November 30th @ 1 p.m.

(Best for ages 16 and over)

Come explore the fundamentals of crochet as we work together on a simple project to foster the learning process. In our two-hour class we will explore the following; pairing of yarn and hook, gauge, the chain stitch, single crochet, and double crochet, and treble crochet. All class materials provided. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Granny Square Class Saturday November 30th @ 2 p.m.

(Best for ages 16 and over)

During our two-hour crochet class, we will explore the basic structure of a granny square as we make one traditional style square using a basic worsted weight wool. You will leave the class with a new respect for the humble Granny square and how to bring it to life in your crochet journey. All class materials provided. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Bellingham and Franklin Cultural Councils, local agencies, which are supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Pre-requisites: Ability to chain, single crochet, double crochet, knowledge of how to count stitches

Special Events for All Ages

Copley Cats Acapella Concert Saturday November 2nd @ 3 p.m.

Winter Sing-Along with Dean College Vocal Ensemble Wednesday November 20th @ 4 p.m.

Family program will feature winter carols you know and love with many more eclectic song choices from throughout history.

Franklin Library Book Sale

Friday, November 15th, 1-5 p.m., Saturday, November 16th, 9 a.m.-noon, Books \$1

Bag Sale - \$5 A Bag—Saturday, November 16th, from 1-4 p.m.

- Patios
- Walkways
- Walls
- Fire Pits
- Outdoor Kitchens
- Pool Surrounds

- Landscape Design & Installation
- Lawn Installation
- Grading
- Excavation
- Drainage

508-376-2815

Free Estimates • Fully Insured

www.WenzelLandscaping.com

Looking to advertise in our Real Estate Corner?

Contact

Jen Schofield
 at 508-50-6544
 or by email at
jenschofield@localtownpages.com



Thanks for Giving!



I am collecting for my Annual Food Pantry Drive from November 1-30th

you can drop off items at my office: Remax Executive Realty 308 W. Central St., Franklin -Mon through Fri 9 to 5 or "I can pick up from any location

Current High Priority Needs are:

Assorted bags of chips 8-10 oz.

Assorted cookies and crackers 8-12 oz.

Assorted boxes of cereal 10-20oz

Gluten-free items (shelf stable) • Vegan items (shelf stable)

Hot chocolate mix • Baby Wipes • Toothpaste

Disinfectant Wipes • Pet Food • Kitty Litter



For more information on high priority needs, please contact me at lorrainekuney@gmail.com or check this link below for more information on current needs at the Pantry!

<https://www.franklinfoodpantry.org/get-involved/pantry-needs/>

Everyone Have a Safe & Happy Thanksgiving!



Lorraine Kuney
508-380-9938

lorrainekuney@gmail.com

"The Franklin Area's Most Frequently Hired Agent"



Proud to be recognized by Boston Magazine & Real Trends as a 2024 Top Producer



I'm here to make selling your home as easy as pie!



668 ACRES,
5 STALL HORSE BARN

65 Benjamin Day Dr.
Wrentham



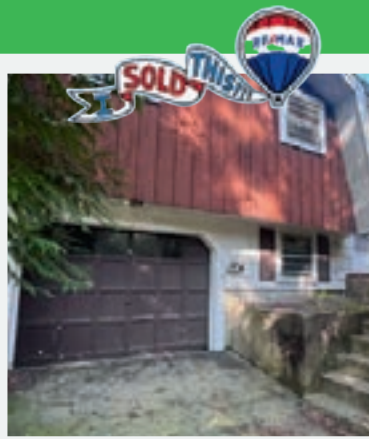
158 Longhill Rd.
Franklin



7 Northgate Rd.
Franklin



79 Holmes Rd.
Dedham



18 Saddleback Hill Rd.
Bellingham

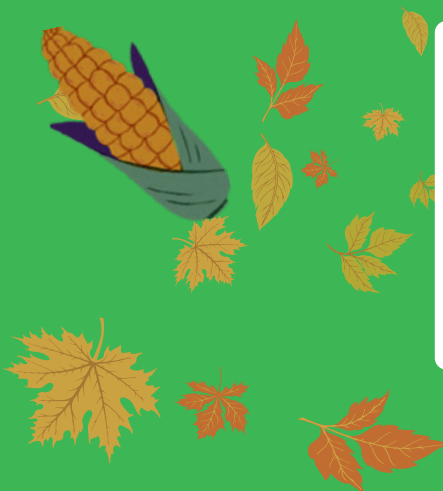


57 A Street
Franklin



55 A Street
Franklin

Coming soon



5 Field Cir.
Wrentham



147 Dean St.
Norwood



Thank you to my clients for trusting me with your real estate needs.



Tammy Todaro
508-277-2977
www.todaroteamhomes.com

