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BATTER UP! Journey to the Big Leagues

By NATALIE WEBB-RUBINO

Baseball has always been part of Ryan Gerety's soul. As early as kindergarten when he moved to Franklin, the game of baseball was an integral part of his being; from his young days playing T-ball, then little league and onward to high school. But it was a bumpy ride. In 2019, just as Ryan was entering Franklin High School as a freshman, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and baseball was canceled, his first season scrapped, dreams dashed.



Franklin native Ryan Gerety, a Northeastern University senior who plays for the school's Howlin Huskies, last year was asked to train with the San Diego Padres. At inset, he is shown in a Padres uniform while at their training facility in Arizona. (Photo courtesy Ryan Gerety)

Eager to continue playing during this COVID crisis year, he

sharpened his skill in the outfield by participating in the American Legion's Baseball League over the summer. In the fall of that year with the COVID crisis abating, he entered his sophomore year and made the varsity team playing centerfield for the Franklin High School Panthers. During his tenure as a Panther, the team won back-to-back

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Behind the calls at Bellingham and Franklin Animal Control



Tracey Taddeo and Patrick Kelleher are part of a five-person team Bellingham/Franklin animal control team. Photo by Jenn Russo

By JENNIFER RUSSO

For Bellingham/Franklin Animal Control team, no two days are alike. A routine morning can quickly turn into a call about an injured animal, a loose dog, a roadkill incident, or wildlife that has wandered somewhere it may not be welcome.

At its heart, Animal Control is about helping animals that need it and keeping both them and the people in the community safe. Department

Head Tracey Taddeo and Assistant Department Head Patrick Kelleher are part of a five-person team that handles a wide range of animal-related issues throughout nearby communities.

For Taddeo, the work has been a lifelong calling. She grew up on a farm and has always loved animals. Her father was a police officer and part-time animal control officer,

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The Wind Phone sculpture offers those who are grieving the loss of a loved one a beautiful, quiet place to both process their emotions and, if they choose, “speak” to those they’ve lost. Nearby this exhibit are kindness rocks with positive affirmations, and Adams encourages others to feel free to create and add their own to the site.

Sculpture park grows with new exhibits

On Thursday, September 10, 2026, the Franklin Sculpture Park, located next to the Franklin Police Station on Panther Way, grew a little more love, with two new exhibits, a Wind Phone, conceptualized by Amy Adams, who collaborated with fellow artist Peg Munson to create it, and a metal Dragonfly sculpture, dreamt up by artists Ali Rheäume and Donna Barrett, who received help from Tri County students

Juliet George and Aubrey Keller, overseen by instructor Rick Tomasello, in its construction. The event also marked the inauguration of the Franklin Art Association’s MicroGallery Collaboration at the en-

trance to the park. Franklin residents are encouraged to come on down to experience this great new artwork.
-J.D. O’Gara



This metal dragonfly is comprised of deconstructed mobility devices. See if you can guess what they are! As Rheäume noted, the sculpture is a symbol of how people with disabilities are valuable, creative members of the community, that there is diversity within disability, and also how important it is to work together to achieve goals. The dragonfly was chosen, because, although it has legs on which to land, those legs don’t actually walk. The insect must use its wings to move and fly.



Creativity doesn’t always come in big packages! The Franklin Art Association’s MicroGallery contains “trading cards” of actual art created by local artists. Folks are encouraged to explore the artist within themselves and create their own tiny pieces of artwork to swap with the pieces in this box.



Cory Shea, Franklin’s Director of Arts, Culture & the Creative Economy, emceed the event, welcoming the new pieces to the Sculpture Park

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Franklin economy could be impacted by Question 8 vote in November

By JUDITH DORATO O'GARA

Not all of Massachusetts 351 cities and towns allow the sale of cannabis. While 38% of Mass. municipalities do not allow its sale according to the Cannabis Control Commission, Franklin does. That said, if Question 8 in the upcoming November 3 election passes, Franklin would feel the impact, as the legalization, regulation and taxation of the retail sale of adult use marijuana would be eliminated.

Local Town Pages asked Franklin Town Administrator Jamie Hellen what will happen if Massachusetts voters pass Question 8 this fall.

"For us, it's actually a pretty big impact," says Hellen, noting the two dispensaries, Botera and NETA (New England Treatment Access), the latter of which has its corporate headquarters in Franklin. The town, he explains, receives \$450,000-\$500,000 a year in what is called a cannabis excise tax, the 3% local tax option Franklin adopted in 2017. Franklin, then, would stand to lose a big chunk of that amount to its annual budget.

In addition, "Jobs are big impact,"

says Hellen, noting many Franklin residents are employed in the industry, and if businesses take such a hit, "the value of those commercial properties could decline.

"Because Franklin was on the forefront of this really early, it's been one of the biggest economic development stories. It was good for new growth," he says.

Laura O'Callaghan, President of the Tri-County Chamber, notes that the passing of "Question 8 could have a very real economic impact on businesses right here in our region. The Tri-County Regional Chamber currently has two members in the cannabis industry – Botera, located in Franklin, and Joint Operations located in Mendon. If recreational cannabis sales are eliminated in Massachusetts, these businesses will be significantly affected. These are established local businesses that have invested in their communities, created jobs, hired local vendors and contractors, paid taxes, and spent years navigating the regulations required to operate in Massachusetts. They are also active members of our com-

munity. We see firsthand how they give back by donating funds, supporting local organizations and events, volunteering their time, and stepping up when our communities need support. That community involvement is another important part of their overall economic and local impact that shouldn't be overlooked."

She adds, "The impact doesn't stop at the dispensary doors. These businesses work with accountants, attorneys, marketing companies, security providers, contractors, landlords and many other local businesses. There is a ripple effect that needs to be considered when talking about eliminating an entire legal retail market.

"For us, this isn't simply a conversation about cannabis. It's also a conversation about local businesses, jobs, community involvement, investments that have already been made, and the economic impact a major change like this could have on our communities," she says, noting that she hopes, as a Chamber, to impart the potential impact of such a change on local business and livelihoods.

State election coming up November 3 – important dates

Franklin voters should mark the date of November 3, the date of the state election, which will take place at Franklin High School gymnasium, 6-8 p.m.

The deadline to register to vote for this election is October 24, 2026.

The deadline to apply to vote by mail is Tuesday, October 27, 2026, by 5 p.m.

EARLY voting, done in person, can be conducted on the following dates:

State Election (11/3):

Saturday (10/17) and Sunday (10/18) 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday (10/19), Tuesday (10/20) and Thursday (10/22) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday (10/21) 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday (10/23) 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday (10/24) and Sunday (10/25) 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Monday (10/26), Tuesday (10/27) and Thursday (10/29) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday (10/28) 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday (10/30) 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All in person early voting is done in the Town Clerks Office, 355 East Central St.

For more information, visit <https://franklinma.gov/358/Important-Information-Regarding-Election>.

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Franklin Food Pantry Welcomes Community Leader Tom Mercer to Board of Directors

Franklin, MA (August 25, 2026) - The Franklin Food Pantry is pleased to announce the appointment of lifelong Franklin resident Tom Mercer to its Board of Directors. Tom brings decades of public service, local governance expertise, and business leadership to the organization as it continues its mission to alleviate food insecurity.

Tom's extensive record of civic involvement includes 10 years on the Franklin School Committee and 14 years on the Franklin Town Council. He has also chaired several of the town's major municipal construction initiatives, overseeing projects for Franklin High School, the Franklin Senior Center, and the Horace Mann/Oak Street/ECDC School Complex.

"We are incredibly fortunate to welcome Tom to our Board of Directors," said Tina Powderly, Executive Director,



Franklin Food Pantry. "His deep commitment to Franklin and proven history of leadership will be invaluable as we expand our outreach and strengthen our support for local families facing food insecurity."

The addition of Tom comes at a crucial time for The Pantry, as demand for hunger-relief services increases. His strategic governance background will support The Pantry's ongoing operations, community partnerships, and long-term sustainability efforts.

"I am honored to join the Franklin Food Pantry Board of Directors," said Tom. "The Pantry plays an important role in ensuring our neighbors have access to essential resources. I look forward to working alongside the board, staff, and volunteers to advance The Pantry's mission and ensure Franklin remains a supportive community for everyone."

Beyond his public service, Tom serves as Vice President of

Sales and Marketing at Fuller Box Company, where he has led business development for more than 45 years. He is also actively involved with Dean College, the Franklin Performing Arts Company, and the Franklin Country Club.

The Pantry also extends its sincere gratitude to departing board members Oona Harrington and David Stott for their dedicated service and contributions to the organization.

Please visit www.franklinfoodpantry.org, or on Facebook, Ins-



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Franklin achieves formal compliance with MBTA Communities law

FRANKLIN, MA. — The Town of Franklin is pleased to announce that it has achieved formal compliance with the Commonwealth's MBTA Communities law, also known as Section 3A of the Zoning Act. As of June 2026, Franklin is the 157th municipality in Massachusetts to comply with the law.

The Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) recently completed its review of Franklin's compliance application and confirmed that the Town's designated General Residential V, Commercial I, Crossing Neighborhood and Downtown Commercial districts meet the requirements of Section 3A and the state's implementing regulations.

Franklin is designated as a Commuter Rail community under the law. The Town's compliance district includes approximately 103.6 acres and provides for an estimated 1,955 multifamily housing units, with at least 75% of the required land area and unit capacity lo-

cated within one-half mile of a transit station.

EOHLC recognized the Town's work to meet the requirements of the MBTA Communities law and formally determined that Franklin's district satisfies the state's compliance requirements.

"This is an important milestone for Franklin and reflects a great deal of work by Town staff, boards and committees," said Town Administrator Jamie Hellen.

Franklin's formal compliance also makes the Town eligible to apply for funding through the MBTA Communities Catalyst Fund (www.mass.gov/how-to/mbta-communities-catalyst-fund) part of the Commonwealth's Community One Stop for Growth (www.mass.gov/info-details/community-one-stop-for-growth) program.

The Town will continue to consider housing, infrastructure, sustainability and long-term planning as it works to support Franklin's future.

Pumpkin Patch at St. John's through Oct. 31

The pumpkins are coming! Visit the 7th Annual Pumpkin Patch at St. John's Episcopal Church at 237 Pleasant Street, September 26 through October 31.

A huge selection of pumpkins and gourds will fill the front lawn, great for photo opps! Kids can pick their favorites, and stay tuned for a list of fun children's activities and games.

Open 7 days a week, M-F, 4-6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays 12-4 p.m., and Monday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information, call 508-528-2387, email Admin@StJohnsFranklinMA.org, follow St John's Episcopal Church on Facebook, or visit www.stjohns-franklinma.org.

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Dr. Mark Barsamian brings advanced retinal eye care and personalized treatment to Hopedale

By JESS OMMEN

Patients in need of specialized retinal care now have greater access to advanced treatment close to home with the opening of a new private practice in Hopedale led by Dr. Mark Barsamian, DO, an ophthalmologist and vitreoretinal specialist with more than 15 years of experience.

Dr. Barsamian opened Retina Physicians and Surgeons of New England in Hopedale earlier this year, giving him the freedom to build the kind of patient-centered practice he envisioned. His practice heavily focuses on personalized care, ensuring patients understand their diagnoses and treatment options.

"I take time to listen to my patients and educate them about their retinal conditions," he said. "When a patient has a good understanding of what's going on with their eyes and the treatment choices available to them, they tend to be more engaged with their retinal health, and this can lead to a better result for them. For example, with my diabetic retinopathy patients, showing them pictures of how diabetes is impacting their eyes can serve as additional motivation for them to continue to work on their blood sugars." Dr. Barsamian continued, "It's important for patients to be well informed. In fact, they tell me 'knowing what's going on' puts

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them at ease."

The doctor's Hopedale office is equipped with state-of-the-art technology that allows him to diagnose and treat many conditions in the office five days a week. He intentionally leaves room in his schedule for same-day appointments and new patients.

"I respect my patients' time, and I don't believe in overbooking," he stated.

Dr. Barsamian completed a two-year retinal fellowship—the highest level of subspecialty training available in the field—at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Ophthalmology.

Since becoming a vitreoretinal specialist in 2010, Dr. Barsamian has focused on diagnosing and treating complex conditions such as retinal detachments, diabetic retinopathy and macular degeneration. And, in addition to offering office-based procedures such as injections and lasers, he also performs advanced retinal surgeries for patients warranting such treatment to help them pre-



Dr. Mark Barsamian, DO, recently opened his new practice, Retinal Physicians and Surgeons of New England, in Hopedale.

serve and restore their vision.

His decision to pursue retinal surgery was inspired by a personal experience.

"When I was about 18 years old, my father had bilateral retinal detachments," he said. "His physician was a world-renowned retinal specialist who examined me because he was concerned I might also be at risk. That experience stayed with me."

While training in ophthalmology, Dr. Barsamian became fascinated by the precision of retinal surgery and the rapidly advancing technology used to perform it, further shaping his passion for the specialty.

In addition to treating patients in his clinic, he serves as a Clinical Instructor of Surgery at Brown University, where he teaches ophthalmology resi-

dents when on-call for the hospital system.

The most rewarding moments, he said, are seeing patients regain their independence.

"Maybe they don't get back to perfect vision, but if they can drive again or return to the activities they enjoy, that's a success," he said.

Outside the office, Dr. Barsamian enjoys spending time with his family, cycling, walking his dog and gardening.

Above all, he wants patients to know specialized retinal care is available close to home.

"I want people to know we're here," he said. "We're open five days a week, have a caring staff with more than 45 years' experience in Ophthalmology, and we're committed to providing timely, personal-

ized retinal care in a warm, professional environment." Retina Physicians and Surgeons of New England is located at 54 Hopedale St., Suite #1 in Hopedale. The office is easily accessible, and the practice is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and accepts most major medical insurance plans. For more information please call 774-396-6905 or visit www.rps-retina.org.

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Franklin Public Library highlights for October

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Beginning Oct. 14, we'll meet Wednesdays from 4 -5 p.m. Anyone—regardless of gender identity—who wishes to support diversity in technology is encouraged to join!

Special Events for Kids & Teens

Slime Time, Friday, Oct. 9 @ 1 p.m.

Witch Academy, Saturday, Oct. 10 @ 1 p.m. Calling all aspiring witches and wizards! Join us for an epic training academy and learn to tap into your magic.

DIY Paper Squishy Pal, Thursday, Oct. 15 @ 6 p.m.

Fanfiction Club, Thursday, Oct. 22 @ 6 p.m.

Special Events for Adults

Medicare for Seniors and Caregivers, Saturday, Oct. 3 @ 2 p.m.

Medicare is a service and safety net many retired people rely upon, but it can be so hard to navigate! Meet SHINE! These trained experts will present on enrollment, parts, coverage, and available resources for extra help. SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) is a free, unbiased health insurance information, counseling, and assistance service through the Mass. Executive Office of Aging & Independence (AGE).

Watercolor Workshop, Monday, Oct. 5 @ 6 p.m., Registration Required

Adult, 18+ watercolor class with local artist Sharon Carloni!

Learn to Mahjong! Thursday, Oct. 15 @ 6 p.m. Registration Required

This intro to Mahjong session will introduce the suits, the rules, the card, and other basics of American Mahjong!

Painting for Adults, Saturday, Oct. 17 @ 1 p.m., Registration Required

Join Miss Lily and create a step-by-step painting of an Owl! All materials provided.

Special Events for All Ages

Ghost Stories of New England, Tuesday, Oct. 13 @ 6:30 p.m.

Explore local history through the lens of spirits and real unexplainable phenomena with a sprinkle of interactive fun! Rated PG-13 for spooky stories and descriptions of demise.

Italian Folk Concert with Fabio Pirozzolo, Saturday, Oct. 17 @ 2pm

Celebrate the art and culture of Italy with a concert of folk music from artist Fabio Pirozzolo!

Trunk or Treat! Saturday, Oct. 24 @ 10:30 a.m.

Dress up and join us in the library parking lot for a safe, little-kid friendly morning of trick-or-treating in the daylight. The parking lot will be full of decorated trunks and activities!

Interactive Movie, Wednesday, Oct. 28th @ 5 p.m., for families, with popcorn & fun

Franklin's Not So Scary Halloween Party! Saturday, Oct. 31 @ 10:30 a.m.

Costumes are encouraged!

Franklin Library Book Sale Friday, Oct. 23: 1 – 5 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 24: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., All books \$1

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Town of Franklin appoints Michelle Monsegur Deputy Town Administrator

FRANKLIN, Mass. — The Town of Franklin is pleased to welcome Michelle Monsegur as its new deputy town administrator. Monsegur began her new role on Sept. 14, 2026.

As Deputy Town Administrator, Monsegur will work closely with Town Administrator Jamie Hellen to oversee municipal finance, support municipal operations, lead strategic initiatives, special projects and collaborate with department leaders to advance the Town's priorities and deliver exceptional public service.

"Michelle brings a strong combination of leadership experience, sound judgment and a deep commitment to public service to this role," said Town Administrator Hellen. "She understands the complexity of municipal government and the importance of working collaboratively with department leaders, employees and the community to get things done. I am confident that she will be an invaluable partner as we continue to move the Town's priorities forward, while also helping us prepare for the new challenges and opportunities ahead."

The appointment follows a thorough selection process that included more than 100 applications for the position.

In her new role, Monsegur will work closely with the chief financial officer, Franklin Public Schools and the Town's finance

committee to develop short- and long-term, town-wide financial strategies. While the chief financial officer oversees the day-to-day operations of the Town's finance departments, Monsegur will work closely with elected officials, stakeholders and residents on financial strategy and implementation with a focus on long-term financial solvency, stability and sustainability. She will also bring a fresh perspective to town and school finance while helping preserve and build institutional knowledge.

Monsegur's responsibilities will also include strategic planning, collective bargaining, capital planning, technology and artificial intelligence. As the use of AI continues to evolve, she will help the Town monitor developments, assess potential opportunities and consider how the technology may affect municipal government and the community in the years ahead.

Prior to joining Franklin, Monsegur served as assistant town administrator for finance for the Town of Hingham, overseeing day-to-day operations for 25 departments and approximately 300 employees in close collaboration with the town administrator. She led the town's financial strategy, including development of its \$165 million annual budget and authored the Sustainable Budget Task Force (equivalent to Franklin's Joint Budget Subcommittee).



Previously, Monsegur served as principal budget analyst for the City of Cambridge, where she developed and managed the city's \$730 million annual budget. She also led the city's first participatory budgeting processes, giving residents a direct role in determining how capital funds would be spent.

Monsegur holds a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University. She is a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the International City/County Management Association. She also serves on the executive board of the Massachusetts Government Finance Officers Association.

Franklin Town Hall: Community Highlights & Updates

1. Franklin Conservation Passport to Fall Challenge

The Franklin Conservation Commission invites residents to take part in the Passport to Fall Challenge, running September 15 through November 15, 2026. Visit five Conservation-managed properties, take a photo at each, and submit your completed Passport to receive a Conservation Commission Certificate. The first five submissions will also receive a Massachusetts Forest Tree ID Book. Learn more on the Conservation Department webpage at franklinma.gov.



2. Explore Career Opportunities with the Town of Franklin

The Town of Franklin is currently seeking qualified candidates for several employment opportunities across municipal government. Interested applicants can learn more about each position, including qualifications and application requirements, by visiting the Town's employment webpage at www.franklinma.gov/228/job-opportunities

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Your Money, Your Independence**Beyond medical bills: Using an HSA to fuel your retirement****Glenn Brown, CFP**

Open enrollment for work benefits is coming.

One critical choice often causes confusion: deciding between a PPO medical plan and a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) paired with a Health Savings Account (HSA).

Understanding how these work can help you make smarter choices for 2027 and your future.

Choosing the Right Medical Plan

Selecting the right health plan comes down to three primary factors:

1. Provider Access: Ensure your preferred doctors, specialists, and hospitals are in-network. No amount of tax savings offsets losing access to your

trusted care team.

2. Total Annual Cost: Compare the guaranteed cost (monthly premiums) against potential care costs (deductible and out-of-pocket maximum). Look at historical medical expenses, but also plan for expected upcoming care.

3. Tax & Savings Strategy: An HDHP paired with an HSA offers triple tax savings. While popular for those with low healthcare needs, HDHPs can also be cost-effective for heavy users—provided you have the cash flow to handle higher up-front expenses before insurance kicks in.

Unlocking the "Triple Tax Advantage"

An HSA provides three distinct layers of tax savings that no other financial account can match:

Tax-Deductible Contributions: Funds contributed directly or via payroll deduction reduce your taxable income for the year (saving federal, state, and FICA taxes).

Tax-Free Growth: Earnings, interest, dividends, and investment gains grow compoundingly without triggering annual taxes.

Tax-Free Withdrawals: Withdrawals used for qualified medical expenses—such as doctor visits, prescriptions, dental care, and vision—are completely federal tax-free.

Real-World Tax Savings

Consider a family in the 24% federal tax bracket spending \$4,000 annually on routine healthcare. By funding those out-of-pocket costs through an HSA, they can save roughly \$1,480 in taxes (federal, state, and FICA).

A household in the 32% bracket maxing out the \$9,000 family contribution can save between \$3,500 and \$4,100 in taxes, depending on whether their individual earnings exceed the Social Security wage cap.

Don't Leave "Free Money" on the Table

Surprisingly, more than half of eligible employees never open or fund an HSA.

This is a costly oversight because many employers offer \$500 to \$2,000 per year in seed contributions or wellness incentives (such as completing an annual physical) to jump-start accounts. Contributing even a small amount per pay period ensures you capture these employer matches.

2027 IRS Contribution Limits & HDHP Requirements

The IRS has released limits for 2027:

- Individual: \$4,500
- Family: \$9,000
- Catch-Up (55+): \$1,000

Remember, employer contributions count toward the annual contribution caps.

A Long-Term Wealth-Building & Retirement Tool

Unlike Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs), your HSA balance belongs entirely to you. Unused funds never expire, thus any account balance rolls over and continues growing.

Once your balance reaches your provider's investment threshold, you can invest those dollars into index funds. Some will choose to pay current medical bills out of pocket, allowing their HSA funds to compound untouched for years or even decades.

This becomes a secondary tax-deferred retirement bucket. How?

After age 65, the non-medical withdrawal penalty of 20% disappears. Thus, your HSA effectively functions like a Traditional IRA:

- Pull funds for healthcare (Medicare Part B/D, dental, long-term care) tax-free.

- Pull funds for general living expenses, paying standard income tax with zero penalty.

Plus, HSAs have no Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), giving you total control over your withdrawal schedule.

The Bottom Line

Whether managing immediate healthcare expenses or building a tax-free nest egg for retirement, an HSA remains one of the most versatile financial wellness tools available. Take time during open enrollment to review your options, calculate your savings, and secure employer contributions.

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The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

Nobody can prepare you for the hair part

What to know about choosing a wig before or during medical hair loss

BY GINA WOELFEL

A cancer diagnosis comes with an entirely new vocabulary and questions you never expected to ask. There is so much to take in, and all of it feels urgent.

Then someone mentions your hair.

The words may barely register at first. There is already so much to think about. Then it becomes your hair, your reflection and one more deeply personal thing changing without your permission.

Being told it may happen is not the same as being ready.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which brings important conversations into the open. This is one of them. Hair is not more important than health. But recognizing yourself in the mirror can matter greatly when so much feels unfamiliar.

Start before you think you need to

If your medical team tells you that treatment may cause hair loss, you can begin looking at wigs before shedding starts. You do not need to make every decision that day. An early consultation gives you time to ask questions, understand your options and think about what will feel most familiar to you.

Consider the details that make your hair feel like yours. The way it falls around your face. The volume at the crown. The shade near your hairline. Bring a few favorite photos of yourself from a particularly good hair day.

You may want something close to your everyday style. You may decide to go shorter,

lighter or easier. You may even choose the cut or color you have always wanted. There is no correct choice. There is only the one that feels right to you.

Privacy changes everything

Hair loss is personal. Shopping for a wig in a busy retail setting can feel like one more public experience during an already exhausting time.

At b.LUXE Wigs & Toppers (located inside the b.LUXE Studio in Medway), wig and topper consultations are private and unhurried. For one full hour, you will sit with Heather Cohen, owner of b.LUXE and a hair-loss solutions specialist, who listens, takes the measurements needed for a comfortable fit and helps you try different pieces. You do not need to arrive knowing exactly what you want. She'll help you find exactly the piece that feels like you.

A full wig may be the right choice. For partial hair loss, a topper can add coverage while blending naturally with your own hair.

The piece itself is only the beginning. A natural result comes from the fit, hairline, density and cut. Each LUXE Custom human-hair wig or topper is fitted, cut and styled for the woman who will wear it. She also leaves knowing how to secure it, change the part and care for it at home.

Beyond LUXE Custom, b.LUXE Wigs offers several collections at different price points.

Women who already wear wigs and know their preferred measurements, cap construction, density and length can

also shop online at bluxewigs.com. Each wig arrives with care instructions and access to helpful YouTube tutorials and frequently asked questions. Virtual consultations are available for anyone who would like personal guidance before ordering.

Heather understands the other side of the chair

For b.LUXE owner Heather Cohen, adding wigs and toppers to the studio was personal. It began when medication for rheumatoid arthritis caused significant thinning in her own hair.

After a career helping others with their hair, Heather found herself on the other side of the conversation. She knows the difference between explaining a wig and wearing one. She understands the worry that it may look too full, move strangely or announce itself before you do.

Her standard is simple. The hair should look like it belongs to the woman wearing it.

That understanding also guides b.LUXE's work with hospital teams across New England, helping women find private, knowledgeable support during medical hair loss.

Ask us about the paperwork

Wigs purchased for medical hair loss may qualify for insurance reimbursement or payment with FSA or HSA funds. Coverage varies, so contact your provider before purchasing. Some plans require a prescription or letter of medical necessity using the term "cranial prosthesis."

For medical hair-loss clients, b.LUXE provides a superbill and supporting purchase information for insurance claims.



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We will also help you understand what paperwork your provider may require.

Hair loss has more than one story

Breast cancer treatment is one reason a woman may experience hair loss. Alopecia, thyroid conditions, hormonal changes, stress and medications are others. The reason may differ, but the need is often the same: privacy, clear information and the freedom to make a choice without pressure.

October brings breast cancer into the conversation, but our commitment to women facing medical hair loss continues all year.

This month, Heather and her team will host informational support booths at the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event and the Susan G. Komen Massachusetts MORE THAN PINK Walk. At both events, they'll answer questions, share resources and offer guidance about treatment-related hair loss.

b.LUXE will also participate in the New England Patriots Foundation's Day of Pampering at Gillette Stadium, an annual

event honoring local cancer patients and survivors.

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, b.LUXE will make a substantial donation to the Making Strides movement, supporting breast cancer research, patient services, early detection education and access to mammograms.

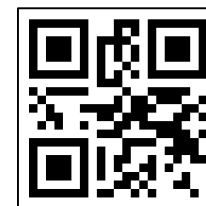
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James West named Franklin’s next Police Chief

FRANKLIN, Mass. — The Town of Franklin and the Franklin Police Department are pleased to announce that Deputy Police Chief James West has been appointed Franklin’s next Chief of Police. West will assume the position effective Nov. 6, 2026, following the retirement of current Police Chief Thomas Lynch.

West has served with the Franklin Police Department for more than 25 years, joining the department in 2001. He has served in a variety of roles throughout his time in Franklin, including police officer, sergeant, lieutenant and, since 2021, deputy chief. In his current position, West assists with the day-to-day operations of the department and oversees responsibilities including accreditation, media relations, internal affairs and training. He has also helped develop and manage several department programs and initiatives.

“I am truly honored and humbled by the opportunity to lead the Franklin Police Department,” said West. “This department and this community has been an important part of my life for many years, and I do not take the responsibility that comes with this position lightly. I want to thank the Town Council

and Town Administrator Jamie Hellen for their confidence in me. I would also like to thank Chief Lynch for his leadership, mentorship and for building the foundation at the FPD. I look forward to continuing that work alongside the men and women of our department.”

West brings extensive law enforcement training and leadership experience. He is a certified instructor with the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee and previously served on the Metro-LEC SWAT & Tactical Response Team. In 2025, West completed the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia.

Before joining the Franklin Police Department, West served as a police officer with the Winthrop Police Department and as a special police officer for the City of Boston. He began his law enforcement career with the U.S. Customs Service Explorer program at Logan Airport. West also served in the United States Army Reserve before being honorably discharged.

West has received numerous honors for his service and leadership, including the Medal of Valor and Combat Cross from Metro-LEC SWAT, the Franklin Police Department Life Saving Award and the William H.

Spurgeon III Leadership Award.

West holds a bachelor’s degree in public administration from Southern New Hampshire University and a master’s degree in organizational leadership from Nichols College.

“Jimmy has dedicated more than two decades to serving the Franklin community, and his experience, leadership and deep understanding of the Police Department make him an excellent choice to serve as our next chief,” said Town Council Chair Robert Dellorco. “The Town Council is confident that he will build on the strong foundation of the department while continuing to prioritize the safety and well-being of our community. We look forward to supporting him as he takes on this important role.”

“After 25 years of working alongside Deputy Chief James West, I know firsthand the character, dedication and leadership he brings to this department and our community,” said Chief Lynch. “I have complete confidence that Jimmy will lead with compassion, courage and integrity, and be an outstanding Chief of Police. He understands the people we serve, the men and women of this department and the responsibility that comes with this position. Knowing him



as both a colleague and a friend, I can think of no one better to carry this department forward.”

The Town thanks Chief Lynch for more than 30 years of service and leadership to the Franklin community and looks forward to recognizing his contributions as he concludes his tenure later this fall.

Oct. 6 Franklin Garden Club program features sourdough-making

Franklin, MA – A program and live demonstration on how to make sourdough bread and starter mix will highlight the October meeting of the Franklin Garden Club. Members will receive a dehydrated starter mix to take home. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at the Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill Street, from 6-8:30 p.m., beginning with an informal social time from 6-6:30. The meeting is open to the public, including those interested in becoming a member.

The program will be presented by Olivia Thomes of Hares Paw Farm, Lakeville, MA. The farm was founded in 2020 by Olivia and her husband. They were seeking simplicity and a reconnection to nature. Operations consist of all natural practices: no-till, no sprays, and crops are cared for and harvested all by hand. Thomes has more than 10 years of experience offering workshops in a variety of fields.

The Franklin Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

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Macular Degeneration new frontiers

AREDS 3 and Photobiomodulation

BY: ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.
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For millions of older adults, Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) represents one of the most significant threats to independent living and visual quality of life. AMD specifically targets the macula—the highly sensitive central area of the retina responsible for producing sharp, straight-ahead vision. When macular function declines, essential everyday tasks like reading fine print, driving safely, recognizing familiar faces, and enjoying hobbies become increasingly difficult.

While dry AMD historically presented limited active intervention options beyond basic nutritional support, major scientific advancements are transforming how eye specialists manage the condition. Today, patients have access to refined oral nutritional formulations alongside breakthrough light-

based clinical therapies—giving us more precise, non-invasive ways to protect precious vision.

Understanding AREDS 3: The Next Generation of Ocular Nutrition

For over twenty years, standard care for intermediate dry macular degeneration has centered around targeted nutritional supplementation. Grounded in the landmark clinical trials conducted by the National Eye Institute—the Age-Related Eye Disease Studies (AREDS and AREDS 2)—these specific high-dose vitamin combinations proved that antioxidant therapy could significantly slow the rate of disease progression.

The classic AREDS 2 formulation, which blends Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Lutein, Zeaxanthin, Zinc, and Copper, established itself as an indispensable tool in preventative ophthalmic care. However, ongoing nutritional

science and clinical research have driven further refinements, leading to the introduction of AREDS 3.

AREDS 3 represents an updated, highly tailored evolution in nutritional management rather than a complete overhaul. While AREDS 2 remains an effective, widely accessible standard, AREDS 3 incorporates crucial modifications designed to improve tolerability, enhance metabolic processing, and offer targeted protection based on individual patient profiles.

Key Clinical Differences in AREDS 3

- Adjusted and Reduced Zinc Levels: High-dose zinc (typically 80 mg in AREDS 2) plays a critical role in retinal enzyme function and antioxidant transport. However, high zinc intake can trigger gastrointestinal distress, stomach upset, or copper deficiency in sensitive individuals. Furthermore, ongoing



ing research suggests that individual genetic variations may influence how efficiently different patients process heavy metals. AREDS 3 offers tailored options with lowered zinc dosages, ensuring effective antioxidant delivery while reducing digestive and systemic burden.

- Incorporation of Ocular B-Vitamins: Emerging clinical research underscores the protective role of key B-complex vitamins (including B6, B9/folate, and B12) in managing ocular health. These vitamins help lower systemic blood levels of homocysteine—an amino acid associated with vascular stress, inflammation, and cellular damage within the delicate blood vessels supplying the retina. By adding essential B-vitamins, AREDS 3 addresses important metabolic risk factors beyond standard antioxidant protection.

- Patients who experience recurrent stomach upset, nausea, or digestive discomfort with standard AREDS 2 formulas.
- Individuals who require a reduced overall zinc intake due to systemic health conditions or personal medical considerations.
- Patients presenting with elevated vascular risk factors who stand to benefit from daily B-vitamin supplementation.

Deciding between AREDS 2 and AREDS 3 requires a comprehensive evaluation by your ophthalmologist, who can review your overall health history, lifestyle factors, and specific retinal status to recommend the precise formulation suited for your eyes.

Photobiomodulation: A Clinical Breakthrough for Intermediate Dry AMD

While tailored nutrition forms a crucial line of defense, modern eye care now offers direct therapeutic intervention for intermediate dry macular degeneration through Photobiomodulation (PBM).

Photobiomodulation is an advanced, painless, non-invasive treatment that utilizes precise, selected wavelengths of light (yellow, red, and near infrared)

Is AREDS 3 Always Indicated?

It is essential for patients to realize that AREDS 3 is not a mandatory replacement for AREDS 2.

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What’s coming up at Franklin Senior Center

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

Following are a few highlights of the month:

Senior Expo! Fri., Oct. 2, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m., Connecting older adults, caregivers, and community resources. 40+ vendors, vaccination clinic, resources, giveaways, and raffles! Free for the whole community to attend.

Choking Emergencies, Tues., Oct. 6, 1 p.m., Hosted by the Franklin Health Dept, learn to recognize choking emergencies in adults, children and infants, and what to do!

Franklin History with Joe

Landry, Wed., October 7, 1 p.m.

Craft Corner, Thurs., Oct. 8, 1 p.m.

Eat around the World, Fri., Oct. 9, 1 p.m., Laos, \$10

Team Trivia, Tues., Oct.13, 1:30 p.m., teams limited to 4, sign up at front desk, prizes to winning team

Crochet Class, Thurs., Oct. 15, 1 p.m., Join Amanda to learn to make crocheted ghosts!

Autumn Altitude, Fri., Oct. 16, 1 p.m., Join in to witness a live drone flight over town

Cancer Support Group, Wed., Oct. 21, 12:30 p.m.

Memory Café, Wed., Oct. 21, 1 p.m., live performance

by Curtis Outside

Candle Making, Thu., Oct. 22, 1 p.m.

GATRA Quarterly Public Meeting, Thu., Oct. 22, 2:30 p.m.

Halloween Harvest, Tues., Oct. 27, 1 p.m., lively participatory program with Davis Bates, supported in part by a grant from Franklin Cultural Council

Dramatic reading of “The Tell-Tale Heart,” Thurs., Oct. 29, 12:30 p.m.

Kathy’s Art Class, Thurs., Oct. 29, 1 p.m., create a beautiful bead tree, \$3

Monthly Party, Fri., Oct. 30, 11 a.m., Murder Mystery: Evil Never Dies, \$10

Register for the 15th Annual Franklin Turkey Trot for Franklin Food Pantry

Runners, walkers, and families looking to give back before their Thanksgiving meals by registering for the 15th Annual Franklin Turkey Trot, taking place on Thanksgiving morning.

The annual family-friendly 5K brings together hundreds of community members to support

neighbors in need. All proceeds directly benefit the Franklin Food Pantry, helping ensure local families have consistent access to healthy, nutritious food throughout the entire year.

In addition to individual participant sign-ups, organizers are calling on regional businesses to

support the cause through sponsorship packages, with a variety of tier levels available.

Find full event details at www.franklinfoodpantry.org, or contact Jen Johnson, Special Events Manager, at Jjohnson@franklinfoodpantry.org.

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to target the retina. At a cellular level, these light wavelengths stimulate the mitochondria—the microscopic “powerhouses” of retinal cells. By boosting cellular energy production (ATP), reducing oxidative stress, and improving local circulation, PBM helps revitalize struggling retinal tissue and slow down cellular degeneration before irreversible sight loss occurs.

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Whether you are seeking

proactive treatment for dry macular degeneration, exploring advanced light therapy, or simply looking for an expert second opinion, our team is here to guide your journey toward preserved visual health.

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Understanding the Changing College Testing Landscape

Required. Optional. Flexible. Blind. Preferred. SAT or ACT? Submit the score or don't submit the score?

If you find today's college admissions testing landscape confusing, you are certainly not alone. Testing policies have changed dramatically over the past several years- and continue to change. The important thing for families to understand is that standardized testing still matters, but how much it matters depends on the college and the student.

SAT or ACT? Colleges accept both the SAT and ACT equally, so students should take the test that best suits their strengths. You can find comparison charts on the College Board (SAT) and The ACT website. My advice- if you're unsure, try a practice test of each before deciding.

Know the Testing Language:

- **Test-Optional:** Students decide whether they want their SAT or ACT scores considered.
- **Test-Required:** SAT or ACT scores must be submitted for admission.

- **Test-Flexible:** Testing is required, but a college may accept alternatives to the SAT/ACT, such as AP or IB scores.

- **Test-Blind:** The college does not consider SAT or ACT scores in the admission decision.

Sounds simple enough- until you begin looking at individual colleges.

While the majority of four-year colleges remain test-optional, a number of highly selective universities have reinstated testing requirements- such as University of Miami and Ohio State University. Other colleges remain technically test-optional but openly encourage or recommend scores. Boston College, for example, encourages applicants to submit SAT or ACT scores if available, while still giving full consideration to students who don't. Tulane encourages students with at least a 1300 SAT or 28 ACT to submit their scores.

And this is why families need to look beyond the words "test-optional."

Testing policies can also differ by institution, program,

scholarship, or state university system. A student applying to a highly competitive business, engineering, or nursing program may need a different testing strategy than another applicant at the same university.

So, What Should Students Do?

First, take testing seriously. Unless you know that every college you're considering is test-blind, prepare for and take an SAT or ACT. Test prep can range from private tutoring and group classes to inexpensive self-guided programs (ex, www.eprep.com) and free resources such as Khan Academy for the SAT and the official SAT and ACT practice materials.

A strong test score can absolutely strengthen an application, but it is not the only path to admission. If you prepare, test more than once if needed, and your scores simply don't reflect your academic ability, don't panic. At test-optional colleges, move to Plan B and concentrate on making the rest of the application as strong as possible.

When Should You Submit Your Score?

This is where strategy comes

in. Don't make one blanket decision for your entire college list. Make the decision college by college.

Look at each college's published SAT/ACT ranges for enrolled students.

The middle 50% range shows the scores between the 25th and 75th percentiles. Because students with lower scores are more likely to withhold them at test-optional schools, these published ranges can be somewhat inflated. Then ask a simple question:

Does my test score strengthen the academic story my application is already telling? If the answer is yes, consider submitting it, even if it isn't in the 50% percentile of the college's published range. If the score significantly undercuts an otherwise strong academic record, test-optional may be the better strategy.

Finally, learn what each college actually values. Search for the specific college's Common Data Set and look at Section C7. You can see whether the institution considers GPA, course rigor, essays, recommendations,



Maryline Michel Kulewicz and Tracy Sullivan of College 101 Admissions Consultants

extracurricular activities, demonstrated interest, and standardized test scores- and how much they consider it in the review process.

The testing landscape may be complicated, but your strategy doesn't have to be. Prepare, test, understand each college's policy, and then decide where your score strengthens your story. And remember: a test score is one piece of your college application- it is not the definition of you as a student.

Good luck and enjoy the journey!

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Franklin’s Riverbend Conservation Area earns Tree Farm certification

FRANKLIN, MA. — The Franklin Conservation Department and Conservation Commission are pleased to announce that Riverbend Conservation Area has been certified as a Tree Farm, recognizing the ongoing efforts to responsibly manage the property’s forest resources, improve wildlife habitat and support long-term forest health.

An official Tree Farm sign was installed at Riverbend on Tuesday, Sept. 15, marking the certification and the continued stewardship work taking place throughout the conservation area.

What Is Tree Farm Certification?

Tree Farm certification recognizes forests that are managed with a long-term approach to responsible stewardship. The program encourages landowners and communities to consider the many benefits healthy forests provide, including wildlife habitat, water quality, recreation,

biodiversity and overall forest health. For communities, certification provides an opportunity to recognize and showcase the work involved in responsibly managing public forestland and natural resources. It also reflects a commitment to thoughtful, long-term forest management and planning for the future.

Stewardship and Climate Research at Riverbend

Riverbend’s Tree Farm certification builds on a Forest Stewardship Plan developed for the property in 2024. Following native shrub plantings and the creation of habitat brush piles at Riverbend after Earth Day in 2026, the Conservation Commission approved plans for continued and expanded stewardship work.

As part of the project, five climate plots have been established throughout Riverbend. These plots are designed to be monitored over time to help study the impacts of climate change



From left, consulting forester Tom Ashton, Conservation Commissioner Roger Trahan, Conservation Director Breeka Li Goodlander, certified tree climber Anders Anderson and Conservation Commission Vice Chair Lui Puga.

on local forests and ecosystems. Additionally, three screech owl boxes have been installed to provide nesting habitat.

The project focuses on native tree species that may help local ecosystems adapt to a changing climate while supporting forest and riparian health. The plots vary in microclimate, terrain, tree species, species diversity and wildlife habitat. The work also includes removing invasive glossy buckthorn and managing diseased hemlock trees.

Stewardship efforts will continue this fall, with more than 400 native tree seedlings expected to arrive in November for planting in additional climate plots.

Funding for the project was provided through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Service Forestry Stewardship Cost-Share Program, Massachusetts Climate Stewardship Incentive Program (Mass C-SIP), Franklin Conservation Commission and

a collaborative donation from the Town’s Stormwater and Environmental Affairs division of the Department of Public Works.

The Conservation Department and Conservation Commission thank the volunteers, partners and community members who have supported the ongoing stewardship of Riverbend Conservation Area.

Invitation for Public Comments for NECHE Accreditation

Dean College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on November 1-3, 2026 by a team representing the **New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)** (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, NEASC).

The New England Commission of Higher Education is a U.S. accrediting commission that provides institutional accreditation. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 220 institutions in the United States as well as American-style institutions overseas.

Dean College has been accredited by the Commission since 1957 and was last reviewed in 2016. Its accreditation by the Commission encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, Dean College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission’s Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:

Public Comment on Dean College
New England Commission of Higher Education
301 Edgewater Place, Suite 210
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E-mail: info@neche.org

Public Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Public Comments must be received by November 3, 2026. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.



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Franklin Downtown Partnership names Jenna Reilly Executive Director

The Franklin Downtown Partnership (FDP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jenna Reilly as its new Executive Director. With almost 20 years of experience leading retail operations, driving strategic growth, and creating community-centered experiences, Reilly brings a combination of entrepreneurial leadership, business development expertise, and a deep commitment to fostering a vibrant, connected community.

Reilly joined the FDP as a business member in 2026 after co-founding Book a Break, a Franklin-based company that creates themed, multi-day literary retreats. Before launching Book a Break, Reilly built a long retail career with Tiffany & Co. in Massachusetts, New York and Texas. Most recently, she served as Store Director in Providence, where she was selected to help revitalize the business. Her leadership included strategic planning, team development, client engagement and events that attracted new audiences and drove record-setting results. She previously led the Chestnut Hill location, delivering sustained growth and cultivating a culture centered on service and employee engagement.

“Jenna brings an entrepreneurial mindset and business development expertise to identify new opportunities, increase the Partnership’s impact on downtown development and create even greater value for our FDP members,” said Scott Martin, President of the Franklin Downtown Partnership Board of Directors. “As we welcome Jenna, we also extend our deepest gratitude to our recently retired executive director, Lisa Piana. Throughout her remarkable 22-year tenure, Lisa was a passionate and tireless advocate for downtown Franklin. She was instrumental in growing our signature events to new heights and advancing downtown development in countless ways. The strong foundation she built will continue to shape our work for years to come.”

A Franklin resident for the past five years, Reilly lives in town with her husband and



their two children. Her family has enjoyed FDP traditions including community festivals and the Ladybug Trail, giving her firsthand appreciation for the Partnership’s role in making downtown Franklin welcoming and vibrant.

“The sense of community here is something special, and it is in large part shaped by the thoughtful programming and events led by the Franklin Downtown Partnership. Experiencing events like the Strawberry Stroll and Harvest Festival has not only deepened my connection to the town, but also reinforced how impactful well-executed, community-driven initiatives can be in bringing people together and supporting local businesses. The opportunity to contribute to and grow that impact is incredibly meaningful to me,” Reilly said.

As Executive Director, Reilly will help build on FDP’s signature programming, strengthen relationships with local businesses and community partners, and identify new opportunities to support a thriving downtown. Her appointment comes during the Partnership’s 25th anniversary year.

“I’m very excited to serve the Partnership in this new capacity,” Reilly said. “This milestone year is a wonderful time to reflect on all that has been accomplished and to build thoughtfully on that strong foundation. I’m honored to help create positive impact in the years ahead.”

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Santa Foundation gala slated for October 2 at Elks

The Santa Foundation is excited to invite the community to its Annual Gala on Friday, October 2, 2026, from 6-10 p.m. at the Franklin Elks Lodge. The evening promises a great buffet dinner, live entertainment, exciting raffles, and an opportunity to make a meaningful difference for local neighbors in need.

This year's Gala will feature several exciting fundraising opportunities, including an exclusive Golden Ticket Raffle. For just \$50, supporters can purchase one of only 100 Golden Tickets for the opportunity to win one of two incredible prize packages -- a 3 night get-away in Stowe, VT, with accommodations for four guests and gift cards for local attractions -- or a Prize features a backyard fall oasis, including a great smokeless fire stove and fun accessories. Two winners will be selected, with the first choosing between the two prizes. Golden Tickets are available through the Santa Foundation website

as well as at the Gala, with only 100 tickets sold and an exceptional chance to win.

Guests will also have the opportunity to bid on extraordinary sports experiences in the Premier Silent Auction, participate in a Live Auction featuring unique items and experiences, browse raffle prizes generously donated by local businesses, and even take home one of the evening's beautiful floral centerpieces.

The Santa Foundation is also conducting its popular Holiday Calendar Fundraiser, a community favorite, featuring 31 days of prizes generously donated by local businesses. Winning numbers will be drawn throughout November, culminating with a final, \$1,000 cash prize.

The Santa Foundation serves families across 34 communities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island providing personalized holiday gifts, essential items, and assistance to families experiencing financial hardship. Last

holiday season, the Foundation provided holiday support to more than 860 families, impacting over 3,500 individuals. The all-volunteer Foundation relies on local businesses, community partners, and individual donors to continue its impact.

For more information or to purchase Gala tickets, visit www.sfjoy.org or follow the Santa Foundation on Facebook.

Franklin UMC in October

All events take place at Franklin UMC, 82 W. Central St., Franklin

Community Closet:

Tuesdays, 12-2 p.m., this month October 6, 13, 20, & 27. Come visit for a closet refresh- all clothing is FREE! Donations of gently used clean clothes are gratefully accepted to restock the inventory.

We are grateful for our volunteers and the people who donate who help to make this a welcome resource for our community!

Sunday, October 18:

Celebration of the basement classroom renovations, new elevator, and welcome back to Aprende Spanish Immersion preschool- plus thank yous to our construction project partners and awesome volunteers for their work to bring this vision to life. 10-11:30 a.m.

Saturday, October 24:

Trunk or Treat 4-6 p.m., parking area at 82 W. Central St., and Free Community Cookout on the church lawn. Join us on the front lawn for free hamburgers and hotdogs for an early dinner to enjoy the costumes. Great for families with little ones. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blanket.

Temple Etz Chaim Sisterhood donates to Interfaith Fuel Assistance



Rev. Doreen Oughton, president of the Franklin Interfaith Council (and Rev. at the Franklin Federated Church) accepts a \$1,500 check from Temple Etz Chaim Sisterhood president Karen Dauer (center), Rabbi Rachel (far right) and TEC Sisterhood Members. Submitted photo.

Temple Etz Chaim Sisterhood held its Welcome Brunch on Sunday, August 30, 2026 at the Temple Etz Chaim building at 186 Grove St, Franklin. The ladies joined together for a potluck brunch and socializing. Temple Etz Chaim is celebrating its second year in its new building. The Temple Etz Chaim Sisterhood donated \$1,500 to the Franklin Interfaith Council Fuel Assistance Fund.

Karen Dauer, Temple Etz Chaim Sisterhood president, along with Sisterhood members and Rabbi Rachel Putterman, presented the check to Rev. Doreen Oughton, Franklin Federated Church, and 2026-27 Franklin Interfaith Council president. At the brunch, Rev. Oughton spoke of the various goals of the Franklin Interfaith

Council, complete with the Interfaith Council Fuel Assistance Program. <https://franklin-mainterfaith.org/>

Temple Etz Chaim is a Reform Jewish Congregation that serves Franklin and the greater surrounding communities. Explore Temple Etz Chaim and the TEC Sisterhood. <https://temple-etzchaim.org/>

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SPORTS

Franklin golf returning players bring potential

BY CHRISTOPHER TREMBLAY,
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

A handful of golfers will be returning to the greens for Franklin this fall, and Coach Bo Botelho will be looking at them to carry this team into the State Tournament. Last year, the Panthers put together an overall 10-6 record and went 9-3 in the Hockomock League and found themselves in fourth place behind neighboring King Philip, Foxboro and Mansfield at the Hockomock Championships. While the team did advance into the State Tournament, they didn't go to far. The Panthers also had a couple of golfers advance into the individual play they did not have a good showing.

Taking the reigns as the captains this fall will be seniors Ben Burgess and Tyler Perlman as well a junior Bryce Botelho. Burgess scored in all 17 matches for the panthers that he participated in, while Perlman scored in 16 of his 17 matches and Botelho's scoring counted in 12 of his 17 matches. Burgess and Perlman were named to the All-Star team while the junior was given honorable mention.

The three golfers had their scores count in 45 out of 51 matches that they took part in for an incredible 88%. That's an incredible stat, and the trio will definitely be looked upon to be the backbone of this Panther team this fall.

"Ben and Bryce play a very similar game with Ben being a bit more polished, but neither



Franklin golf is looking to advance to the State Tournament this year, with a stronger showing.

makes a lot of errant shots. They keep the ball in play and rely heavily on their chipping and putting skills, keeping things strategic," the Franklin Coach said. "Tyler on the other hand has a different style of game; he employs more speed and hits the ball further. He uses creativity and is more of an artist with his length from the tee."

Following the top three golfers is senior Ayden Doyle, sitting in the fourth spot, and although he is not anywhere near the top three golfers, he was able to have his score count in four of his 13 matches last fall. Botelho is hoping that the senior can increase his scoring percentage this fall. Doyle will hold onto the fourth spot for the time being, but in

order to keep it, he's going to have to work hard, while his competitors are looking to unseat him in that spot.

The next tier of players includes two juniors in Jack Langis and Leo Swahn, as well as sophomore Albie Lomberto. Langis, according to the Coach, had probably the best tryout of everyone coming into the season. He is shooting the ball really good in the early goings. The trio of golfers were able to get into a total of 10 matches last fall for the Panthers. Unfortunately, none of their scores were good enough to count. Botelho noted that all three golfers know that they need to get better and step up their game if they want to make the scorecard.

Rounding out the team looking to find some playing time are sophomores Luke Swahn, Ethan Helm and Calvin Sacramone. Thus far, Swahn and Helm have put forth a better effort and had themselves a fantastic two days of tryouts. It's a huge advantage to being a top eight player, and there will be an intense battle between the lower six golfers hoping to secure a spot between 5 and 8.

Franklin also has four brand new players to the team this year: juniors Anthony Ficco and Sahil Patel; freshman Shemus Caruso and junior Tessah Rodrigues, a female first time golfer at Franklin.

His fall King Philip will be dropping from the Kelly-Rex

to the Davenport Division of the Hockomock changing the dynamic of league play. As the season gets closer to getting underway Botelho has three goals for his team: 1) to go undefeated in the Hockomock League winning all 10 of their matches in the Kelly-Rex, something he truly believes his squad can accomplish. 2) Make it to the State Sectional Tournament and 3) a goal that never changes – make it to the State Finals.

In addition to the team goals, the Panther Coach is also hoping that his players all try to work in three other goals throughout the season. Being a top eight golfer on the team gives players the opportunity to play in a match; being a top six golfer throughout the year allows the golfer to advance into the State Sectionals and being a top four golfer gives the individual the opportunity to play in the Hockomock League Championship.

"Every practice this fall will be intense," the Panther Coach said. "There is a lot on the line for all the players, and while we are looking to have a fun year, we are also looking for them to improve their games and do some good things."

Botelho believes that if Franklin takes to the fairways and plays with their full potential, then they can absolutely make it to the Finals, especially when nobody can beat them at their course.

Franklin was scheduled to open the season on September 5 against Attleboro.

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titles; being ranked #3 in the MIAA State Division 1, becoming a division 1 State Finalist, and securing the Hockomock League Championship in 2023. Throughout his high school years, Ryan devoted himself to the sport and relentlessly trained and cultivated his talents. During the summer months when not in school, Ryan played in top-rated leagues including MLB partner, the Frontier League's Brockton Rox. The Rox name was chosen by the Red Sox in 2002 and is partly owned by the 1970's Red Sox hall-of-famer, Jim Rice. The legendary outfielder and designated hit runner became part of the Rox's new ownership in 2025 according to the Rox's website. Zack Brown, Head Coach of the Panthers Baseball team declared, "From the very first time our staff saw Ryan play we knew he was going to be a special player in our program.

Ryan does everything on a baseball field at such a high level. His tools are eye popping. But the most impressive thing about Ryan is his passion for the game. It is infectious. Ryan's work ethic and passion for the game of baseball have been unmatched in my time at Franklin High School. Ryan is an inspiration for future generations of Franklin Panthers. We could not be more proud of his success and are thrilled to watch his professional journey." Leaving the Panthers after graduation in 2023, Ryan fielded his way to Northeastern University as a business major. When asked why he chose Northeastern, he responded, "For the outstanding academics as well as its great co-op program - and it doesn't get better than living in the city." Ryan brought his dream of becoming a professional ball player to college, and his skill and love for the game secured him a spot with the Howlin' Huskies under the guidance of Coach Mike Glavine, a former

MLB player and five-time CAA Coach of the year. In his rookie season, Ryan made 21 appearances with 14 starts. In 2025, he produced 60 hits, with 12 doubles, two triples and five homeruns while driving in 34 runs with 26 stolen bases. He started in all 61 games in his junior year, according to the sports portal of their website. Statistics like these were noticeable to those seeking young potentials for professional baseball - scouts! In Ryan's junior year at Northeastern, his dream as a major league ball player became visible. The San Diego Padres invited him to train with them at their training facility in Arizona. They wanted him! The San Diego Padres' minor league is the Midwest League's High-A team - the TinCaps of Fort Wayne, Indiana. When an outfielder of the TinCaps became injured, a replacement was needed and a call was made to the Padres, they needed Ryan. On his very first step up to bat in professional baseball,

he belted a hit. His long-held dream of becoming a professional baseball player had just become reality. When asked about his experience he replied, "Fort Wayne was a blast on top of a blessing. I got to see really good competition and compete at a high level. I am super grateful for the opportunity." Now a senior at Northeastern University, we wish Ryan success with hopes that this hometown slugger progresses further into the big leagues. Perhaps an outfielder's position with the Red Sox is in his future?



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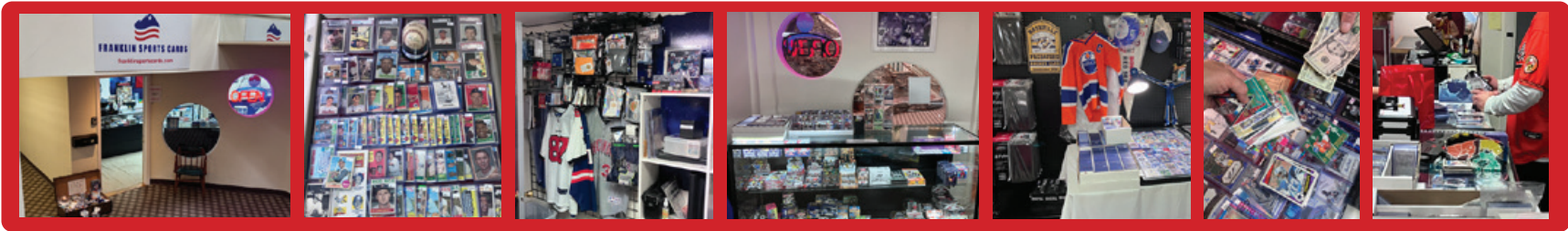
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October 2

Franklin Senior Expo, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin

Santa Foundation Annual Gala, 6-10 p.m., Franklin Elks Lodge, 1077 Pond St., Franklin, www.sfjoy.org/products-and-events

October 3

Franklin Rotary Club 10th Annual Car Show, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., New England Chapel, 300 Central St., Franklin, Features food, ice cream, & raffles, and vehicles of all types; Antique, Muscle, Classic, Custom, Motorcycles and out of the norm new cars! Trophies will be awarded at 12:30 p.m.

Medicare for Seniors and Caregivers, 2 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin, features SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) expert to answer questions.

Encore Music Academy open house, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., 3 Bent St., Franklin

CultureFest, 10 a.m., Bellforge Arts Center, 45 Hospital Road, Medfield, annual community celebration of music, food, dance, and cultural traditions from around the world — presented in partnership with Medfield Together. Register at www.bellforge.org.

October 5

Adult Watercolor workshop, 6 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin, registration required, www.franklinma.gov/233/Franklin-Public-Library

October 6

Community Closet at Franklin UMC open, 12-2 p.m., 82 W. Central St., Franklin, All clothing FREE. Donations of gently used clean clothes gratefully accepted.

Franklin Garden Club meeting, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, program features Olivia Thomes of Hares Paw Farm, Lakeville on sourdough bread

October 7

Franklin Art Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, features Lenny Moskowitz who'll explore a painterly, abstract approach to landscape

October 8

Stony Brook Camera Club hybrid meeting, Zoom and Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 195 Main St., Franklin, "Image Study"

October 11

Second Sunday Speaker Series: Odyssey in the Wilderness Revisited: Highlights and personalities from nearly 250 years of Franklin History, with James C. Johnston Jr., 1:15 p.m., doors open at 1, Franklin Historical Museum, 80 W. Central St., Franklin, free but donations gratefully accepted

Sunday Jazz Jam, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Hopkinton Center for the Arts, 98 Hayden Rowe, Hopkinton, features MetroWest Jazz Project, free but donations gratefully accepted, RSVP \ <https://bit.ly/JazzJamDonation>

Drop into Art, 1-4 p.m., Danforth Art Museum and School, 14 Vernon Place on Framingham Town Common, encourages creativity for adults and kids alike, materials provided. Free

Abraham's Table, One Creator: Many Paths, Finding Common Ground, 3-5 p.m., presented by the MetroWest Interfaith Community with Peace Islands Institute, The Islamic Society of Greater Milford, 2 West Elm St., Hopkinton, register at hollistoninterfaith.org, text: 862-264-7000

October 13

Community Closet at Franklin UMC open, 12-2 p.m., 82 W. Central St., Franklin, All clothing FREE. Donations of gently used clean clothes gratefully accepted.

Yankee Quilters Guild presents Cathy Racine, of Charlton Sewing Center, 7 p.m., Emma's Quilt Cupboard, Horace Mann Plaza, Franklin. non-members, \$5. Racine to discuss her project "We Speak in Stitches," an emotional collection of approximately 200 hand-stitched fabric pieces of art made by women around the world. Potluck supper prior to program.

Ghost Stories of New England, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

The Shivering Mouse Poetry Salon, 6:30 p.m., home of Shawna Foundation Poetry Program Director Art DuBois, 446 East St, Uxbridge. Poetry reading by Eve Rifkah of Worcester, followed by poetry open mic

October 15

Learn to Mahjong! 6 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin, registration required, www.franklinma.gov/233/Franklin-Public-Library, adult program

October 17

Painting for Adults, 1 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin, registration required, www.franklinma.gov/233/Franklin-Public-Library

Italian Folk Concert with Fabio Pirozzolo, 2 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

Country Line Dancing, 6:30-9 p.m., First Universalist Society of Franklin. Visit www.fusf.org for ticket information.

October 18

Scary Scurry Family Friendly Walk & Race, 5K 8 a.m., Fun run 9:15 a.m. Children's Museum of Franklin, 157 Cottage St., Franklin, register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Franklin/ScaryScurry> by Oct. 18

How the Democrats Lost America, with Scott Ferson, 1:15 p.m., Franklin Historical Museum, 80 W. Central St., Franklin, free but donations appreciated

Celebration of the basement classroom renovations, new elevator, and welcome back to Aprende Spanish Immersion preschool, 10 a.m., Franklin UMC, 82 W. Central St., Franklin

October 20

Community Closet at Franklin UMC open, 12-2 p.m., 82 W. Central St., Franklin, All clothing FREE. Donations of gently used clean clothes gratefully accepted.

October 21

Franklin LGBTQ Alliance Book Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Franklin TV & Radio, 23 Hutchinson St., Franklin. "The Left Hand of Darkness" by Ursula K. Le Guin.

October 23

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

October 24

SAFE Medication Take Back, 10 a.m. – Noon, 31 Hayward St., Ste. 2C, Franklin, other locations at www.safecoalitionma.org/rx-day

Trunk or Treat! 10:30 a.m., Franklin Public Library parking lot, 118 Main St., Franklin

Franklin Police Halloween Party, 2-5 p.m., Franklin Police Department, Panther Way, Franklin, children can come dressed in costume to trick or treat (rain date Oct. 25), candy, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn

Franklin Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. - noon., Franklin Public Library,

118 Main St., Franklin, bag sale \$5 a bag, 1-4 p.m.

Franklin Lions Trunk or Treat, 4-6 p.m., Franklin High School, 218 Oak St., Franklin, raindate

Trunk or Treat with Free Community Cookout, 4-6 p.m., parking area at Franklin UMC, 82 W. Central St., free hamburgers and hotdogs, bring lawn chairs or picnic blanket.

Salvage Angel Craft Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Fairmount Fruit Farm, 887 Lincoln St., Franklin, vendors, food, animals, hayrides

Richard Shindell, 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7), Circle of Friends Coffeehouse, First Universalist Society in Franklin, 262 Chestnut St., Franklin, ticket info. at www.circlefolk.org

October 27

Community Closet at Franklin UMC open, 12-2 p.m., 82 W. Central St., Franklin, All clothing FREE. Donations of gently used clean clothes gratefully accepted.

October 28

Interactive Movie, 5 p.m., Franklin Public Library parking lot, 118 Main St., Franklin For families, includes popcorn and some fun surprises!

October 29

Ghosts and Legends with Jeff Belanger, 7-9 p.m., Franklin Historical Museum, 80 W. Central St., Franklin, \$5, cash at door, space limited

October 31

Franklin's Not So Scary Halloween Party! 10:30 a.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

November 1

Butterfly Garden Reunion, Our Lady of Fatima Shrine Butterfly Garden, 101 Summer St., Holliston, 4-6 p.m., honors those lost to substance use disorder, register at <https://bit.ly/481LKAC>.

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Franklin Library’s Citizenship & English Language Learning Project “Exemplary”

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“The LSTA grant was instrumental in helping us revitalize our ESOL program and has had such a positive impact on the community, bringing together neighbors new and old,” said project director Allison Smith. “It was a really collaborative experience as well, based in efforts of multiple library staff members, language learning trainers, and most importantly the volunteer tutors and students.”

The project helped immigrants and English language learners build the skills and confidence to navigate daily life. The library reduced its ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) class waitlist from several hundred to under twenty and trained 58 volunteer tutors to serve 132 students from 31 countries. The project also grew to include an ESOL Chorus Group that gave students an engaging and low-pressure way to practice English, learn new vocabulary through song lyrics, and discuss the cultural themes behind them.

Franklin Public Library also established a recurring tutor training schedule to meet demand and temporarily extended its ESOL offerings beyond the library to a local emergency shelter serving migrant families when the need arose.

Franklin was one of 20 libraries awarded an LSTA Direct Grant as part of the MBLC’s federal program.

Franklin Lions annual Trunk or Treat - Saturday, Oct. 24 at FHS

Franklin Lions are excited about our annual Trunk or Treat!

Saturday October 24th from 4-6 p.m. at the Franklin High School, 218 Oak St., Franklin.

Come in your Halloween costume, see all the trunks on display and get a lot of candy!

We are looking for businesses, organizations and individuals to help us make the event a success. If you are interested in decorating a car for this event, please scan the QR code below or fill out this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHxiCkquEm9t2HHHp0be9_Fbwa0MUTZ8Pkd-lie5a2tORSQow/viewform

For questions, contact franklinmalions@gmail.com.



SAFE Medication Take Back event Oct. 24

If you have old prescriptions sitting in your medicine cabinet or expired over-the-counter meds taking up space, here’s your chance to dispose of them safely while helping protect your community.

The SAFE Coalition is hosting drive-thru medication disposal stations on **Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m.–noon** at locations in Franklin, Norfolk, Medway, Millis, and Wrentham. It’s completely free, totally anonymous, and you don’t even have to get out of your car.

You can find drive-up locations in the parking lots of Franklin Town Hall, Medway Town Hall, Millis Fire Department, Norfolk Police Department, and Wrentham Town Hall.

Franklin, SAFE Office, 31 Hayward St., Ste. 2C
Medway Town Hall parking lot, 155 Village St., Medway
Norfolk Police Department, 14 Sharon Ave., Norfolk
Wrentham Town Hall parking lot, 79 South St., Wrentham
Millis Fire Department parking lot, 885 Main St., Millis

What can you bring? Any medication you want to get rid of – over-the-counter pills, prescription medications (yes, including opioids), and even medical devices like vapes and cartridges. No questions asked,



no judgment, just safe disposal. Visit safecoalitionma.org/rx-day for details.

SAFE Coalition is also excited to announce a new partnership with Direct Federal Credit Union as they launch Direct Impact Checking, a checking account that allows members to make a difference simply by using their debit card, at no additional cost to the member.

Historic Happenings at Franklin Historical Museum, October 2026

Regular Hours: Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 1-4

Sunday, Oct. 11, 1:15 p.m., Odyssey in the Wilderness Revisited: Highlights and personalities from nearly 250 years of Franklin History

This month, our ‘Second Sunday Speaker’ is James C. Johnston Jr., a long-time Franklin educator, historian, and author of the award-winning “Odyssey in the Wilderness,” a history of Franklin written for the town’s 200th birthday, in 1978. Jim will share notable content from the book as well as other personalities, stories, and anecdotes drawn from a lifetime lived in the City Known as the Town of Franklin. Admission is free but donations are appreciated.

Sunday, Oct. 18, How the Democrats Lost America, 1:15 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 18, local author Scott Ferson will discuss his new book, “How the Democrats Lost America: Making Sense of the 2024 Election and the Future of American Politics.” Come join a lively, non-partisan talk about the current disconnect in our country with national politics, and specifically the Democratic Party’s disconnect. Ferson is a Democrat political consultant and faculty member at Stonehill College in Easton. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

Thursday, Oct. 29, Ghosts and Legends with Jeff Belanger, 7-9 p.m., \$5, cash only at door

Jeff Belanger’s ghostly multimedia program will take you on a journey through the haunts in your backyard, and around the world. The premier storyteller pulls from 25 years of research for his books, podcasts, adventures, and the various television shows.

Space is limited.

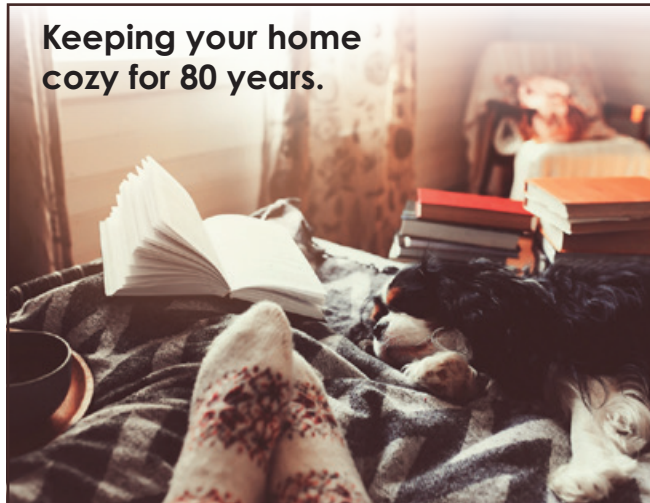
The Franklin Historical Museum is located at 80 West Central Street, Franklin. Questions? Contact Alan Earls at 508-560-3786. Visit us online at <https://www.franklinmuseum1778.org>

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Register O'Donnell warns homeowners about deed scams

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Dedham, MA- Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell today reminded Norfolk County residents to disregard a direct mail solicitation offering them a certified copy of their property deed for an outrageous fee of anywhere from \$60-\$128.

Register O'Donnell stated, "For a number of years, a California company which has recently moved operations to Nevada has been preying on unsuspecting homeowners by sending a direct mail solicitation asking them to send a check for \$128 in order to receive a copy of their deed. If a consumer knew that they could print a non-certified copy of their deed for free from our website www.norfolkdeeds.org or obtain a certified copy of their deed for a charge of only \$1 per page plus an additional \$1 for postage, they would never agree to pay such an outrageous fee for service. The average price for a mailed homeowner's certified deed copy by the Registry (usually two pages) is \$3."

To learn more about Registry of Deed's events and initiatives, like and follow them on social media. The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds is located at 649 High Street in Dedham. Reach them at 781-461-6101 or registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.



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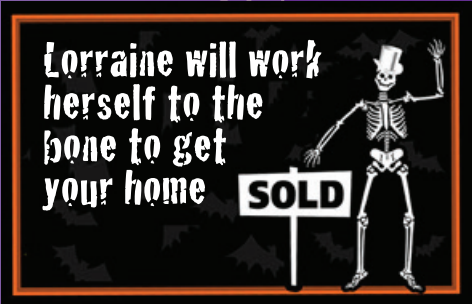
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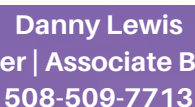
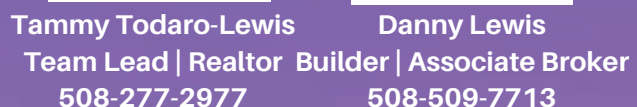
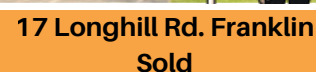
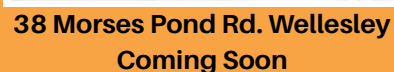
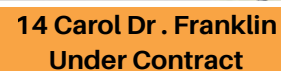
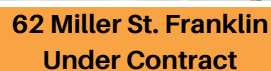
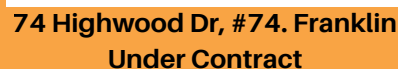
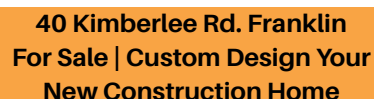
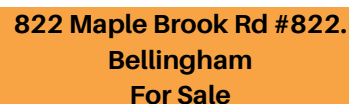
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