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Franklin athletes leave their mark on hockey history

By Judith Dorato O'Gara

Two brothers from Franklin, Caeden and Devin Parisi, are members of the Boston Whiplash, the first-ever U.S. Volt Hockey team. Thanks to their recent efforts, the sport has been officially incorporated into the Hockey Hall of Fame (www.hhof.com) in Toronto, Canada.



Franklin volt hockey players Caeden Parisi, left, and Devin Parisi, right, shown with the display for which Caeden advocated at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. *Photo used courtesy of Mark Parisi*

Volt Hockey is a high-impact international parasport in which athletes drive specialized, battery-powered power wheelchairs equipped with a fixed paddle that can reach speeds of up to 10 mph. The sport, custom-designed for athletes with significant upper- and lower-body mobility impairments (such as muscular dystrophy or cerebral palsy) who cannot play traditional standing or manual-wheelchair sports, was created in the 1990s with a donation from the Crown Prince of Denmark to the Danish Disabled Sports Federation. The sport was introduced into Canada in 2016,

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Art Ziemer's cake walk 2027

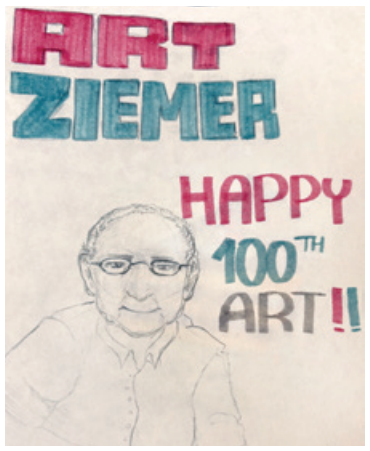
WWII Navy veteran journeys to his 100th year

By Natalee Webb-Rubino

The Navy's 251st birthday was recently celebrated on November 13 this year, as was Franklin's last known WWII Navy Veteran, Art Ziemer. He turned 99 and has now entered into his 100th year walking the planet. Krystale the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools in Franklin was asked if 100 students could write birthday letters to Art.

Kudos to Krystale as she leapt at the chance to honor a veteran and contacted the school principals who were equally excited. Only 100 letters were needed to kick off Art's Cake Walk. The 100 birthday wishes were meant to signify the 365-day walking this planet that Art would be living for his 100th year marker. The student's interest allowed Krystale to collect 428!

The outpouring of love for a veteran is always so strong



Art Ziemer's card a student drew from the photo in the December "Franklin Local Town Pages."

in Franklin. The drawings, artwork, creative skills, and most of all the love these students incorporated into their birthday messages to Art was exceptionally remarkable! Seeing the huge box of birthday messages bought tears to his eyes. "I never expected anything like this!" he emotionally

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exclaimed.

The birthday messages the students wrote to Art were about their appreciation not only being a Veteran, but that he is a WWII Veteran. Art was shown the love of Franklin students threw their hand drawn illustrations, pictures of American flags and soldiers, accurate navy emblems, creative artwork, and their heart felt messages. One student writing "Thank you so much for your service, it means so much to me to have people like you that live near me and be able to say, "A World War 2 Veteran lives in my town! I am so glad I live in Franklin and get to know a WWII Veteran!" Another student took a picture from the article Art was featured on the front page of last year's December issue and made an incredible pencil drawing of it!

Being born on the Navy's birthdate was not Art's reasoning for joining the Navy. It was family pride. In December of 1942 then President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9279 creating an act whereby students in their Junior year of High School could enlist at the age of seventeen. As soon as Art turned 18, he jumped at that opportunity and enlisted. His motive, he was the youngest of six from a family of freedom fighters during World War II.

All five boys and one sister of the Ziemer family joined the Navy in full support of the war efforts during the 1940's. His brother Bill just older than him was a Navy pilot who was shot down during the Pacific War. Captured by the Imperial Army of Japan, he was sent to their infamous Ofuna Prison, a secret prisoner-of-war camp used to imprison and interrogate U.S. Navy personnel that was known for its extreme cruelty and can be best described in the 2014 Australian movie "Unbroken."

Camp Ofuna did not abide by the Geneva Conventions created in 1864 and expanded after WWI to protect imprisoned soldiers of all countries. Brother Bill Ziemer succumbed to grievous injuries he sustained while being interrogated aka "tortured." Years later a fellow prisoner would keep Bill's promise to personally bring the news of his demise home to his family. At Camp Ofuna, prisoners were not allowed to speak, so these brave POWs would tap code to communicate with each other Art explained. Using this communication method, his brother Bill and a fellow prisoner made a pact with each other; whoever survived would go to the others' family and share the truth of what happened to them at Camp Ofuna.

Throughout this year, we will be chronicling Franklin's World War II Navy Veteran Art Ziemer as he journeys into his 100th year walking the planet – his "Cake Walk 2027." Each month, Art will chat with some of the Franklin students who made cards, signs, created artwork or wrote letters for his surprise 99th birthday. The students will share with Art what prompted them to create their piece while Art shares his emotion in receiving it. The project is underway, so stay tuned for some exciting months ahead as we honor a hero from the "Greatest Generation" along with some WWII sage advice or era-lived story from Art.



Art was overcome with emotion on his 99th birthday.



Karen Mooney displaying some of the signs, cards and letter Art Ziemer received from Franklin students on his 99th birthday.



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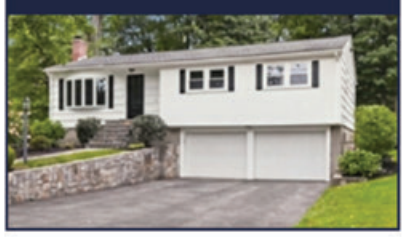
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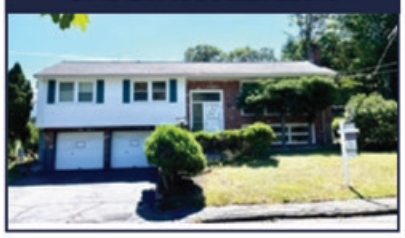
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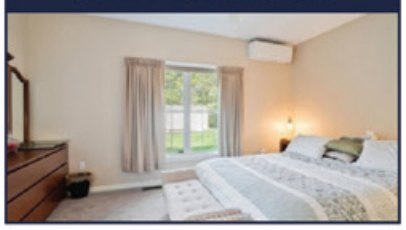
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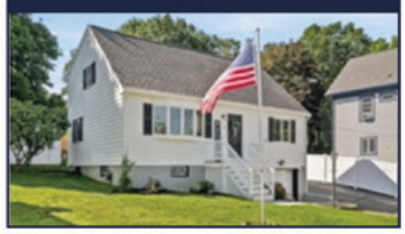
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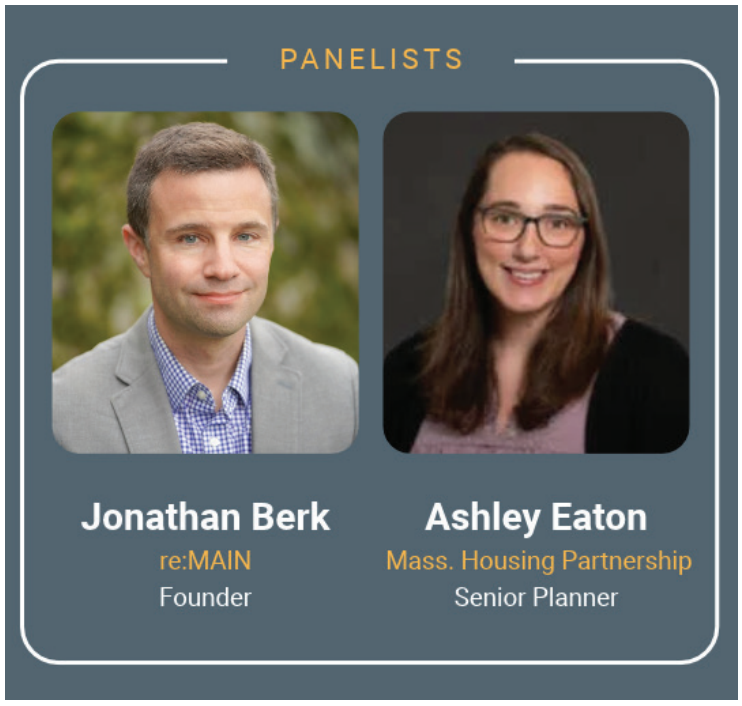
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The event will feature Jonathan Berk, founder of re:MAIN, and Ashley Eaton, Senior Planner at Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), exploring what makes successful downtowns and neighborhoods. Drawing on examples from across Massachusetts, the conversation will cover housing, local businesses, walkability, transportation, parking, public spaces, and community character.

With several development proposals generating discussion in Franklin, the event offers an opportunity to look beyond individual projects and consider how the community can foster a thriving, welcoming downtown.

The one-hour program will include presentations, moderated discussion, and audience Q&A.

The event is free and open to all. RSVP at ben4franklin.org/vibrant-downtown.

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FHS Boys and Girls Hockey teams will be volunteering again. More help is always appreciated from community members of all ages. Students: if you have community service hours to satisfy, this is the perfect opportunity to earn your hours. You will get a note documenting your service.

The day is organized by Eileen Mason, Beautification Committee Chair for the Franklin Downtown Partnership, a Franklin Garden Club member who also organizes downtown Spring Beautification.

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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 at 8 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 91 Jordan Rd., Franklin.

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.

Register at https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Franklin/FranklinTurkeyTrot or in-person at 91 Jordan Road from 7-9pm on November 25, or 6:30-7:30 a.m. the day of the race (11/26).

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

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through Variety, The Children's Charity, in Ontario, and, with support of the Toronto Maple Leafs and other charitable organizations, became established throughout much of Canada.

The Boston Whiplash team was established in 2021, after the Boston Self Help Center (BSHC), a Boston-area nonprofit run by and for people with disabilities, purchased its first set of volt hockey chairs.

"They started in 2022," says 23-year Franklin resident Mark Parisi, of his two sons, noting that the Boston Whiplash was begun "by a Northeastern student as a project for his major." Caeden and Devin, he says, became involved through JB's Keys to DMD (www.jbskeys.org) , a Dover-based organization for boys and young men with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

That year, the first ever Volt Hockey World Cup in Gävle, Sweden welcomed 22 teams consisting of over 200 players from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Canada and the USA.

While in Toronto, Ontario in 2025 for a tournament, the Parisis, like North American hockey fans, made their way to the Hockey Hall of Fame.

"There was a 'Changing the Face of Hockey' display that showcases all the adapted versions of regular ice hockey," says Caeden Parisi, 20, a 2024 Tri-County graduate who works full-time as a BIM Technician for ADRM. "I noticed volt hockey was not there," says Caeden, who approached the front desk requesting to add the sport. He later emailed his proposal to the contact he was given, and "they got back to me the next day to talk about adding it," says Caeden, pleasantly surprised to even receive a response. "They had me send a couple items up there to put on display, my jersey I wore for the past couple years until we switched our jerseys, a paddle that had been used in one of the past tournaments, and a ball and a plaque from the Volt Hockey World Cup."

Caeden had the pleasure, then, at the end of 2025 in Sweden, to be able to announce to the Volt Hockey World Cup attendees that "volt hockey was now in the Hockey Hall of Fame," he says."

Both Caeden and his younger brother, enjoy practicing every week at the Charles River Campus of UMass Amherst in Newton.

"The only (sport) I really tried before was power soccer, but once we heard about volt hockey, I enjoyed it a lot more than the power soccer," says Caeden.

Devin, 17, currently a senior at Tri-County studying graphic design, adds, "It's fun to be involved in a sport, because I never knew if I was going to be able to participate in sports. I like to be able to have nice teammates to hang out with."

Tournaments are few and literally, far between.

"Right now, there are only like three tournaments our team can compete in. Two of them are in Sweden; one is in Canada," explains Caeden, who hopes the sport will gain more momentum in the United States. Devin notes that there has been interest by folks in New Jersey, New York, Chicago and New Mexico. In 2024, the Hockomock YMCA in North Attleboro also created volt hockey team, The Rolling Warriors, thanks to a partnership between Hockomock Area YMCA, Space2Thrive and the generous sponsorship of Bill & Tina Belanger.



Last month, the Caeden and Devin attended a fundraiser for the U.S. Volt Hockey Association. Here they are shown with their State Rep. Jeff Roy. *Photo used courtesy of Jeff Roy*

Volt hockey isn't cheap, however. All of the equipment is purchased through fundraising. In fact, the Boston Whiplash Volt Hockey team held its annual fundraiser at The Tall Ship in Boston last month.

"It's a fairly expensive sport to fund. The chairs they use are about $10K apiece, and gym rentals and insurance (cost money)," notes Mark.

If you would like to learn more about volt hockey, or to help support the sport, visit the U.S. Volt Hockey Association at www.volthockeyusa.org.

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Jay and his family are deeply involved in the community. He and his wife, Christine, run the Corner Market restaurant in Holliston. It's not uncommon for someone to reach Jay at the restaurant, order a sandwich, and then schedule a junk removal appointment. Yes, the local small business really can handle everything!

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The FUSF communications team created the audio tour, as well as a tour brochure with a campus map. The tour allows people to explore the interior and exterior of FUSF at their own pace. The tour is also available on our website, fusf.org (->Who We Are->Building and Grounds), allowing our campus to be explored virtually from anywhere.

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Franklin Food Pantry launches on-site SNAP help

Initial rollout for Franklin residents only due to anticipated need

In mid-November, the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) published its August scorecard, revealing that 77% of calls to a caseworker on the Assistance Line were automatically dropped. This leaves thousands of families without access to critical help.

At the same time, the number of children receiving SNAP has fallen by 70,000 (a 21% decline) since July 2025. This isn't because the need has gone away. In fact, child visits to the Franklin Food Pantry have increased by 35%.

To help meet the growing need and address the record number of people losing access to SNAP, the Franklin Food Pantry is launching on-site SNAP Assistance beginning in November.

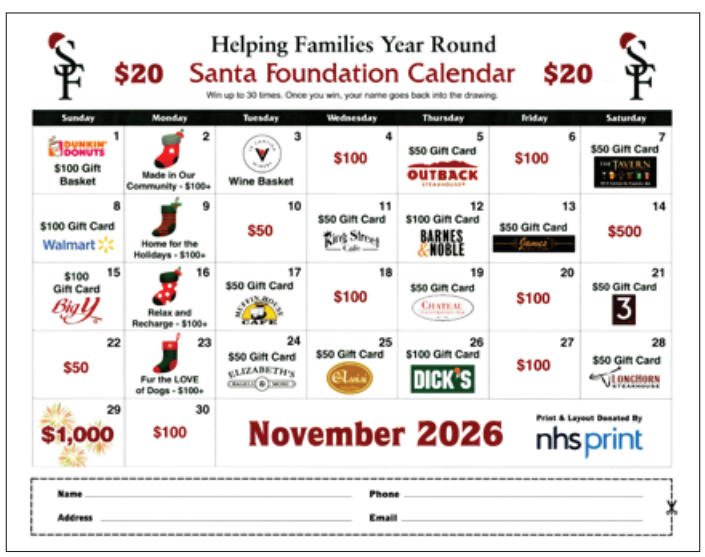
In partnership with the DTA and UMass Medical School, trained Pantry staff will have direct access to the DTA Connect Provider Portal. This allows us to work directly with clients to check SNAP eligibility, submit new applications, and complete recertifications efficiently.

Due to high anticipated demand, we are initially offering this service to Franklin residents, with plans to expand regional access in 2027. Franklin residents can schedule an appointment by emailing appointments@franklinfoodpantry.org or calling 508-528-3115.

There's still time to get a Santa Foundation calendar raffle!

Every year, one of the Santa Foundation's biggest fundraisers, popular in town, is the month-long calendar raffle, in which, each day, a prize is selected. Didn't have a chance to order one? Fear not! This year, the Santa Foundation has extended sales time of the calendar to November 5! Lots of great raffle prizes will be drawn starting November 6, with a $1,000 cash prize on November 29.

To order your calendar, visit https://www.sfjoy.org/products-and-events/p/2026cal .





Santa, live nativity at St. John's Christmas Fair, Dec. 5

Kick off the season with St. John's Church Annual Christmas Fair on Sat., Dec. 5, 9-2 p.m. at 237 Pleasant St., Franklin. This event is FREE and open to all. The Schedule:

Visit with Santa Claus 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Live nativity scene on the front lawn: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Shopping & home-made treats: all day 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

For more information, call 508-528-2387, email admin@stjohnsfranklinma.org, Like us on Facebook, or visit www.stjohnsfranklinma.org.

Franklin LGBTQ Alliance November Events

Friendsgiving

Thurs., Nov. 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Franklin TV and Radio, 23 Hutchinson St. Food will be provided for this annual event, but if you wish to bring a dish, contact franklinlgbtqalliance@gmail.com and bring a list of ingredients.

Brunch at Mak's

Saturday November 7, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Mak's Roast Beef, 451 West Central St.

Book Club

Wed., Nov. 18, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Franklin TV and Radio, 23 Hutchinson St. Join us as we discuss "Fanny and Stella," by Neil McKenna.

Your Money, Your Independence

Spend it forward: In retirement 'someday' is the real risk



Glenn Brown, CFP

For anyone nearing retirement or just starting out in it, seeing the light at the end of the tunnel brings incredible excitement and gratitude. You worked decades for this moment.

Yet, as a Certified Financial Planner, I often witness a quiet paradox play out among diligent savers: they build a nest egg to secure their future, but when the day comes to actually enjoy it, their mindset doesn't change.

A recent *Bloomberg* article highlighted a trend: retired Americans are putting off fun out of fear of running out of money. Studies show over 60% of retirees with substantial savings feel uncomfortable spending on pure enjoyment, while nearly 90% feel guilt over bucket-list purchases or travel.

Researchers call this the tension between FOMO (Fear of Missing Out on life) and FORO (Fear of Running Out of money). After decades of watching accounts grow, spending down principal triggers a loss reflex. But here's the truth many don't talk about: money delayed is often an opportunity denied.

The three phases of retirement

While gerontologists and planners traditionally stretch post-career phases out to age 75 and 85, my experience with clients shows these transitions happen sooner. Here is how those years typically unfold in practice:

1. **"Go-Go" Years (ages 60 to 72):** You have the health, energy, and mobility to hike, travel, or explore demanding itineraries.
2. **"Slow-Go" Years (ages 72 to 80):** Health slows you down slightly. Trips become simpler, closer to home, and less physically taxing.
3. **"No-Go" Years (ages 80+):** Life centers around home, routine, and medical care.

The biggest tragedy in retirement isn't spending a little extra in your early 60s, it's saving all your fun money for a phase when your body can no longer support the adventure. Spending it forward means funding your "Go-Go" years while you can fully experience them.

Cash flow analysis & scenario modeling

How do you overcome FORO without jeopardizing your future? Through interactive cash flow analysis and scenario modeling.

Instead of relying on static rules, dynamic modeling tests "what-if" scenarios side by side. For example, we can test adding an extra $25,000 per year specifically for travel during your first 7 "Go-Go" years.

By modeling this $175,000 front-loaded investment, you measure the actual delta on your total portfolio in your 80s and 90s. Because spending naturally dials back in the "Slow-Go" and "No-Go" phases, front-loading $25K a year early on typically creates a surprisingly negligible impact on long-term security. Seeing that tiny delta on paper provides the empirical proof (and emotional permission) to travel guilt-free.

Structured security: The strategic 3-bucket strategy

If scenarios make sense on paper but your stomach still churns, structure provides peace of mind. Segmenting wealth into 3 time-horizon buckets insulates your lifestyle:

- **BUCKET 1: Cash (Years 1 to 3).** This covers the income shortfall or gap between income sources (Social Security, pensions, rentals, dividends) and actual spending. Keeping this gap in liquid cash insulates your planned lifestyle from market swings.
- **BUCKET 2: Conservative Growth (Years 4 to 5).** Structured conservatively (like a 40/60 stock-to-bond allocation), this medium-term bridge earns modest returns while systematically replenishing Bucket 1.
- **BUCKET 3: Moderate to High Growth (Years 5+).** Positioned for capital appreciation, this bucket fuels long-term needs, healthcare inflation, or legacy goals (like passing tax-free growth in a Roth IRA to heirs).

When your short-term cash flow gap is secured in Bucket 1 and your legacy is compounding in Bucket 3, taking that dream vacation isn't "depleting wealth," it's executing a well-designed plan.

Give yourself permission to shift from a mindset of accumulation to one of fulfillment. You worked hard to earn your independence, now make sure you're around to enjoy it..

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2026 Local Vibe Music Awards celebrates best of local music

Milford, MA –Local music took center stage on Sunday, October 4, as Raydio hosted the 2026 Local Vibe Music Awards at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Milford, in an afternoon dedicated to celebrating the area's vibrant local music scene.

The free event, open to the public, featured 25 awards and 10 live musical performances, recognizing the incredible talent, dedication, and passion that keep local music alive and thriving throughout the region.

The afternoon featured performances by Captain and the Stubings, Driftwood, Roadhouse Strangers, Coffeehouse Squirrels, Fourth Year, The Bitter Hearts, Dan Rice, Box Groove, The Pub Kings, and Project Alice.

What makes the Local Vibe Music Awards special is that the winners are chosen by the fans.



Last month, Raydio presented 2026 Local Vibe Music Awards to celebrate the local music scene.
Photo by Tim Rice Photo.

Among the special honors presented was the inaugural Local Vibe Headliner Award, awarded to Project Alice. Tony Soul was recognized as a Local Legend, Jennifer Tefft and The Strange won Local Original Act, Metal Godz the Local Tribute Band award, and Local Vocalist Lizzie Leis, while other special recognition awards celebrated the fans and personalities who make the local music scene so special.

But, the afternoon was about something bigger: community.

"Local music is about so much more than what happens on stage," said Ray Auger, founder of Raydio and The Local Vibe. "It's about the musicians who put their hearts into every performance, the venues that give them a place to play, and the fans who show up week after week to support them."

The event was made possible, free and accessible, through the generosity of local businesses and sponsors who share Raydio's commitment to supporting the community.

Special thanks also go to Franklin TV, which recorded the event for an upcoming presentation on its YouTube channel, and Tim Rice Photo, whose photography captured the performances, award presentations, and memorable moments throughout the afternoon.

The Local Vibe Music Awards are an extension of Raydio's ongoing commitment to showcasing local talent through Raydio's Local Vibe, a resource connecting audiences with live music, local performers, and venues throughout the region.

"These musicians are our friends, our neighbors, and the people who help make our communities special," added Auger. "They deserve to be recognized, celebrated, and supported. If this event inspires even a few more people to get out and see a local band, then we've accomplished something pretty special."

Raydio looks forward to continuing its support of the local music community and building on the success of this year's celebration.

Raydio is a locally owned and operated internet radio station serving Milford, Massachusetts, and surrounding communities. Listen online at www.localraydio.com or download the free Local Raydio app.

What a SCURRY at Children's Museum of Franklin

Scary Scurry 5K a spooky success, more events planned

Costumes, sneakers, strollers, smiles, and SO much community spirit!

The Scary Scurry 5K & Kids Fun Run to benefit The Children's Museum of Franklin was one for the books! From our speedy runners to our littlest Scurriers, we loved seeing families and neighbors come together for a morning full of movement, laughter, and fun.

And the photos are too good not to share; Thanks to photographer Kayla Jean Creative!

A HUGE thank you to our incredible volunteers, Franklin, Milford, and Bellingham Police Departments, and everyone who helped make the morning safe, welcoming, and memorable.

Community events like the Scary Scurry don't happen without community partners who believe in bringing people together.

A special thank you to Vendetti Motors and ALL of our Scary Scurry sponsors for helping bring this new fall tradition to life!

Lots of fun events are coming up at the Children's Museum of Franklin, including:

STEM Sparks, Monday, November 2, 9:10-10 a.m.

STEM Night: A Members-Only Event, Thursday, November 12, 5-7 p.m.

Sensory Sunday, (a sensory-friendly hour), Sunday, November 29, 8-9 a.m.

To learn more, visit www.childrensmuseumfranklin.org.

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At the Russian School of Mathematics, learning adds up to something more

Business spotlight

RSM Russian School of Mathematics

By Jennifer Russo

For many adults, memories of math class involve memorizing formulas, showing your work, and hoping you arrived at the right answer. But what if math class had been less about following instructions and more about exploring ideas, making discoveries, and finding your own way to solve a problem?

That's the philosophy behind the Russian School of Mathematics (RSM) in Franklin, where students are encouraged to think creatively, challenge themselves, and discover that math is about much more than numbers on a page.

And no, the classes aren't taught in Russian. The name refers to a tradition of mathematics education that emphasizes reasoning, problem-solving, and a deeper understanding of how mathematical concepts connect.

Founded in 1997, RSM brought its approach to Franklin with summer classes in 2015. Since then, the school has grown into a year-round program serving students from prekindergarten through 12th grade. This year, the Franklin location expanded to eight classrooms, reflecting its continued growth in the community.

"The approach to teaching mathematics is different here," said Anna Rivero, principal of RSM Franklin. "Our curriculum grounds itself strongly in helping students understand where everything comes from. It goes beyond memorization and into discovery."

Rather than teaching isolated skills and formulas, RSM encourages students to build a collection of problem-solving tools they can apply in different situations. Classrooms are lively, collaborative spaces where students learn from their teachers and one another, sharing different approaches to the same challenge. Lessons often incorporate familiar situations and relatable language, helping students connect abstract mathematical concepts to their own experiences.

"It's a lot of development of their creativity with mathematics," Rivero said.

That creativity begins early. Rivero believes younger children are particularly receptive



to exploring mathematical ideas before they develop the apprehension that sometimes accompanies more difficult subjects. By introducing abstract thinking and real-world connections early, students begin to recognize math in everyday life.

"There is a completeness that comes with the realization that math is actually in everything around us," she said. "There is something that happens in the brain when it is able to make those connections that brings a sense of joy."

Students come to RSM for different reasons. Some love math and crave an extra challenge. Others want additional support, while some are curious because a friend enjoys attending. Whatever brings them through the door, the goal is to help them grow in both ability and confidence.

The school offers three challenge levels within each grade, with coursework ranging from foundational mathematics to calculus, physics, and statistics. Some current 10th graders are already studying introductory calculus. The school incorporates SAT concepts beginning in sixth grade, and students can participate in math competitions, including the American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) and the International Math Contest (IMC). Competition preparation classes are also available.

During the school year, classes meet weekly, while summer programs offer twelve lessons over six weeks. Homework reinforces independent thinking, with additional help available when students need it. Rivero values letting students wrestle with a problem rather than immediately giving them the solution.

"Students often surprise themselves as to how much they can accomplish on their own," Rivero said. "We want them to try to figure it out."

Beyond academics, RSM brings families together through creative events, including a Spooky House event held last month and December activities featuring family math challenges and geometric ornaments. Student artwork and contest posters also brighten the classrooms,



giving children opportunities to share their creativity outside their regular lessons.

Ultimately, Rivero hopes students leave with something that extends well beyond mathematics: the confidence to tackle unfamiliar challenges, think independently and enjoy the process of discovery.

Alumni students include Dean Cardner, who attended RSM from Grades 2-11. Dean achieved a perfect SAT Math score, is now studying aerospace engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology, and has interned at NASA, demonstrating how RSM's curriculum supports students' academic and professional aspirations.

"It has been an amazing experience for us, receiving letters from former students letting us know the impact RSM has had on their lives. They didn't only find the learnings useful for getting into college, and they didn't just find it useful while studying there. They have found it most useful for developing skills that they use throughout their entire life experience – managing time, adjusting thinking to tackle challenges; these are the things they take with them," shared Rivero.

Because sometimes the most valuable lesson in math isn't finding the right answer. It's realizing just how many ways there are to get there.

Enrollment is now open, and families can schedule a math evaluation for their child(ren) at no cost. The Russian School of Mathematics is located at 9 Summer Street, Unit 103 in Franklin, MA. To learn more about the Russian School of Mathematics, visit their website at https://www.mathschool.com/locations/franklin, or call them at 508-530-3890.

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Pathway to a Better Life volunteers needed

Volunteer training sessions Dec. 3 & 31

Pathway to a Better Life is a temporary warming center for the greater Milford area that runs from November 1 to March 31. We open our doors when temperatures drop to 30 degrees and below.

Volunteer training sessions will be held on Thursdays, December 3 at 7 p.m. and December 31 at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, 17 Winter St., Milford.

To sign up, call or text Lisa Trusas at 508-922-9032.

Toyland Church Fair coming up in Wrentham

The Original Congregational Church of Wrentham, 1 East St., Wrentham, will hold the "The Toyland Church Fair" on Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tables will offer local craft vendors, plants, gifts, books, jewelry, baked goods, crafts and sewing, Christmas decor and more! Attic Treasures will be full of gently used items. Make a bid (until 1:30) at the Silent Auction! Delicious Brunch served all day! 508-384-3110 or https://www.oc-church.net

Annual Veterans' Day luncheon November 10 at Elks

Franklin Veterans' Services, (508) 613-1315

November 4 - Monthly Veterans Coffee Social – 10 a.m. - Franklin Senior Center Café. Socials are held the first Wednesday of every month. Veterans are invited to join us for coffee and pastries, conversation and announcements.

November 10 - Marine Corps 251st Birthday

November 10 - Veterans' Day Luncheon – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Elks Lodge #2136 at 1077 Pond St., Franklin. USMC Veteran AnDre Summers 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 membership for generously sponsoring!

November 11 - Veterans' Day - Is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice treaty which ended WWI in 1918 and is a day to thank all military Veterans for their patriotism, service and sacrifices.

November 19 - 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!

Veterans Walkway - 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 2027 installation.

The Tune It Out guitar lessons program for Veterans meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. No charge. 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 4 p.m. at the Senior Center. No charge. Call our office to register.

Cards for Troops - Holiday cards for deployed U.S. troops 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! Please visit our web page at: **www.franklinma.gov/335/Veterans-Services**



A birthday party was held for WWII Navy Veteran Art Zeimer, age 99 (left), and Korean War Navy Veteran Steve Myers, age 95, during the November Veterans coffee social at the Franklin Senior Center. Franklin resident Navy Lt. Dylan MacLean joined the celebration.

Rotary Club of Franklin craft fair Nov. 14 at Tri-County

Franklin, MA - The Rotary Club of Franklin MA will host its annual Craft Fair on Sat., Nov. 14, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School, 147 Pond St., Franklin. Admission is $4 per person. Rotary is also accepting shelf-stable, non-expired donations for the Franklin Food Panty.

This juried craft show is an exciting new annual tradition for Rotary Club of Franklin MA. It features carefully hand-selected vendors and crafters.

As a local service organization dedicated to helping others and making a difference in our community since 1930, the Rotary Club of Franklin relies on fundraising to support its many annual charitable projects and community initiatives

The Rotary Club International is a non-profit organization, made up of a diverse group of men and women "who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world." https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary

For more information, please email rotaryclubofffranklinma@gmail.com and someone will reach out to you to be a guest at an upcoming meeting. Rotary meets the 1st and 3rd Tues. of each month, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Rome Restaurant, 4 East Central St., Franklin.



Rotary Club of Franklin's annual craft fair will take place on Nov. 14 at Tri-County. Rotary took over this event from the disbanded Franklin Newcomers group last year.

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The b.LUXE *beauty beat*

Before the holiday rush, a little thanks

By Gina Woelfe

Somewhere between booking your November appointments and deciding whether last year's party outfit can make another appearance, the holidays start taking over the calendar. There's gifts to buy, people to see, and at least one family group text that could use a mute button.

We'll get to the shopping... In fact, b.LUXE is having a sale that will help!

But first, a little appreciation for the people who make b.LUXE Hair & Makeup Studio what it is. The team behind your appointment. The guests who keep coming back. And the neighbors and organizations that give us reasons to gather beyond the studio.

First, our team

A salon runs on talent, but talent alone doesn't keep a busy day moving.

That takes people who offer a second opinion, share a technique, or step in when a colleague needs help. It takes experienced stylists who make time to teach and apprentices who bring good questions to the conversation.

That exchange is part of daily life at b.LUXE. You may come in to see one person, but there's a whole team invested in your visit.

The b.LUXE front desk team deserves its own thank-you. They answer your questions, help you find time in the schedule, and welcome you when you arrive. They make a busy day feel easy, even when the phone has other plans.

As we head into the holiday rush, we want everyone on our studio team to know how much we appreciate the work they do, including the things that happen quietly between appointments.

And then, there's you

You've trusted us with the haircut you saved on your phone for six months. With your wedding morning. With the appointment you finally made for yourself after putting everyone else first.

You've also sent your friends, brought in your family, and made b.LUXE part of your routine.

Those relationships matter to us. We get to know the person in the chair, hear what's happening in your life, and help you decide what you'd like to see in the mirror. It's one of the pleasures of this work.

To our guests in Medway and the surrounding communities, thank you for continuing to choose us.

"When I think about what I'm most thankful for, it's the people. Our team, the guests who have become friends, and the community that has supported us over the years. b.LUXE has grown into so much more than I ever expected, and I never take that support for granted." - Heather Cohen, Owner

To our wig community

This year, we want to give special recognition to our growing wig and topper community.

To the women who have shared their stories and allowed us to help them find hair that feels like their own: thank you. That first appointment can come with uncertainty. Heather understands that personally, and your trust means a great deal to her and our team.

We're thankful for the loved ones who come along for support, too. And for everyone who has shared their experience or recommended our studio to another woman facing hair loss. You may have made that first call a little easier.



Gratitude beyond the studio

Our community connections have taken many forms over the years, including support for PAWS New England, the Medway and Franklin food pantries, Stairs for Troops, Gilly's House, The Hummingbird Foundation, and local school programs and sports teams.

This fall, we also participated in Making Strides Against Breast Cancer in Boston, the Patriots Foundation's Crucial Catch event, and contributed to the Susan G. Komen MORE THAN PINK Walk.

We appreciate the organizations that include us and the volunteers who put so much time into making these efforts happen.

Helping make the holidays happen

This season, we're proud to contribute again to The Santa Foundation.

The Franklin-based organization provides holiday gifts for families in need in Franklin and surrounding communities. When the pressure to provide feels especially heavy, that support matters.

You can join the effort, too. Visit sfjoy.org for information about donating, sponsoring a family, or volunteering.

And a little something for your shopping list...

Beginning November 1, our Buy 3, Get 1 FREE sale includes all salon hair, skincare, and makeup products.

Pick up gifts, replenish your favorites, or do a little of both. Our team can help you choose. Useful gifts count. So does replacing that shampoo you've been turning upside down for a week!

Before the calendar fills up, thank you for making room for us. In your routines, in your conversations, and in the recommendations you pass along to a friend.

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Beyond daily drops: How modern advances are changing glaucoma care

By Roger M. Kaldawy, M.D.
Milford Franklin Eye Center

Glaucoma remains one of the leading causes of preventable blindness worldwide. Widely referred to as the "silent thief of sight," this condition typically develops gradually without warning signs. Because vision loss begins in the periphery, many people do not notice changes until significant and irreversible optic nerve damage has already occurred.

Understanding how glaucoma develops—and how modern medical technology has transformed its treatment—is key to protecting your vision.

Understanding the mechanics of glaucoma

Inside the front section of a healthy eye, a fluid called **aqueous humor** continuously circulates to nourish surrounding tissues and maintain internal pressure. In a properly functioning eye, fluid drains out through a specialized mesh network known as the trabecular meshwork.

When these drainage channels become clogged or inefficient, fluid builds up, causing elevated intraocular pressure (IOP). This excess pressure exerts mechanical stress on the **optic nerve**—the biological cable transmitting visual information from the retina to the brain.

- **Open-Angle Glaucoma:** The most common form, where the drainage angle remains open but becomes progressively inefficient over time.
- **Angle-Closure Glaucoma:** A less common, sudden block of the drainage angle that can cause rapid pressure spikes and requires immediate medical attention.
- **Normal-Tension Glaucoma:** Optic nerve damage occurs even when eye pressure measures within standard, normal ranges.

Comprehensive early detection

Because early-stage glaucoma causes no physical discomfort or noticeable blurriness, routine comprehensive eye exams are vital. Modern clinical evaluation relies on multiple diagnostic technologies:

1. **Tonometry:** Measures internal intraocular pressure.
2. **Ophthalmoscopy & OCT Scans:** Optical Coherence Tomography generates high-resolution cross-sectional images of the retina and optic nerve head to detect microscopic nerve fiber loss.
3. **Visual Field Testing:** Maps peripheral vision to identify subtle blind spots.
4. **Gonioscopy:** Directly inspects the eye's drainage angle structure.



Modern treatment paradigms: From daily drops to sustained care

The primary goal of glaucoma management is lowering eye pressure to halt or slow disease progression. Historically, daily prescription eye drops were the standard starting point. Today, frontline care has shifted toward longer-lasting, low-maintenance therapies.

1. Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT) as first-line care

Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty (SLT) has increasingly replaced daily eye drops as a preferred first-line therapy for open-angle glaucoma. Performed in-office in just a few minutes, SLT applies gentle laser energy to stimulate the body's natural cellular repair mechanism, clearing drainage channels. It is painless, repeatable, highly effective, and eliminates the daily burden of managing medication schedules.

2. Sustained-Release Drug Implants

For patients needing pharmaceutical control, novel sustained-release delivery systems solve the compliance challenges associated with eye drops:

iDose TR: A tiny, bio-compatible ocular implant placed inside the anterior chamber that steadily releases travoprost over many months, maintaining consistent pressure control without daily dosing.

Durysta: A biodegradable implant inserted into the eye that gradually dissolves while continuously delivering a prespecified dose of bimatoprost.

3. Traditional topical medications

When drops are prescribed, several classes exist, each targeting fluid dynamics differently:

- **Prostaglandin Analogs** (e.g., latanoprost, bimatoprost): Enhance fluid outflow.
- **Beta Blockers** (e.g., timolol): Decrease fluid production inside the eye.
- **Alpha Agonists & Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors:** Lower production and promote drainage.
- **Rho Kinase Inhibitors** (e.g., netarsudil): Target the trabecular meshwork to lower resistance to fluid outflow.

4. Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS)

MIGS procedures have altered surgical glaucoma management. Using tiny microscopic equipment and small self-sealing incisions, devices such as the iStent, Hydrus Microstent, or Xen

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Coming up at Franklin Senior Center

The Franklin Senior Center is located at 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin. Reach them at 508-520-4945. Here are some highlights this month:

Franklin Senior Center Craft Fair, November 4 & 5, 9 a.m. – 1p.m.

Start your holiday shopping! With unique gifts for everyone on your list, you're sure to find something special while supporting our creative Senior Center community!

Caregiver Appreciation Event, November 6, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

We're inviting all caregivers! Those caring for parents, spouses, grandparents, or loved ones, please join us for a special day of recognition, relaxation, and gratitude. The day will include spa & wellness services, refreshments, raffles & giveaways, live entertainment, resource tables, and educational workshops.

Baby Farm Animal Pet Therapy, November 10, 10:30 a.m.

Get ready for an adorable visit with some very special guests! Sponsored by CareOne at Sharon, spend time with playful and loveable baby farm animals, including goats, bunnies, and chickens. Come for smiles and snuggles!

King Philip's War History Talk, November 10, 1:30 p.m.

Come learn some wicked local history with Dean College professor Dr. Rob Lawson! We'll discuss the first Thanksgiving, and how cooperation turned into conflict between the English settlers & New England natives.

Memory Café, November 18, 1 p.m.

For loved ones and caregivers, live entertainment featuring Ken DoRosario

Voices of Franklin, Part 2, November 19, 12:30 p.m.

Join us for the second session of Voices of Franklin, an intergenerational program presented by Interact and Rec Dept.! This session will focus on Public Safety, featuring members of the Franklin Police and Fire, along with our favorite dogs, Ben and Frankie. Enjoy a FREE LUNCH!

Monthly Party, November 20, 11 a.m. ($10)

Thanksgiving Dinner with Elvis

NEADS Puppy Visit, November 24, 1 p.m.

NEADS Inc. is a nonprofit organization that raises and trains Service Dogs to provide greater independence to people with disabilities. Karen, a NEADS Ambassador & Puppy Raiser, will teach about the important work NEADS does and what it's like to raise a puppy for this very special purpose. Come out to meet Karen and Chance!

2027 Senior Tax Work-Off Program Opens, November 30

The Senior Tax Work-Off Program for 2027 will start accepting applications on Mon., Nov. 30. Applications will be available to pick-up at the Franklin Senior Center and will also be available online at: www.franklinma.gov/588. To participate, you must submit an application every year.

Don't forget to VOTE in the Nov. 3 election!

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. at Franklin High School gymnasium, 218 Oak St., Franklin for the state election on November 3, 2026.

To review ballot questions, visit https://voter-ballot.questions/november or click the QR code.

Camy 5K Run & David 5K Walk Nov. 14

The 26th annual consecutive in-person USATF-certified Camy 5K Run & David 5K Walk will be held Sat., Nov. 14, at the Walpole Italian-American Club, 109 Stone St., Walpole.

The fundraising event features the competitive Camy 5K Run, fun David 5K Walk, free 50-yard Rosina Fun Run for kids 11&U, two fabulous raffles, and more!

For info, camydavid5k@yahoo.com or call 508-668-2249. Register online (https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Walpole/Camy5kRunDavid5kWalk), by mail (race application PDF at www.paulclerici.com/camydavid5k), or on race day.

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Franklin Fire Dept. open house, Sat., Nov. 7

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The College Admission Interview: Let Your Personality Shine!



Maryline Michel Kulewicz and Tracy Sullivan of College 101 Admissions Consultants

A college application tells an admission counselor a great deal about a student - their grades, activities, accomplishments, and interests. But what about the person behind the application?

That's where the college admission interview comes in! An interview is a wonderful opportunity to humanize the application, allowing students to share their story, show their personality, and explain what makes them unique. And just as importantly, it gives students a chance to learn whether the college is the right fit for them.

What is the purpose of the college admission interview?

There are generally two types of interviews: evaluative and informational. Evaluative interviews, sometimes offered by more selective colleges, may be considered as part of the admission decision. Informational interviews are more casual conversations designed to help students and colleges learn about each other and generally do not factor into admission decisions.

Regardless of the format, the goal is to have a genuine conversation. Colleges want to learn about students beyond their transcripts - their passions, interests, future goals, and how they might contribute to campus life. Not all colleges offer interviews, so check each college's admission website for availability, registration requirements, and deadlines.

For students who find interviews intimidating, remember that an interview is rarely the deciding factor in an admission decision. You don't need perfect answers or an impressive list of accomplishments. You just need to be yourself!

Preparing for the college interview

The most effective way to have successful results is simply to prepare. One of my favorite resources is College Essay Guy's approach to preparing for a college interview. I have used this approach with students for years because it is simple and effective. Here are a few steps to help students feel confident and prepared:

5 Minutes: Read the College's Mission Statement: Google "XYZ College mission statement." This is one of the easiest ways to understand what matters to a college. Does it emphasize service, leadership, intellectual curiosity, or community? Think about how those values connect with your own experiences and goals.

15 Minutes: Research the "Why Us?": Why are you interested in this particular college? Explore its academic programs, campus life, clubs and organizations, and anything that connects with your interests and goals. Be specific!

10 Minutes: Explore Your Academic Interests: Think about potential majors or fields of interest. What sparked your interest? Have you taken classes, participated in activities, or had experiences that influenced your direction? It's totally fine to be undecided - just be ready to discuss what you're curious about.

5 Minutes: Identify Your Interests Outside the Classroom: What do you do in your free time? Sports, music, service, a part-time job, or a fun hobby? These interests help the interviewer get to know you - and even better if you can connect them to opportunities at the college.

5 Minutes: Identify Four or Five Things You Want to Share: It can be a bit daunting when someone asks "tell me a little about yourself." Think of four or five things that are important to you: a meaningful experience, a proud moment, an achievement, or even that you love your three dogs and two cats. Whenever possible, bring your answers to life with a short personal story that illustrates your interests, personality, or strengths rather than simply describing them.

5 Minutes: Prepare Three Questions: Remember, you're interviewing the college, too! Ask thoughtful questions that aren't easily answered on its website. For example:

- What makes students at your college unique?
- How does the college help first-year students adjust to campus life?
- What internship or career exploration opportunities are available?

5 Minutes: Organize Your Notes: Put your key points and questions on one sheet of paper. Review them before the interview, but don't memorize answers. The goal is a natural conversation, not a rehearsed speech!

The best interviews aren't necessarily the ones with the most impressive answers. They're the ones where students are genuine, curious, and engaged!

Good luck and enjoy the journey!

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Coming up at Franklin Public Library

Special Events for Kids & Teens

Plush Pet Adoption Day: CAT EDITION! Tues., Nov. 3 @ 1 p.m. Decorate a collar, make an adoption certificate, and enjoy a cat-themed story time with your new best friend! Stuffies available while supplies last.

Diamond Art for Kids, Wed., Nov. 4 & 18 @ 4 p.m. Registration Required, For ages 5-13.

Teensgiving! Wed., Nov. 18 @ 5 p.m. Bring along your favorite snack to the Teen Room and kick off the Thanksgiving holiday with friends!

Science Chefs Make Butter! Fri., Nov. 20 @ 1 p.m. Wiggle and Shake! Dance and Make for SCIENCE! Join us for an active experiment to make your own butter! If you can, please bring a clean, 6-10 oz., screw-top jar for your take-home.

Air Dry Clay, Sat., Nov. 21 @ 1 p.m. & Fri., Nov. 27 @ 1 p.m. Registration Required. The first session, we will be sculpting our very own clay creations! The next session, we will paint our creations. Participants should plan to attend BOTH weeks! Ages 10+.

Special Events for Adults

Wire Bracelet Craft, Sat., Nov. 28 @ 2 p.m. Registration required. All materials provided. Best for ages 13+.

Special Events for All Ages

Dinosaur Safari with Jonah Knight, Fri., Nov. 6 @ 1 p.m. Families! Join a fun, silly, and magical archeological adventure with Jonah Knight as we explore dinosaurs connected to New England.

DINOvember Party! Sat., Nov. 7 @ 1 p.m. Includes games, crafts, snacks, and a few surprises.

Santa Storywalk, Fri., Nov. 27 @ 10:30 a.m. Join us at the library for a special indoor version of a beloved tradition! Follow the pages of a cozy winter story, enjoy crafts and activities as you move through our winding line of holiday fun, and make your way up to meet the big guy himself!

Franklin Library Book Sale

Fri., Nov. 20, 1 – 5 p.m., Sat., Nov. 21: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., All books $1.
Bag Sale, $5 Per Bag, Sat., Nov. 21: 1-4 p.m.

Franklin's KP Somally commended for service to community

Franklin resident Krishna Prasad (KP) Somally was presented a citation from State Rep. Jeffrey N. Roy (D-Franklin) at the State House for his exemplary work in community service. Somally has devoted years to serving individuals, families, students, and seniors and has created a reputation as a dependable member of the community. As a life-long learner and mentor, his list of community service accomplishments includes homeless outreach, free public notary services, serving meals to the needy, serving as a CPR instructor and volunteering with Telugu Association of North America (TANA). Prasad has spent time on the Franklin School Committee and also founded REFRESH, a program that helps international students understand the laws and cultural differences in order to navigate life in a new country with greater confidence. Somally is also a two-time U.S. Presidential Volunteer Award recipient and has received the Boston Mayor's Award and a Boston Cares Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Congratulations and thank you to KP for all he's done for the community!



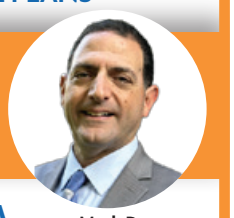
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Franklin Garden Club Nov. 3 meeting discusses nature & nervous system

Franklin, MA – Franklin Garden Club's Nov. 3 meeting will highlight "Working with Nature to Reset the Nervous System," presented by Diane Pienta, award-winning author of "Be the Magic," a powerful guide to living with greater joy and purpose in life. The meeting will take place at Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, from 6– 8:30 p.m. beginning with an informal social time from 6-6:30 followed by the program. The meeting is open to the public at no charge. The Franklin Garden Club is a member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts.

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Tired of being told your labs are "normal" when you feel anything but?

A Franklin board-certified women's health nurse practitioner on rethinking midlife wellness and hormone care.

Business spotlight

If you are a woman navigating your 40s or 50s, this story may sound painfully familiar.

You wake up at 3 a.m. with your heart racing or your sheets soaked, staring at the ceiling and dreading the sound of your alarm. By 2 a.m., an inexplicable wave of brain fog and exhaustion washes over you, making everyday tasks feel like wading through wet cement. You find yourself battling sudden mood shifts, uncharacteristic anxiety, or stubborn weight changes around your midsection—despite eating the same foods and exercising the same way you always have.

Feeling that something is fundamentally off, you do the responsible thing: you book an annual checkup. Your provider runs standard routine blood-work, glances at the results during a rushed ten-minute visit, and reassures you: "Everything looks completely normal. You're just getting older. Try getting more rest and managing your stress."

While hearing your labs are normal should feel like a relief, it often feels like a dismissal.

Here is the truth every woman deserves to know: **"Normal" does not mean optimal, and common does not mean acceptable.**

Moving Beyond the 10-Minute Sick-Care Model

Standard laboratory reference ranges are designed to detect acute disease states, not early physiological shifts or subtle hormonal imbalances. During perimenopause and menopause, estrogen, progesterone, and testosterone fluctuate unpredictably, directly impacting everything from insulin sensitivity and thyroid conversion to neurotransmitter balance and deep REM sleep.

When your care is limited to rapid insurance-based appointments, these nuanced patterns get missed. You are left with a generic clean bill of health while living with symptoms that erode your daily energy, focus, and joy.

Navigating midlife should not require settling for exhaustion.

A Whole-Person Approach in Franklin

At DaniKate Wellness & Longevity, located right here in Franklin at 391 East Central Street, care is designed differently. Owned and operated by Danielle Wright, a local resident and certified Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, she structured her care around being woman centered. She steps out of the conventional rush to look at the puzzle pieces. By connecting advanced diagnostic blood panels with what your body is actually experiencing, she identifies the root drivers behind chronic fatigue, sleep disruption, and metabolic changes.

True hormonal vitality requires looking at the whole person. That is why her practice integrates individualized medical hormone therapy with targeted, midlife-specific nutrition—teaming up with Registered Dietitian Janel Funk to ensure your daily fueling, gut health, and lifestyle work in harmony with your body's chemistry.

Connect the Dots: The Hormone Clarity Consult

You do not have to spend another season guessing, trying random supplements, or wondering if it is all in your head.

To help local women find real answers, Danielle is currently offering a dedicated **Hormone Clarity Consult ($97).** During this 30-minute one-on-one session, she reviews your recent blood work, maps out your current symptoms, performs an in office body composition analysis, and pinpoints exactly where your body needs targeted support. If you choose to move forward with one of her comprehensive clinical care plans, the $597 intake fee is waived—rolling your onboarding directly into your program.

You spent decades caring for everyone around you. You deserve healthcare that invests the time, precision, and deep listening necessary to help you feel vibrant in your own skin again.

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Franklin Fire awarded FEMA Grant for specialized rescue training

Franklin, MA — The Franklin Fire Department is pleased to announce it has been awarded $380,124 through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program. In September, FEMA awarded over $14.7 million in grant funding for fire departments and other first responder organizations in Massachusetts. FEMA disburses this money to support firefighters and other emergency personnel because they are often the first ones on the scene when disaster strikes.

FEMA is administering these funds through its three Fiscal Year 2025 fire grant programs, having published the funding opportunities in May 2026.

Franklin's grant will fund a specialized training project focused on confined space rescue and heavy vehicle extrication. The training will provide Franklin firefighters with advanced skills to safely respond to specialized rescue incidents.

The award includes $78,536 for needed rescue equipment, with the remaining funding supporting the training project.

"This is a significant award for the Franklin Fire Department and an important investment in our firefighters and our ability to serve the Franklin community," said Franklin Fire Chief Chuck Allen. "This funding will help ensure our department has the training and equipment needed to safely and effectively respond when residents need us most."

Learn more about the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program at https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/firefighters/assistance-grants.

Stony Brook Camera Club November schedule

The Stony Brook Camera Club meets in-person and/or virtually by Zoom on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. from September to June. In person meetings are held at the Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 195 Main Street, Franklin, Ma. Our meetings feature speakers, competitions, image studies, and discussions of general interest. We also sponsor a number of photography activities and workshops throughout the year.

SBCC includes and welcomes members of all abilities.

November 5: (Hybrid) Member competition

November 12: (Zoom) "How Competition Can Save Photographs" with Essdras Suarez

November 19: (Zoom): "Be in control of Your Camera" with Mollie Isaacs

See our website: stonybrookcc.com for a calendar of events and membership information.

Red Cross: Blood and platelet donors needed now

Free A1C testing on successful donations in November

Boston, MA —The American Red Cross urges people to leave a lasting impact by giving blood or platelets now. Donors of all blood types, especially those with type O blood, are needed to keep the blood supply steady ahead of the holiday rush.

As we lean into fall activities, keeping blood and platelet donation appointments on the books is crucial to ensuring hospitals have the tools they need to care for patients this fall. In thanks, all who come to give Oct. 19-Nov. 22, 2026, will get up to $20 in Gift Cards, that's a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email and 500 bonus points, which can be redeemed for a $10 e-gift card through Blood Donor Rewards! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/Maze for details.

Some upcoming local drives:

November 19, Franklin Elks, 1077 Pond St., Franklin, 1-6 p.m.

November 4, 11, Milford Regional Medical Center,14 Prospect St., Milford

November 10, Lake Pearl, 299 Creek St., Wrentham, 12-5 p.m.

December 5, St. Mary's School, 1 Pleasant St., Franklin, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Norfolk County Register to hold food drive through Dec. 17

The Annual Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Food Drive will take place Thurs,, Nov.12 through Thurs,, Dec. 17. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Registry of Deeds, 649 High St., Dedham, M-F, 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Suggested items include canned goods, breakfast cereals, pasta, sauces, toiletries, and paper products.

Kumon of Milford collecting Treats for Troops Nov. 1-7

Help us support our New Hampshire National Guard by donating items for their care packages! We are collecting candies, Power bars, Dental supplies, Lip balm, Packs of tissues, Nuts / trail mix, Ramen noodles, and Hand lotion(1.5 - 160z).

You can drop off items by **Noon on November 7** to:

Kumon of Milford 196 E. Main St. Milford, MA or

Tri-County Regional Chamber 258 Main St. Milford, MA.

Soup, salad, and soul in the sukkah



Temple Etz Chaim Sisterhood hosted its annual *Soup, Salad, and Soul in the Sukkah* on Tuesday, September 29, welcoming 20 members for an evening of food, friendship, and community with a homemade dinner and dessert all provided by the TEC Sisterhood Board. The evening also included blessings and shaking the lulav in the sukkah, followed by a presentation from Robin Krieger of Women of Reform Judaism Northeast about WRJ and its YES Fund, which supports youth, education, and special projects.

In keeping with the evening's spirit of giving, Sisterhood members also collected much-needed hygiene items for the Franklin Middle School nurse to provide to students. Donations included maxi pads, new underwear, and sweatpants.

It was a wonderful evening of gathering, learning, and giving back to the community.



Franklin Town Hall: Community Highlights & Updates November 2026

TOWN of FRANKLIN MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin High School interns kick off community discussion on tax rates

Recently, three Franklin High School students — Shravan Dev, Arnav Garg, and Saumy Jani — presented their research to the Town Council comparing single and split tax rates in Franklin and 16 other Massachusetts communities. Their presentation marked the first of three tax rate workshops the Council is holding this fall.

The students completed this research project as part of a summer internship with Town Administration.

Interested in joining the dialogue? The Council will hold its final workshop on November 18 ahead of their decision on December 2. Learn more on the Town's website: www.franklinma.gov/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/203

Franklin Restaurant Week Coming this December!

Franklin Restaurant Week is coming Saturday, December 12 through Sunday, December 20, and we're inviting Franklin restaurants to participate!

Restaurant Week, a collaboration of the Town of Franklin and the Franklin Downtown Partnership, is an opportunity to showcase Franklin's vibrant dining scene and encourage residents and visitors to explore local restaurants, try something new, and support the businesses that help make our community special.

Participating restaurants and their offerings promoted and highlighted on a dedicated program website created specifically for this winter's Restaurant Week. Restaurants can sign up at: https://tinyurl.com/DecemberRestaurantWeek

Explore Career Opportunities with the Town of Franklin

The Town of Franklin is currently seeking qualified candidates for several employment opportunities across municipal government. Learn more at www.franklinma.gov/228/job-opportunities



Franklin High School students Shravan Dev, Arnav Garg, and Saumy Jani, center, kicked off a series of townwide workshops comparing single vs. split tax rates. The third discussion, planned for Nov. 18, welcomes public feedback before the Town Council will vote on Dec. 2. *Photo used courtesy of the town of Franklin.*

Stay Informed: Franklin First Newsletter & Town Updates

Residents are encouraged to stay up to date with Town news, highlights, and important announcements by reading the monthly Franklin First Newsletter. Read the latest edition: www.franklinma.gov/1139/Franklin-First-Newsletter

Residents can also follow the Town of Franklin on social media for timely updates, reminders, and community news. Subscribe for Town news and announcements:

www.tinyurl.com/Franklin-NewsandAnnouncements

Community groups invited to create a wreath

3rd annual A-Wreath-of-Franklin December 12, 2026

Would your community group like to create a wreath to be displayed at the 3rd Annual A-Wreath-of-Franklin, December 12, 2026, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., in the Franklin Cultural District, Downtown Franklin? Sign up by December 1 to participate, and bring your finished wreath, with the theme "The Magic We Make," no later than December 7 outside the old Parmenter School, 235 Wachusett St., Franklin. Visit the event page on the town website, https://www.franklinma.gov/1430/2026-A-Wreath-of-Franklin for details and to sign up.

Are you a vendor who'd like to participate in the pop-up market for the event? Visit https://tinyurl.com/AWreath-AFranklin3 to sign up.

Oppenheim to take 21st century view on WWII Nov. 8

Franklin Historical Museum regular hours: Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 1-4

On Sunday, Nov. 8, Franklin Historical Museum's `Second Sunday Speaker' event will feature Sam Oppenheim, a retired academic with a deep knowledge of 20th century history, particularly that of Eastern Europe, presenting "World War II from a 21st Century Perspective." After touching on Franklin's large involvement in the World War II, Oppenheim will focus on some to the things historians have learned in recent years about the greatest armed conflict in history as well as how our views and understanding have evolved. Admission is free but donations are encouraged. The museum is open from 1-4 and the program starts at 1:15.

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

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6th annual Franklin Odd Fellows trivia event Nov. 15

Franklin, MA -On Nov. 15, the public is invited to join the Franklin Odd Fellows for an afternoon of Trivia, fun and good cheer from 2-4:30 p.m. at the Bellingham Sportsman Club at 360 Lake St., Bellingham. The event will consist of teams of up to 10 players, with a cash prize for the winning team. Team pre-registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome.

This will be our 6th annual fundraiser to help us to continue our longstanding tradition of giving back to our local community! The Bellingham Sportsman Club continues to be an important partner with our organization. Thank you BSC!

Get your team of trivia pundits together and register today. There will be raffle prizes and a cash bar available during the event. To register and prepay, go to: franklinmassoddfellows.org/trivia

SAFE Coalition launches 'Someone's Reason'

The SAFE Coalition has launched a fundraising initiative, Someone's Reason — built around the people who make this work personal for us. Here's how it works:

Between now and December 31, you can make a gift(s) in honor of, in memory of, or simply inspired by someone whose life has been touched by mental health or substance use challenges.

You'll be able to name them (or keep it private — it's entirely up to you), and your gift will directly support recovery services, crisis support, and community education across Massachusetts.

To take part, visit https://secure.qgiv.com/for/hs3qa8/?blm_aid=46786561 .

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.

Franklin Art Dec. 2 meeting offers Pysanky demo



The Franklin Art Association welcomes Franklin-based artist Alona Popova for a fascinating demonstration of Pysanky, the traditional Ukrainian art of decorating eggs using the ancient wax-resist technique. The meeting will take place on December 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin Senior Center. The program is free of charge, and all are welcome!

Alona will create a pysanka live using electric wax tools, explaining the symbolism, history, and centuries-old techniques behind this unique folk art. Participants will also watch a short video demonstrating the traditional candle-heated kistka method used in Ukraine and will be invited to try creating their own Krapanka (Polka-Dot Egg).



SPORTS

Despite torn ACL, Dean's Carter back on top of his game

By Christopher Tremblay,
Staff Sports Writer



Dean College sophomore Chris Carter not only impressed coaches with his high school reel, but also with his hard work after a torn ACL in his first year. *Photos used courtesy of Dean College.*

It was in seventh grade, while living in Roanoke, VA, when Chris Carter first was introduced to football, and although he was playing basketball, the contact in football got him hooked. He would eventually add track to his repertoire, because he was fast and liked to run.

Following high school, Carter found himself in Franklin, where he was to play football for Dean College. The incoming freshman's highlight film impressed Coach Luke Bakanowsky, as he could play both sides of the ball and had a versatility to him that would help the Bulldogs.

"A lot of athletes struggle with being able to tackle in space, but Chris' high school highlight film showed that wasn't him," the Dean Coach said. "We had a lot of expectations for him as a freshman."

With the Dean coaching staff expecting to use the Virginia native on both sides of the ball; they had transformed Carter into a hybrid strong safety/linebacker on the defensive side of the ball. The team was devasted when the freshman injured himself early on, and then finding out his season was finished before it even began.

"It was in the second quarter of my first game when I tore my ACL," Carter said. "I had worked so hard to get here and wanted to go through the season, showing that I not only belonged here, but putting up some stats so that I could eventually try to move into a Division 1 program."

Carter noted that, earlier in his football career, that he had broken the tibia on he same leg that he tore his ACL with dean as a junior in high school.

"Breaking my tibia was not as tough as the torn ACL. This time, I had to work a lot harder to get back onto the field," the safety/linebacker said. "It really hurt to move it, and after I had the surgery, I knew that I'd have to work harder than before to get it right."

Having the injury take place in the second quarter of his first collegiate game, Carter really didn't get to experience football on the college level all that much. Following the injury, he was able to walk off the field thinking that he just tweaked his knee and would be back sooner than later. However, after weeks of visiting doctors and MRI's, it was determined that he'd need the surgery, leaving the incoming freshman distraught that his season was over and he wouldn't be playing any more games for the Bulldogs that year.

Although he tore the ACL in September, Carter finally had the surgery the day before Christmas, and soon after the rehabbing, would begin to get back to the team by the next season. In order to reach his ultimate goal of playing Division 1 football, Carter would need to play collegiate football in some capacity first with success. Unfortunately, he just had surgery and was going to have to work extremely hard to get back to his team in Franklin come August of the next year.

"It took me five to six months of extensive rehab to get back onto the field, and once I did, my leg muscle was so weak," Carter recalled. "I began running in June, and it felt crazy with the brace on my leg. It took another two to three weeks for it to feel right, it was so weird."

For the remainder of the summer, Carter continued to rehab and workout by himself. When he was able to return to Franklin and his teammates, he was more than happy to be back. Although he felt satisfied with his progress (he feels he is 95% at this time) he does know that he can improve and get back to 100% and become the amazing player he was meant to be.

The Dean Coach is impressed with the now sophomore's play after the serious injury.

"When he came back, I could tell that he took things seriously while away," the Bulldog Coach said. "He came back in great shape and is ready to show why we brought him in here. Last year, we were using him as a high safety, but this fall, he'll play nickel, one of the most important positions on the defense as he'll have to handle air schemes as well as the run game."

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6 FHS Seniors named 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students

Franklin, MA — Six Franklin High School seniors were recently named Commended Students in the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Seniors Declan Curran, Saumy Jani, Connor McHenry, Amir Shakirov, Aksh Tayal and Harsini Vijai Krishna Prakas are six of approximately 34,000 students nationwide being recognized as Commended Students for their academic achievements.

Commended Students were selected from a group of over 1.2 million applicants who entered the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program competition. Students entered the contest by completing the 2025 Preliminary SAT, which serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



Franklin High School seniors, L-R, Amir Shakirov, Aksh Tayal, Saumy Jani, Harsini Vijai Krishna Prakas, Connor McHenry and Declan Curran were recently named 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Students. *Photo used courtesy Franklin Public Schools*

"Congratulations to Declan, Saumy, Connor, Amir, Aksh and Harsini on this impressive accomplishment," said Principal Dr. Maria Weber. "I am proud to see them recognized for the hard work they've demonstrated in their studies. We can't wait to see all they accomplish this year and beyond."

According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), Commended Students are among the top 50,000 high scorers who entered the 2027 competition. Recognized students demonstrate outstanding achievement and academic potential.

"These seniors have worked so hard, and we are proud to see them recognized by the National Merit Scholarship for their efforts," said Superintendent Lucas Giguere. "Being named a Commended Student is a tremendous honor, and we are proud to have these students representing Franklin High School with such academic integrity and ambition."

The seniors will receive letters of commendation from the NMSC and Franklin High School for their academic achievements.

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Playing in his first game back after the injury, Carter noted that although the brace still felt very weird to him, he was able to hit and bring contact to the opposition without a problem. Unfortunately, Dean lost that opening game to Fitchburg State and since gone onto four straight losses at the time of this writing.

Coming into this season with Dean, a Division 3 program, Bakanowsky is looking for Carter to be a leader on the field and give the squad the versatile play that they brough him in for.

Since overcoming his injury, Carter has been given a small 'Against All Odds' scholarship given to an athlete that had to deal with a setback. While his goal of playing Division 1 football was interrupted for some time, he is looking to go out and play the best football that he can while giving Dean everything he has, whatever way they need him to do it. Following playing on the Division 1 level, Carter noted that the next goal would be to make it as a professional athlete with an NFL team, and if he continues with his work ethic, that is something he finds very realistic.



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November 1-15

Gilly's House online auction

November 2

Deadline to order Thanksgiving pie from Franklin Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council 1847 St. Mary Parish, visit website www.kofc1847.org/payments-thanksgiving-pie-sale

November 3

State Election, 6 a.m.- 8 p.m., Franklin High School gymnasium, 218 Oak St., Franklin

Franklin UMC Community Closet open, 12-2 p.m., 82 W. Central St., Franklin, all clothing free, donations gratefully accepted

Franklin Garden Club meeting, 6-8:30 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, topic: "Working with Nature to Reset the Nervous System," presented by Diane Pienta, award-winning author of "Be the Magic."

Franklin Rotary Club meeting, 5:30 p.m., The Rome Restaurant, 4 E. Central St., Franklin, contact rotaryclubоffranklinma@gmail.com to join for a meeting.

Voice of Franklin Toastmasters, 7:30 p.m., hybrid meeting, Franklin TV & Radio, 23 Hutchinson St., Franklin, visit https://voiceoffranklin.toastmastersclubs.org/

November 4

Franklin Senior Center Craft Fair, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin

November 5

Franklin Senior Center Craft Fair, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin

Franklin LGBTQ Alliance Friendsgiving, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Franklin TV & Radio, 23 Hutchinson St., Franklin, food provided but contact franklinlgbtqalliance@gmail.com if you want to bring a dish (and list of ingredients)

November 7

Franklin Fire Dept. Open House, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Franklin Fire Dept., 40 W. Central St., Franklin

Franklin LGBTQ Alliance Brunch at Mak's, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., 451 W. Central St., Franklin

Rebecca Loebe, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Circle of Friends Coffeehouse, 262 Chestnut St., Franklin, https://www.circlefolk.org

November 8

Second Sunday Speaker Series presents "World War II from a 21st Century Perspective" with Sam Oppenheim, 1:15 p.m. (doors open at 1), Franklin Historical Museum, 80 W. Central St., Franklin

November 10

Franklin UMC Community Closet open, 12-2 p.m., 82 W. Central St., Franklin, all clothing free, donations gratefully accepted

Annual Veterans' Day luncheon, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Franklin Elks Lodge #2136, 1077 Pond St.

USMC Veteran AnDre Summers featured speaker, sponsored by Franklin Elks, reservations required, call (508) 613-1315

Yankee Quilters Guild meeting, 7 p.m.. Emma's Quilt Cupboard, Horace Mann Plaza, Franklin. Non-members $5. Program: "Piece by Piece," a program on making "mosaic quilts" with quilt artist Heidi Proffetty. yankeequilters11@gmail.com.

November 12

"Complete Neighborhoods & Vibrant Downtowns in Franklin," 7 p.m., Franklin TV, 23 Hutchinson St., Franklin, Zoom option, features Jonathan Berk, founder of re:MAIN, and Ashley Eaton, Senior Planner at Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP), exploring what makes successful downtowns & neighborhoods, with presentation & moderated discussion. Free. RSVP ben4franklin.org/vibrant-downtown.

November 14

Rotary Club of Franklin MA Annual Craft Fair, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tri-County Regional Technical Vocational High School, 147 Pond St., Franklin, $4 pp, also accepting donations for food pantry

Face to Face with Whitey Bulger, 3:30 p.m., Franklin Public Library meeting room, 118 Main St., Franklin, with Rich Teahan and Bob Ward

Toyland Church Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., The Original Congregational Church of Wrentham, 1 East St., Wrentham

26th Annual USATF-certified Camy 5K Run & David 5K Walk, info at camydavid5k@yahoo.com. Register at https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Walpole/Camy5kRunDavid5kWalk, by mail (race application PDF at www.paulclerici.com/camydavid5k), or on race day.

Sweet Wednesday, (folk/Americana storytelling), 7-9 p.m., Niagara Coffee Haus, 8 Exchange St., Millis, https://www.niagaracoffeehaus.org/events/sweet-wednesday

November 15

Franklin Odd Fellows Trivia event, 2-4:30 p.m., Bellingham Sportsman Club, 360 Lake St., Bellingham, franklinmassoddfellows.org/trivia

November 17

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November 18

Single Vs. Split Tax Rate Workship #3, 6 p.m., Franklin Town Council, with discussion & public feedback, Franklin Municipal Building, https://www.franklinma.gov/m/newsflash/Home/Detail/203

Franklin LGBTQ Alliance, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Franklin TV & Radio, 23 Hutchinson St., Franklin, "Fanny and Stella," by Neil McKenna

November 20

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

November 21

Downtown Franklin winter decorating (volunteers needed), 9 a.m., Municipal parking lot near Rome restaurant, volunteers should dress for weather & wear work gloves, contact Sandy Sauer at ftcosandy@gmail.com or 508-528-2713 ext. 1230 to sign up

Franklin Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. -12 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin, bag sale 1-4 p.m.

November 22

Franklin Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m., Franklin Federated Church, 171 Main St., Franklin, offerings at service support Franklin Interfaith Council Fuel Fund.

November 24

Franklin UMC Community Closet open, 12-2 p.m., 82 W. Central St., Franklin, all clothing free, donations gratefully accepted

November 26

15th Annual Franklin Turkey Trot, 8 a.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 91 Jordan Rd., Franklin, https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/Franklin/FranklinTurkeyTrot or register on Nov. 25 at race location from 7-9 p.m. or morning of the race from 6:30-7:30 a.m.

November 27

Santa Storywalk, Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

December 2

Franklin Art Association meeting, 6:30 p.m., Franklin Senior Center, 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, featured artist Alona Popova on Pysanky, Ukrainian art of decorating eggs

December 5

St. John's Christmas Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., St. John's Church, 237 Pleasant St., Franklin

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Franklin Winter Coat Drive: Donate gently used or new coats to help your Franklin area neighbors, Collection bins will be at the following locations:

Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Police Department, Franklin United Methodist Church, New England Chapel and the Hockomock YMCA

November 22

Franklin Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7 p.m. @ Franklin Federated Church 171 Main St., Franklin. Offerings at the service will support the Franklin Interfaith Council Fuel Fund.

Franklin United Methodist Church (UMC) is located at 82 W Central St., Franklin

Get ideas with Franklin's Holiday Happenings & Gift Guide, online Nov. 27

Coming soon! Franklin's Holiday Happenings & Gift Guide will be online and ready to access on Friday November 27th – just in time for Small Business Saturday. The Holiday Guide spotlights all things Franklin, making it easy to shop local this December.

Find the guide on Franklin Downtown Partnership's website, franklindowntownpartnership.org. The easy-to-read guide will list sales, promotions, activities, and events for the season from FDP business members. Check it out for shopping, places to dine, services, and entertainment for the family, a perfect preview for ideas before you go out shopping. Have fun supporting your local economy through December 31.

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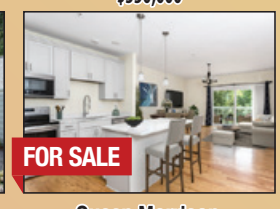

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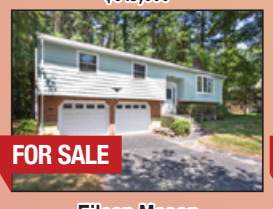

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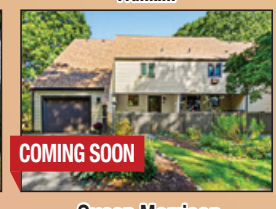
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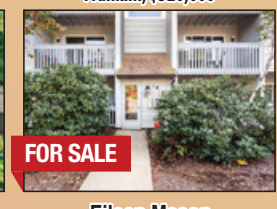

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Healey announces new winter energy bill relief for MA families

Governor declares State of Energy Emergency, removes charges from bills & expands heating assistance; Partners with Citizens Energy Corporation to create Emergency Winter Warmth Fund



BOSTON — On October 5, 2026, Gov. Maura Healey today announced new actions to help Massachusetts families lower their heating and electric bills this winter.

Governor Healey has declared a State of Energy Emergency and, through an Executive Order, (https://tinyurl.com/MAWinterWarmth), is expanding eligibility for home heating assistance and removing charges from electric bills. This includes creating a new home heating assistance benefit for approximately 50,000 middle class households who rely on heating oil that previously did not qualify for existing assistance programs, as well as increasing heating assistance for approximately 156,000 low-income households as part of the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). The Governor will also eliminate the SMART program charge on residential electric bills for three months and cut the Alternative Portfolio Standard by 50 percent this winter. Overall, this plan will lower energy bills for approximately 85 percent of ratepayers. More information can be found at mass.gov/heatinghelp.

Additionally, by declaring a State of Energy Emergency, Governor Healey is activating legal protections in Massachusetts against price gouging of petroleum products. Governor Healey is directing all responsible state agencies to monitor, investigate and enforce rules against price gouging or excessive or misleading prices for petroleum products.

Governor Healey also sent a letter (www.mass.gov/doc/healey-letter/download) https://www.mass.gov/doc/healey-letter/download to Congressional leaders urging them to provide an additional $3 billion in emergency funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), bringing the program to $7 billion.

The cost of heating oil is currently 70 percent higher this winter compared to this week last year and prices are likely to remain volatile. In Massachusetts, the average price of home heating oil reached $6.08 per gallon as of September 28, up 73 percent from $3.52 last year. Approximately one in five Massachusetts households relies on heating oil, particularly in older homes and rural communities.

Norfolk County real estate market remains stable despite ongoing affordability challenges

Dedham, MA – Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell recently released the real estate recording statistics for September 2026, which showed increases in property sales, property values, and overall sales volume compared to September 2025, demonstrating continued stability in the Norfolk County real estate market despite ongoing affordability challenges.

The Registry of Deeds recorded 9,166 documents in September 2026, a 4% decrease compared to the 9,511 documents recorded in September 2025, and a 10% decrease from August 2026.

"September's recording activity reflects a Norfolk County real estate market that continues to adapt to ongoing economic conditions while maintaining overall stability," noted Norfolk County Register of Deeds William P. O'Donnell. "Although many key market indicators suggest continued confidence in Norfolk County real estate and underscore the enduring desire of individuals, families, and businesses to live, work, and invest in Norfolk County, buyers continue to navigate affordability challenges and limited inventory. Economic factors like rising interest rates will affect the economy and individuals trying to navigate the real estate market in Norfolk County."

The total number of deeds recorded for September 2026, representing both commercial and residential real estate sales and transfers, was 1,439, a 3% increase from the 1,396 deeds recorded in September 2025, but down 6% from August 2026. Looking at just real estate sales, 714 properties were sold in September 2026, a 4% increase compared to the 684 properties sold in September 2025.

"The increase in both deeds recorded and property sales compared to September of last year is a positive indicator but the downward trend from August of 2026 should be concerning," stated Register O'Donnell.

The average sale price for both commercial and residential real estate in September 2026 was $1,115,833, a 15% increase compared to September 2025, and a 5% decrease from August 2026.

The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds is located at 649 High Street in Dedham. Find them at www.norfolkdeeds.org or contact them at 781-461-6101, or registerodonnell@norfolkdeeds.org.



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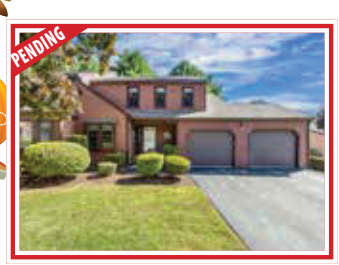
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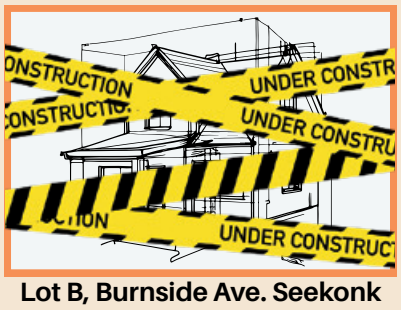
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