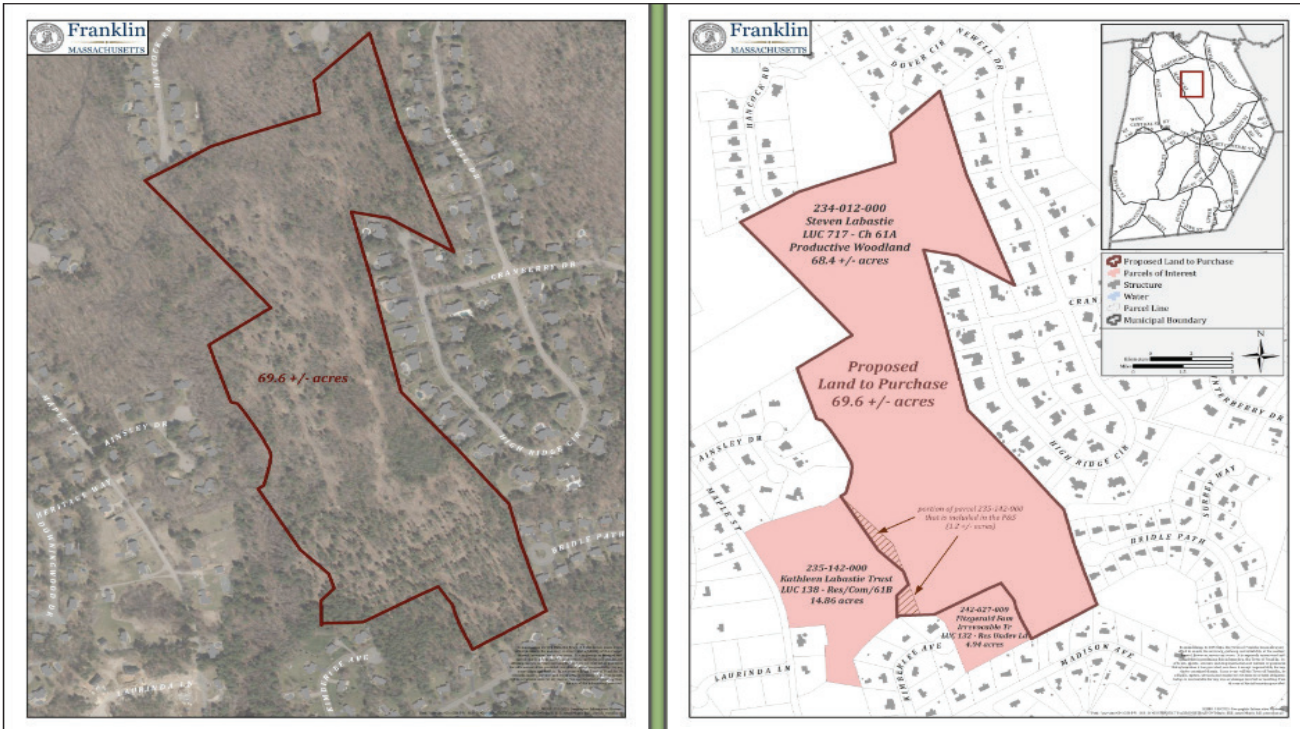


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## Town Council to Vote on Purchase of 61A "Maple Hill" Land



On the table this month for Franklin Town Council, a vote on the purchase of this land using profits from a 2017 sale and borrowing the rest from future CPA funds, the surcharge for which appeared on tax bills for the first time July 1.

By J.D. O'GARA

Franklin residents who attended a public hearing regarding the town's right of first refusal (ROFR) on the 61A designated 70-acre parcel of land off Maple Street,

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# Pop Up Shop in Franklin Gets First Business

By J.D. O'GARA

Have you been over to Greco Design Company, yet? June 11th marked its status as the first pop-up shop located in downtown Franklin after the towns of Franklin and Wrentham won a \$188,000 Regional Pilot Project Grant awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The grant was to fund the temporary placing of online or home businesses into an unused location in the town. The business might attract some shoppers to the area, and the entrepreneur would get a chance to “try out” a storefront for awhile.

Lori Greco and her niece, Shannon Lazzaro, filled out the pop-up application in the hopes of opening a storefront.

Greco, who has a background in graphic design had been operating an online shop, grecode-signshop.com, for over five years. She'd headed out on her own after ad agency work, looking to leave the corporate world. Beginning with wall art, the Franklin resident hand-painted and distressed all of her pieces, loving especially working with watercolors. She'd enjoyed a robust word-



From left, Lisa Lazzaro, Lori Greco and Shannon Lazzaro at the opening of their Pop Shop Franklin location. Their store, Greco Design Co., was the first picked to fill a vacant spot downtown, and they'll be there for six months.



of-mouth business, especially with her handmade gift items during Covid, and had thoughts of expanding. Meanwhile, her niece, Shannon Lazzaro, who graduated from Salve Regina as a studio art major last May, was doing well with her online fash-

ion shop, bleutral.com. When they heard about the Pop Shop initiative, they were all in.

“This was a great opportunity with the grant that Franklin got, we did our business plan and turned it in,” says Greco.

“I'm excited to have a space,” says Lazzaro.

The shop, with a mix of both businesses, offers home décor options as well as cutting-edge fashion.

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known as “Maple Hill,” were pleasantly surprised on June 9th to find that Franklin Town Council members seemed in support of purchasing the land for the town. Members of the Franklin Woods Homeowners' Association, and others, spoke up to voice their hope that the land would not be developed and would become a resource to the town.

After the town received a Notice of Intent and Purchase & Sale for these two parcels off Maple Street on May 5, 2021, under Chapter 61A laws, the Town of Franklin had 120 days to exercise its Right of First Refusal, which means the decision must take place before September 2, 2021. The parcels recently were designated under Chapter 61A, in which the owner pays 3% of the total property tax value and the “Productive Woodland” portion of the land has an active 10-year State Forest Management Plan. Prior to FY21, the parcels fell under Chapter 61B for nearly 40 years, in which the property owner pays 25% of the full value of property taxes. The price of the parcels is \$4,590,000.

Jamie Hellen, Franklin Town Administrator, sees this potential purchase as a particularly satisfying use of CPC funding right out of the gate for taxpayers.

“The fact that bills for surcharge will be July 1st, it's a visual and moral victory. As your tax bill just went up, here's what you can get right out of the gate, whether or not they voted for CPC last November. It's a tangible thing for their money. If we weren't able to use CPC, we'd have to put it in the town operating budget.”

The proposal is that Franklin will purchase the land using \$1,559,858 from the Pond St. sewer bed sale 5 years ago and borrowing 2/3 of the parcel price (\$3,030,142) against future CPA funds, which are anticipated, without the state match, to reach \$1.379 million per year. Although finance rates may change by January 2022, when the borrowing would occur, over 20 years, the town would be looking at an estimated repayment of \$212,000 per year from CPC funds, anticipating a 3.5% interest rate.

Now that both the Finance Committee and Community Preservation Committee have formally approved the purchase, a full Franklin Town Council vote should take place on July 21st, says Hellen.

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four days of this month, until Sunday, July 4th, 2021.

Music will take place on:

- Thursday, July 1: Victory Shot (band), 8 p.m.
- Friday, July 2: Duppy Conquerers (band) 8 p.m.
- Saturday, July 3rd : Blues Festival including:
  - Padula Trio Plus One, 2 p.m.
  - Slam Allen Band, 4 p.m.
  - Mike Crandall Band, featuring Bruce Bears, 6 p.m.
  - Neal & the Vipers, 8 p.m.

As in years past, the carnival will take place each day of the festival, and the schedule is as follows:



- July 1, 6-10 p.m., wristbands 6-10 p.m.
- July 2, 6-10 p.m.
- July 3, 12-10, p.m. wristbands 12-5 p.m.
- July 4, 12-5 p.m., wristbands 12-5 p.m.

This event, as it always has been, is funded entirely by sponsors, individual donations and fundraising, and it relies on volunteers. Franklin 4th of July

Coalition will be sending notices out asking Franklin residents to chip in whatever they can for the event, and volunteers are encouraged to visit the website.

“We’ll be making updates on our website, [www.franklin4th.com](http://www.franklin4th.com) as well as on Franklin 4th of July Coalition on Facebook,” says Joe Carmignani, who organizes the event with Paul Kortick. This year will feature a new contactless ticket system, which replaces paper tickets with a new card that can be scanned at the ride.

“People will be able to buy a ticket in advance online through Fiesta Shows, or they can buy it at the carnival,” says Carmignani.

For updated information as it comes, including a list of sponsors and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.franklin4th.com](http://www.franklin4th.com).

**Franklin Senior Center Fully Resumes Programming!**

The Franklin Senior Center, located at 10 Daniel McCahill St., Franklin, is open without restrictions! All regular programs are back! For more information, call (508) 520-4945.

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- July 12, 3 p.m., Alan Earls presents “Instant Gratification: The Story of Edwin Land and Polaroid”
- July 22, 3 p.m. Exploring Nantucket with Ranger Allen Reinhard

**The Daytrippers (Beatles Cover Band) Time TBD**

August 20

**Movie and Mocktail**

August 24, 6 p.m. outdoors at patio--if raining, event will take place inside

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# FHS Moves Swiftly to Address Hateful Graffiti

By J.D. O'GARA

Although many try to protect their children from incidents such as this, hate reared its ugly head on June 9, 2021, when a swastika, an anti-Semitic symbol of hate and white supremacy, was found in a 3rd floor boys' bathroom of Franklin High School.

In a letter to the Franklin High School community, Principal Joshua Hanna explained that an investigation into the incident had begun, with cooperation from the Franklin Police.

"The fact that the swastika graffiti was found at Franklin High School is far beyond disappointing. It is extremely troubling and highly inconsistent with the inclusive culture we are committed to creating at Franklin High School. Franklin High School is no place for hate. I pledge to you continued vigilance in this matter as well as continued long-term efforts to promote and support a positive, hate-free school environment. While we believe that the

steps we've taken this year to address diversity and inclusion have done a great deal to further our school's mission of being a welcoming and safe school environment, it is clear that we still have a long way to go."

Sara Ahearn, Superintendent of Franklin Public Schools told *Local Town Pages* that Franklin Schools administrative team had put together a response protocol, a teaching tolerance framework to respond to incidents of hate and bias, following a 2017 incident that involved three swastikas.

"That framework includes preserving evidence, but removing it before it causes further harm, communicating and condemning the act with the community, and conducting an investigation. If that investigation revealed a potential crime, Franklin police would then become involved, she says. "And then, you work on efforts to heal your community and educate," says Ahearn.

Immediately following the incident, Hanna explained that he would personally address the issue with students in his morning announcement, that FHS would provide an opportunity for students and staff to meet with an administrator/counselor to help process their feelings, and that the school's faculty, staff, administrators and students would to participate in the district's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee aimed at bringing "awareness to and affirmation of diversity within our school community and developing age-appropriate curriculum and discussions to promote a safe and inclusive learning environment for each and every child." Hanna also applauded those who had the courage to bring the graffiti to the school's attention.

Rep. Jeff Roy, on local social media, wrote, "This is the act of a sick mind, and I strongly condemn it as a manifestation of hatred. I am happy that the

school administration is investigating the incident and has brought in the Franklin Police to assist. It is ironic that today also happens to be the day I wrote the letter below urging the Education Committee to release my bill on genocide education in schools ... There are so many wonderful students at Franklin High, several of whom I met at the Empty Bowls event. I know that they will stand against this act and support their Jewish classmates. I stand with them and will continue to urge final passage of this bill to deter indifference to crimes against humanity and human suffering."

Senator Becca Rausch, the first Jewish person to represent the Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex District in the Massachusetts Senate, also condemned the incident, noting, "I am appalled to learn that someone at Franklin High School (Massachusetts) committed the anti-Jewish hate crime of graffitiing a bathroom with swastikas. Appalled,

but sadly not surprised." Sen. Rausch went on to encourage her constituents upset by this incident to reach out, applauded Principal Hanna's efforts and also pointed her support for the pending legislation at the state level about genocide education. Rausch offered personally, her family story, to help educate the FHS community, and offered to connect constituents with "the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, ADL New England, and others who can provide more (and better) resources."

After this incident, Franklin Public Schools reached out to the Anti-Defamation League for support," says Ahearn.

"They did reach out to us, validated our response and provided some additional resources for a long-term framework to consider," she says.

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# Franklin Historical Museum to Celebrate Davis Thayer History July 15th

By J.D. O'GARA

Now that Davis Thayer has closed its doors, its 220 students will attend Helen Keller Elementary in the fall. The school held a farewell celebration on June 12th, which included a DJ, ice cream, a visit from "Pat the Patriot," and even a specially written "Ode to Davis Thayer," by local musician Jamie Barrett (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3uClEsoT6M>).

The celebration of Davis Thayer will continue this month, on July 15th, with a temporary exhibit created by Franklin Historical Museum Curator Rebecca Finnigan to be unveiled at the museum's re-opening.

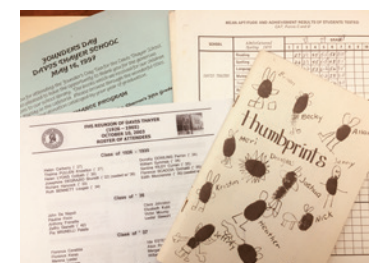
Finnigan explains that presenting exhibits of interest to Franklin residents is part of her mission to draw visitors to the museum.

"I've been trying to work with the Historical Commission to bring people in and remind them the museum exists. I try to find connections between the past and the present and to draw parallels between what's happening now. I know people are well-connected to the school and have fond memories. Maybe they'll see themselves in the exhibit, or maybe they'll see their grandmother or another family member, and it will spark interest in history, which is really what we

want, to have people come and see the history of the town they live in."

Davis Thayer, who built the first straw hat factory in Franklin in 1810, originally owned the property where the school was built. In 1924, it opened as Franklin High School, and has served Franklin students for 97 years.

Finnigan explains that special rotating exhibits, such as the Davis Thayer exhibit, which will be up through the end of the summer, are a great way to showcase the wider collection the museum has. Photos displayed have been part of the museum's collection.



"We'll have photos of the school, a lot of class pictures, and we're going to present sports uniforms that match up with the photos we have," says Finnigan.

The museum is welcoming anyone with a specific memory they'd like to share to reach out on the Franklin Historical Museum Facebook page, or email [franklinmuseum1778@gmail.com](mailto:franklinmuseum1778@gmail.com).

The day's celebration will also include the opening of a new permanent exhibit The Federal Parlor Room, from the Oliver Pond Home, generously donated by James C. Johnston in memory of his mother Clara J. Foss Johnston. Mr. Johnston will be an honored guest at the re-opening.

## July at the Franklin Historical Museum

The Franklin Historical Museum is excited to announce the re-opening of the museum to its regular pre-pandemic operating schedule, Thursday evenings, Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons now that all Covid restrictions have been lifted in the state.

The museum will host a re-opening celebration on Thursday afternoon, July 15th at 5 p.m.. With a ribbon cutting, new exhibits and refreshments.

We are working on an exhibit celebrating the History of the Davis Thayer School. The building of course, was opened in 1924 as Franklin High School, and has served Franklin students for 97 years. Sadly, for many, it has closed its doors as of the end of this school year. Join us for a look back at the building, the students, faculty, athletic teams, stories and memories. Do you have a special memory of the school? Did you spend your High School years there? Attend double sessions in the 70's when it served as a Jr. High School? Attend Davis Thayer Elementary? Many families had generations of students attend that school. We'd love to hear from you. Visit our Facebook page and share a memory, or email us at [franklinmuseum1778@gmail.com](mailto:franklinmuseum1778@gmail.com). The exhibit will run from mid-July through the end of the summer.

We also have a new permanent exhibit on display, The Federal Parlor Room, from the Oliver Pond Home, generously donated by James C. Johnston in memory of his mother Clara J. Foss Johnston. The elegant pieces of furniture, from the Federal and Empire periods, are made of mahogany and were collected by the Johnston family over a period of many years. The room is beautifully appointed with fashionable decor from the family collection.

We will also be resuming our popular Second Sunday Speaker Series in August. The first event on the schedule, Sunday August 8, is a first look at the private collection of glass plate negatives from Franklin photographer Nathan Wales (1886-1969). These priceless images, purchased at auction, depict everyday life in Franklin from approximately 1910-1915. A selection of the now digitized photos will be presented and discussed. Join us and see how early 20th Century Franklin residents once lived. Their beautiful homes, their clothing styles, their cars, their pets and their daily lives were all captured for us to view.

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# Franklin's Future Leaders to Collect Gift Cards for Fire Victims

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Santa Foundation and Bellezza Day Spa for their support of Franklin's Future Leaders (FFL) and their donations. Bellezza is offering discounts for services with a gift card donation to their business. We will continue to collect for as long as the need is there.

### Franklin's Future Leader

Is a group of children ages 4-10+ recognizing the importance of community! Children learn how we can help the community and how the community helps us. Through guest speakers and a variety of volunteer services, these children will have an upper hand in doing more community work as they get older. Season runs from August-end of April. This is a FREE Group and sponsored by The Dance Studio. Both Leader and Co-Leader are current Wrentham Lions, leader is a 2136 Elk and past Leader

and co-leader of Pride and are CORI'ed. We are a not-for-profit organization.

We are, also, currently collecting new backpacks and supplies for our annual "Backpack for Kids" program and all are donated to The Franklin Food Pantry. Our goal is 100, last year we surpassed 70. Wednesday Wishes continue with a free Family meal on Sundays for those in need, with the help of Lasagna Love and a gift for a child in need for their birthday from FFL. Our Art exhibition continues with funds being provided, in the form of a gift cards, to both Fire Stations and Police Departments. We will collect needed items for The Franklin Food Pantry, as well as, NEW toys for Toys for Tots thru Franklins Police Department. We raised \$600 for The Franklin Senior Center and will continue to help our community through fundraising events.



Franklin Future Leaders were able to have an in-person meeting, finally, in June. The group is collecting gift cards to help those displaced by the Franklin Crossing fire. Back row, from left, Jorja Adiletto (Teen Helper), Jake and Bella Wood, Knox and Cora Brightwell, Kylie Desmarais, Emma Sherlock, "Miss" Cheryl Hobbs-Leader, Front row, left to right: Kendall Desmarais, Jack Lanzoni, Ava Sherlock. Not shown: Avery and Aiden Afonso, Jeri Adiletto (Teen Helper) and "Mr." David Hobbs- Co-Leader

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More workers are quitting their jobs than at any time in at least two decades.

The *Wall Street Journal* shared how professionals are burned out from extra pandemic workloads and stress, while others prefer the flexibility of remote work.

Given my recent engagements, there are new perspectives on health, family, and time. Less focus on “earning more, to do more,” but what needs to happen for a new lifestyle while maintaining future goals. Some seek semi-retirement (less pay and responsibilities, more freedoms), others full retirement in their 40’s or 50’s.

Before firing off a resignation, consider the financial and family impact. A few (of the many) items examined:

**Employer benefits are left behind and taxation created?** Health and life insurance comparisons are important, but a greater impact is on the values and taxation on RSUs, ESPP,

pension, and deferred compensation distributions.

Also, bonuses. Is your current firm far-exceeding ‘21 plan and you’ll forfeit by leaving? Will the new firm offer prorated bonus eligibility?

If over 55 but under age 59 ½ and need income from oversized retirement accounts, pause on rolling over all of your 401(k) until you understand IRS Rule of 55.

**Buying a new home or refinancing?** When applying for a mortgage, refinance, or HELOC, lenders base decisions on many factors, including consistency of earned income. Witness a few days before closing, they will again ask for a most recent paystub.

If you plan to earn less or become self-employed, this can limit your ability to borrow or refinance. Thus, timing is equally important as the desire for a change.

**Will the new employer’s grass stay greener?** Firms seeking talent are being aggressive with benefits and amenities. Part is due to retention of their own talent, so what do things look like in a year?

Are promotions as frequent? Are “team-building” events still posting every Friday on LinkedIn?

Are you still fully, or partially, remote?

**What is your cash flow in 2024, 2026, or with kids in college?** Entering investments into a “retirement calculator” is nice, but it’s the equivalent of checking tire pressure and declaring a car will be fine in 5 years.

Want confidence in sending your resignation?

Run various cash flow analyses with a CFP encompassing income, assets (growth, taxation), liabilities (rates, maturity), expenses, taxes, entitlements, and experience spending goals. Add stress tests by planning for the

unexpected and sequence of investment returns.

Beyond understanding data, it’s critical all household members are engaged throughout and desire the “why” behind the change.

With cash flow models, family buy-in, and a focus on well-being, now have an honest conversation with your manager. If the firm says, “Sorry, but...”, personally thank your manager and make sure to log off Zoom before playing Johnny Paycheck or the Dead Kennedys cover.

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# Dean College Announces New Campus Construction Project

Dean College recently announced a new campus construction project that is scheduled for completion for the start of the Fall 2021 semester.

“A primary goal of Dean’s strategic plan is to invest in our facilities to support the strategic direction of the College. I am thrilled that Dean will be making improvements to align with this campus-wide vision,” says Dean College President Dr. Paula M. Rooney.

The project is the creation of reimagined athletic space featuring new and expanded locker rooms, training areas and significant interior and exterior structural improvements to the College’s Pieri Gymnasium to support our academic and athletic initiatives.

The project will feature a new fitness area for student-athletes while also improving two existing fitness locations for use by all students. In addition, the College

is building a new exercise science lab; a project made necessary through the significant expansion of enrollment for this academic program.

“This new project is the next component of Dean’s continued expansion of our athletic programs and offers our student-athletes the best experience possible,” says Dean College Director of Athletics, George Martin. “We look forward to competing for conference championships now and in the future and these

enhancements will be a step in that direction,” says Martin.

Dean College recently transitioned to Division III athletics which has led to a steady increase



in student-athletes and high-level play in each of the 16 varsity sports that the College competes in. After completing a controlled schedule of games during the Spring 2021 semester, Dean looks forward to returning to a full schedule of play in all sports for the 2021-2022 academic year.

“We are excited to announce these improvements which will enhance all aspects of the student life experience as we continue to promote The Dean Difference,” says Rooney.

For further information on these projects, visit [www.dean.edu](http://www.dean.edu).

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# The b.LUXE Beauty Beat

## Don't Let Summer Fun Ruin Your Hair

Can you feel it? The shift in the weather, the longer, warmer days, and that sudden urge to go for a swim! Yup...Summer's here!

For many of us, summer is the time to amp up our beachy, blonde highlights or try a lighter, brighter hair color. But, sun and swimming can damage hair and turn your tresses a not so beautiful shade of green.

Pool and well water can wreak havoc on hair color. Most people believe that chlorine is the culprit, but that's only part of the problem. There's a whole gang of harsh metals turning your hair green, and copper's the ring-leader!

Copper's found in most swimming pools, particularly ones filled with well water. It also enters your pool from copper-based algacides. Chlorine oxidizes the metals in the water and binds them to the protein in your hair shaft. With oxidation, copper turns a soft shade of green called a patina. While we love that hue on the Statue of Liberty, it's far less flattering on your blonde hair.

So, saltwater pools are safe, right? Nope. Unfortunately, they're all the same. Instead of manually adding chlorine to balance the pH, salt is added to the pool water, where it runs through an electrically charged generator, converting the salt to chlorine. Your local pool store offers test strips to check your water's metal levels. They can also recommend alternative treatments, metal removers and filters that will keep your copper levels in check.

Here's a few tips for keeping your hair summer sensational.

### 1. Wet and protect your hair

Wetting your hair down before you swim is key. Hair is porous and when dry, absorbs the minerals and chemicals from your pool. This is where a little hair prep goes a long way. Use filtered or bottled water to wet down hair and comb through a leave-in conditioner like *Kevin Murphy's Staying Alive Treatment*. This will seal your hair and protect it from sun and water damage.

### 2. Try a swim cap

Yeah, we know, they're not exactly poolside chic, but, if you're a regular swimmer with color treated hair, they're the way to go. They'll protect and hold your hair in place while you get your laps in.

### 3. Stop using copper-based algacides

Some pool algacides contain copper and yes, they do work, but they could also be turning your hair green. Look for metallic-free algacides or pay close attention to your chlorine levels and don't use algacides at all.

### 4. Start with healthy hair

The better condition your hair is in, the less likely it is to turn green. Your hair is vulnerable when dry or damaged. Regular conditioning treatments will help repair and seal your hair's cuticle to stop green absorption. We recommend *Brazilian Blowout's Acai Deep Conditioning Masque*.



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### 5. Wash your hair

Shampoo and condition your hair as soon as you're done swimming and once every two weeks, we recommend using *Kevin Murphy Maxi-Wash*, a detoxifying shampoo that removes unwanted build-up and preps your hair to better absorb conditioner.

### 6. How to fix green hair

Sometimes, even with our best efforts, green hair happens and a trip to the salon is necessary. To rectify those mossy locks, you'll need a *demineralizing treatment* to draw out hard-to-budge deposits and a *glaze* to restore and protect shine and lustre.

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# Living Healthy

## Glaucoma Treatment: DURYSTA

### Commonly Asked Questions

BY: ROGER M. KALDAWY, M.D.  
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Glaucoma is a condition that can damage our field of vision. It affects us when the pressure inside the eye is higher than what

the eye can tolerate. Glaucoma is treatable with drops targeted at lowering the eye pressure. There are patients who have problems remembering to use the drops and sometimes the preservative

in the drop cause irritation, redness and intolerance to the drops. In other instances, one can be traveling and forget to carry the eye drops during the trip. In those instances, a novel treatment using DURYSTA glaucoma implants can help manage the

pressure while reducing or eliminating the need for drops.

### What is Durysta?

Durysta is a breakthrough in the treatment of open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension with FDA approval. Durysta (made by Allergan) will be a game-changer for those patients who have difficulty taking daily medicated eye drops for glaucoma because it frees patients from having to apply drops altogether.

### How does Durysta work?

Durysta is the first biodegradable sustained-release implant that continuously delivers Bimatoprost, a prostaglandin analog, within the eye that helps reduce and maintain healthy eye pressure levels. The preservative-free medication is housed within a tiny rod-shaped cartridge that is inserted in the eye's anterior chamber by an ophthalmologist during a safe 5-minute office procedure.

The implant comes pre-loaded with 10 mcg of Bimatoprost in a single-use applicator that your ophthalmologist uses to inject the implant directly into the front side of your eye. This means that the drug delivery system is a one-time use sterile applicator used on you and you alone.

The bimatoprost implant is biodegradable and breaks down naturally over time, so you do not require another procedure to remove the delivery system. It simply dissolves and is eliminated by your body. In fact, most patients continue to have controlled intraocular pressure levels even after Durysta has broken down.

### How long does Durysta last?

The great news for patients with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension is that the Durysta implant is designed to last up to 6 months. However, most patients continue to have controlled intraocular pressure levels after Durysta has broken down. This means you'll continue to benefit from Durysta for months and sometimes a year

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or 2 later. Meanwhile, you'll be free from having to deal with inserting eye drops and worrying about whether the correct amount of medication actually got into your eye.

### Who is a candidate for Durysta?

Durysta is indicated for people diagnosed with open-angle glaucoma and ocular hypertension. That said, not everyone is an ideal candidate for Durysta and it is contraindicated under the following circumstances:

If you have an infection within or surrounding your eye

If you have undergone a corneal transplant

If you are diagnosed with corneal endothelial cell dystrophy

If your posterior lens capsule is ruptured or absent

If you are allergic to bimatoprost or to the components of the implant

### What are the side effects of Durysta?

As with any medication, clinical trials have shown that some people can experience side effects from Durysta. However, the interesting thing about the Durysta trials was that patients who were randomized to receive Durysta actually experienced fewer side effects than the control group patients taking standard glaucoma eye drops.

It's highly unusual for a new medication to exhibit fewer side effects than the standard medicine it's being compared to, but that's exactly what happened with Durysta. The Durysta patients had fewer complaints and tolerated the medication better than the patients using traditional glaucoma eye drops. Fewer side effects and better eye pressure control make for a compelling argument to consider switching to Durysta.



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## EYES

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Some adverse events for Durysta patients can include:

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- Eye irritation
- Eye pain
- A foreign body sensation within the eye
- Light sensitivity (photophobia)
- Blurred vision
- Headache
- Conjunctival hemorrhage
- Iritis
- Increased intraocular pressure

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Also, the safety of taking Durysta during pregnancy has not been studied.

### Is Durysta for me?

If you have tried other treatments for glaucoma, including eye drops and they did not work,

or if you've found eye drops are challenging or you can't use them as prescribed, contact us. Eye drops are not always the best option for every patient, and Durysta may be a better solution.

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# Franklin Schools Explain Chapter 70 Funding Changes

By J.D. O'GARA

Buzz around Franklin has been taking place on local social media forums regarding the Franklin Public School budget and state funding. Local Town Pages looked to Franklin Public Schools Superintendent Sara Ahearn, for clarification on exactly what the financial picture is for the school department.

"We have received very favorable support from the state, and despite our declining enrollment as a 'hold harmless district,' meaning the state will not reduce your Chapter 70 funding from one year to the next if your enrollment decreases, what's happening, over time, is we've had a pretty steep enrollment decline," says Ahearn, adding that the decline has come from a significantly reduced birth rate. At the same time, in terms of "the funding formula, the town of Franklin as a whole is becoming wealthier as measured by the property values and median

income," says Ahearn, "so the state, which supplies additional support to our budget, is saying, 'Hey, Franklin, you have the ability to contribute more.'"

Ahearn says Franklin Public Schools expects to see their local minimum contribution, then, to increase by about 2% every year, and that, "at some point, it will max out."

"I think it came as a surprise to people," says Ahearn. "A lot of folks, in my time here, have wondered how the State Opportunity At is going to help Franklin, and there are places where it's going to help us, but that's not in the Chapter 70 formula."

Ahearn points out that a 2015 revealed areas in need of state funding, such as health insurance, special education, and low-income earners. "They decided there need to be a reset of the form, so there was an adequate amount of money going to support those communities with a higher percent of (those groups)."

"The reality is the local contribution has got to be higher," says Jamie Hellen, Franklin Town Administrator, on Chapter 70 funding. Demographics, he says, is what drives the aid to the town.

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The Franklin Cultural Council has announced that it will be hosting the Franklin Cultural Festival on Sunday, September 12th from 12-6 p.m. The Franklin Cultural Festival will include food trucks, a juried craft fair, and live performances on the Franklin Town Common, as well as a beer garden. The main stage will include Grammy winner Eguie Castrillo and Mar del Norte Salsa Orchestra. Food Trucks will include and amazing lineup like "Cousins Maine Lob-

ster." 30+ artisan vendors will be featured all over the common, including new Franklin entrepreneurs like "Power of Me."

The FCC is looking for professional and semi-professional artisans to participate in the craft fair. There will also be a youth section of booths for crafters 18 and under. The Franklin Cultural Festival is hosted by the Franklin Cultural Council. For a prospectus on the Craft Fair, please visit: [http://bit.ly/craft\\_fair\\_entry](http://bit.ly/craft_fair_entry).



Eguie Castrillo and Mar del Norte Salsa Orchestra will take the main stage in September at the Franklin Culture Festival.

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## July 2

Toe Jam Puppet Band! 1 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

Henry the Juggler! Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

## July 9

Franklin Farmers Market, Town Common, 2-6 p.m.

## July 15

Franklin Historical Museum Reopening and Exhibit Ribbon Cutting, 5 p.m., features new exhibits, refreshments, 80 West Central St., Franklin

## July 16

Franklin Farmers Market, Town Common, 2-6 p.m., Franklin Farmers Market Fun by Franklin Public Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m., YMCA Family activities, 4-6 p.m.

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

Franklin Concerts on the Common: Gay Perkoski, 5-6 p.m., Jesse Liam Band, 6-8 p.m., Movie Night, 8-10 p.m.

## July 17

Mr. Vinny's Bubbles, 10:30 a.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin

Franklin Library Book Sale, 118 Main St., Franklin, 9 a.m.-Noon, books \$1; bag sale 1-4 p.m. fill a brown bag for \$5

## July 19

"Dyeing to Wear It" Scarf Dyeing, 5-8 p.m., Franklin Public Library, 118 Main St., Franklin, Limit fifteen Franklin residents. Contact Assistant Library Director Kim Shipala at kshipala@minlib.net or (508) 520-4941 to register. This program is funded by Franklin Cultural Council. Visit <https://www.dyermaker-studio.com/>.

## July 23

Franklin Farmers Market, Town Common, 2-6 p.m., Franklin Library Farmers Market Fun, 3:30-4:30

Franklin Concerts on the Common: KENDO, 5-6 p.m., Frank Padula Band, 6-8 p.m.

## July 27

Franklin Public Library Book Club, 7 p.m., 118 Main St., Franklin, 7 p.m., book for discussion: *A Family of Strangers*, by Emilie Richards

## July 30

Franklin Farmers Market, Town Common, 2-6 p.m., Franklin Farmers Market Fun by Franklin Public Library, 3:30-4:30 p.m., YMCA Family activities, 4-6 p.m.

Franklin Concerts on the Common: Jamie Barrett, 5-6 p.m., FSPA, 6-8 p.m.

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The summer kicked off with local favorites the Zajac Brothers on June 25th at 8:00 pm. Brothers Matt and Tyler have been playing music for years but only recently began collaborating and performing together when Tyler moved back east from California after attending the Musician's Institute. Matt graduated Berklee College of Music in 2018 and has since been performing, recording, and teaching. The band is composed of a revolving cast of session players with the core members being the brothers and longtime bass player and collaborator Ryan Philipps. "Changing group really keeps things fresh and interesting by allowing different personnel in and out of the group really keeps things fresh and interesting by allowing different tones and colors and tendencies to shine through on different nights," says Matt. On the 25th, they will be joined by Luke Okerlund on guitar. Luke is a local musician hailing from Worcester, MA.

No Static returned to THE BLACK BOX on June 27th at



2:00 pm. One of the few Steely Dan tribute bands in the country, No Static is made up of 10 musicians from around the Boston area. They specialize in expertly performing the music of Steely Dan. Re-creating that bluesy jazz-rock sound that sprung from the fertile imaginations of Donald Fagen and Walter Becker is no small feat. As Dan-Fans know, the tunes are convoluted and complex, spanning many genres; very precise, with time changes and key changes popping up where sometimes least expected. Vocally and musically challenging, this is not an easy band to

pay tribute to. No Static has been doing it for over 10 years now and their sold-out shows tell the tale.

Shows and events are frequently added to the TBB calendar. Audiences are encouraged to follow THE BLACK BOX on social media and to visit [www.THEBLACKBOXonline.com](http://www.THEBLACKBOXonline.com) to learn about upcoming performances. THE BLACK BOX is located at 15 W. Central Street in Franklin, MA. For tickets and more information, visit [www.THEBLACKBOXonline.com](http://www.THEBLACKBOXonline.com) or call the box office at 508-528-3370.

## Franklin Lions & Elks Work with Red Cross to Help Fire Victims

*Franklin Lions Disaster Fund at Rockland Trust; Textile Drive through July 7 to Also Raise Funds*

By J.D. O'GARA

In an effort to support the 36 families displaced by a fire that began in a 12-unit condominium complex at 2 Franklin Crossing that spread to adjacent buildings, the Franklin MA Lions Club and Franklin Elks Lodge #2136 began working the Red Cross to help families affected by the fire.

The two groups initially posted that donations of gift cards to various clothing, drug stores, food and restaurants were the best donations, and those wishing to donate could reach out to Franklin Lions or Franklin Elks members to donate. In a social media update in late May, Franklin Lion Kristine Shanahan wrote, "The lions met this evening. We have had an outpouring for clothing donations. For this reason, we have decided to do a fund drive to turn clothing and cloth material such as shoes, curtains, stuffed animals, blankets, etc. into cash. We hope to collect 5000 lbs. by July 7th. We currently will pick up, but are working on drop off locations for bags.

Update: we have set up an account with Rockland Trust: Franklin Lions Disaster Fund. Donations can be made there. 100% will be used to assist families to get back on their feet. In addition at the downtown Franklin branch across from post office is a drop box for gift cards."

Gift cards and checks can also be mailed to

**Franklin Lions  
PO Box 3,  
Franklin, MA 02038**

According to a statement by the State Fire Marshall Peter J. Ostroskey's office and Franklin Fire Chief James G. McLaughlin, the cause of this fire was ruled as accidental, originating in the bedroom of a third-floor unit. "

"When this building was built, it was not required to have fire sprinklers. But sprinklers would have made a huge difference in the lives of these 36 families who are displaced. Wet things dry out, but houses don't un-burn," said Chief McLaughlin.

One resident was injured trying to put out the fire.

## FISH of Franklin: Volunteers Needed!

FISH of Franklin is an organization that provides rides to Franklin residents who need help getting to their medical appointments. You can help! Volunteers aged 21 and over are needed to:

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# Fire Victims Express Frustration at Delay in Retrieving Belongings

By J.D. O'GARA

Weeks following the Franklin Crossing fire, some residents of the most damaged building were upset they were not able to retrieve personal belongings before they were destroyed by mold.

Kate Ciavarra, a Medway teacher who lived in Building 2, felt she was “wrung around by the Brigs LLC,” upset with what she says was a lack of communication, then miscommunication, and speed. Residents, she said, were told to expect a week’s notice for demolition of Building 2 to salvage, but only got three days’ notice after waiting weeks, and then had one day for workers to hand them items to place in containers they brought. To make matters worse, she says, mold “caused half of that stuff to be thrown away.”

Ciavarra says displaced victims are grateful residents and pets are safe, “but despite getting a lot of things out, a lot of it could have been saved if things happened faster; and ... we were not given a lot of information that could help us understand why things are happening the way they are.”

“Freddy,” who has owned a condo at Franklin Crossing for 13 years, was also frustrated. Since the fire, the heavy equipment operator has been living in his truck, still going to work each day at 4 a.m. Still responsible for his mortgage, Freddy is frustrated that his building will take two years to rebuild, and that master insurance won’t pay for any contents.

“I want to know where to put my head for the next two years. I lost everything,” says Freddy. Freddy felt Brigs “wasn’t doing much, but they’re ready to fine you if you do something.”

Aaron Morey, who rented in Building 2 with his wife and 6-year-old daughter, feels fortunate to have found a new, but more expensive, apartment this month after footing the bill for the Best Western.

“It’s been very stressful,” said Morey, who felt Brigs “mishandled the timeline ... and they kept changing the story.”

Morey says residents had tried to obtain their stuff before it was completely trashed, “but everything was trashed, because of the mold.” Correspondence, he says, lacked compassion. “It was, bring stuff, you have one or two days, if you can’t come, you can’t get anything, and they had management workers, four men, to move stuff out of the 9 units, which was not enough.” Morey also questioned whether buildings were as unsafe as they were being told.

“I would have preferred (Brigs, LLC) took action and contacted everyone, and ... moved everyone’s belongings out the week of the fire, before everything got damaged,” says Morey.

Scott Wolf, of Brigs LLC, responded that he is sympathetic to the residents’ feelings and understands their frustration, “unfortunately in a fire of this magnitude there is a process that must be followed. The night of the fire, the building was declared structurally unsound by the Fire Department and Building Department. There was to be no access to the building and we were asked to have 24-hour security to ensure no one got in. This was confirmed by an independent structural engineer in the days that followed. Once the Cause and Origin investigation is completed and the insurance company releases the building, Section 2 will be removed completely.”

Wolf says he isn’t surprised by the miscommunication. “The residents stressed and upset. They want to get in there and get their belongings,” he said. “We have to look out for the safety of the residents and our staff in entering a structurally unsound structure. Ultimately, against all the reports and concerns, we did access where we felt it was safe to obtain what we could for the residents. We felt it was the right thing to do.”

“From my perspective, I thought (Brigs, LLC) were very accommodating,” said Franklin Fire Chief James McLaughlin “Building 2, where the fire started, was in real bad shape, with the roof. We wanted to make sure Building 2 had some

fencing secured around there. We were very fearful someone would go in in the middle of the night. We certainly understand people would want to retrieve items important to them, but when all is said and done ... the bottom line is always safety first.”

“The Town of Franklin put a placard on this building, 2, 4 and 6, that says it’s an unsafe structure. It’s not a condemnation of the building, or a demolition order. It says we have inspected and found it to be seriously damaged and unsafe to occupy,” says Franklin Building Commissioner “Gus” Brown. “It’s heartbreaking – my heart goes out to the tenants and the owners; their life is in flames, literally, and this could happen to anybody. With that said, after I post that (the building) is only to be entered (by those) specially authorized by writing.”

Brown continued, “Because Brigs is the property management company, they contacted me about specific people being able to go in,” although the Town

was very hesitant to give any authorization for anyone to enter that building. “If someone goes in and gets hurt, and I authorized it, I couldn’t sleep at night,” said Brown.

“As much as the residents of Building 2 are upset, unfortunately, there’s a process that occurs in a fire that involves many entities to keep them safe,” says Wolf. “It was a decision reviewed by many people.”

Building 2 residents were also frustrated their building didn’t have sprinklers. To that end, Commissioner Brown noted, “Mass General Law and the building codes have changed a lot of rules and regulations for sprinkling of structures. If this building was built brand new today, it would be required to have sprinklers.”

Brown noted Brigs “gave me what I needed in a pretty expeditious manner” for a Building Code Review conducted on June 3rd. “There’s no legislation or statute to go into an existing building to make sure it’s brought

up to code if it’s undamaged, he says. “That’s not we do as a state.” The code report has indicated that Building 2, completely destroyed, now needs to be rebuilt with sprinklers, while Building 4, since it does not need to be rebuilt, can be restored to its pre-fire condition, with specific upgrades.

Wolf added that any decision to voluntarily add sprinklers to the property fell on the condo association or trustees, not the building management company.

“Nobody was injured. Everybody was safe. There was no loss of human life,” says Wolf, “I get that the process is never understandable to the people impacted. I feel horrible for what they’re going through, but I don’t feel like we missed any points.”

On an additional note, all residents with whom *Local Town Pages* spoke expressed gratitude to neighborhood efforts to help them, noting especially help from The Franklin Lions, the Franklin Elks, Cheryl Hobbs, and St. Mary’s Church.

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# Sports

## 'Whatever It Takes' Motto Helped FHS Sports to Excel

### Panthers' A.D. Sees Fall Returning to Normal

BY KEN HAMWEY,  
STAFF SPORTS WRITER

Before the 2020-21 school year began, the Hockomock League's 12 athletic directors adopted a motto as they prepared to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic. Brief and to the point, it said: "whatever it takes, we'll do it."

Franklin High A.D. Tom Angelo and his 11 colleagues met daily on many occasions as the summer inched closer to the opening of schools in September. Would interscholastic sports be available for students in the fall and what would they look like were questions begging for answers. Students, parents and coaches were anxious.

Hit the fast-forward key to the conclusion of the school year and take a good look. At Franklin High, all the athletic seasons were conducted, every varsity sport was played, and the newly added Fall 2 campaign enabled endangered sports to get underway. The theme for sports during 2020-21 was about providing opportunities. Winning championships was not the first priority.

But, when Franklin High's athletes and coaches step onto a court or a field, they give 100 percent. They felt blessed to be able to compete, and they battled intensely throughout all four seasons to once again be in the running to win the Boston Globe's Dalton Award for the third year in a row. The Dalton trophy goes to a high school that produces the top winning percentage in all varsity sports.

Angelo, who just finished his fifth year as the Panthers' A.D., didn't give the Dalton Award a thought last summer — a time that was precarious and full of uncertainty. But he, like the other league A.D.s, was ready to do "whatever it takes."

"We didn't know what to expect," Angelo said. "The summer was so uncertain but all the A.D.s created schedules for every possible scenario. We adapted and we kept the teams in pods. When we got the okay to compete, we made sure we played a team back-to-back so the virus could be confined to just those teams. The summer sure was uncertain."

Fall sports started, and they began with all kinds of rule changes and modifications — like wearing masks, social distancing, crowd and bus limitations, and constant sanitizing.

Franklin's fall season included boys' and girls' soccer, boys' and girls' cross-country, field hockey and golf. "Four of the six varsity teams won Kelly-Rex Division titles," Angelo said. "Those were both cross-country teams, field hockey and girls' soccer. The field hockey team also won the Hockomock League Cup. In all, the fall teams compiled a 31-9-8 record and it was a tremendous way to start the year, especially with all the modifications."

The winter season included boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' ice hockey, girls' gymnastics and boys' and girls' swimming. Five Kelly-Rex championships were won — girls'

basketball, boys' and girls' swimming, gymnastics and boys' ice hockey tied for a title. The teams combined for an overall record of 51-10-1.

"Our winter teams were outstanding," Angelo said. "It was our first experience dealing with Covid-19 in confined quarters. There were so many guidelines, but it was all about 'whatever it took.' Our goals were to provide opportunities and ensure the safety of student-athletes."

The new Fall 2 season arrived in March and April and it produced a 21-9 overall record. The teams included football, cheerleading, volleyball, unified basketball and boys and girls winter track. The volleyball team won a Kelly-Rex crown and the Hockomock League Cup and the cheerleaders won a Hockomock League Cup.

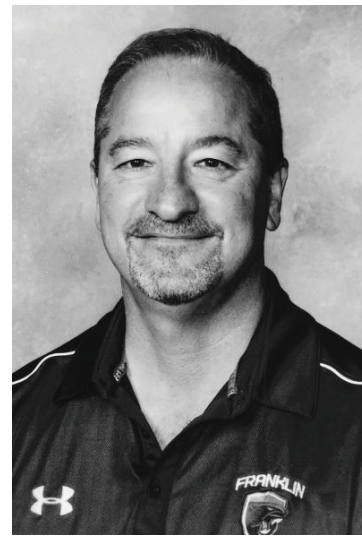
"The Fall 2 season wasn't ideal, but I'd label it 'awesome' because we got sports underway in spite of all the challenges," Angelo said. "The coaches were phenomenal, and once we were up and running, it felt normal. The kids participated, they were engaged and they had fun."

The spring season ended last month and five of the 10 teams that competed won Hockomock Leagues titles. The championship squads with their record in parentheses were baseball (12-1), girls' lacrosse (13-0), boys' lacrosse (13-0), boys' tennis (13-0) and cheerleading. Other teams that played were softball (6-7), girls' tennis (4-9), wrestling (7-1), boys' track (2-2) and girls' track (3-1).

The squads that entered the playoffs, which got underway after Local Town Pages deadline, included baseball, softball, girls' and boys' lacrosse, and boys' and girls' tennis.

Although there were games and matches still to be played after the paper's deadline, the Panthers, nevertheless, had compiled an amazing 74-21 record in the spring.

"We did well, and the five championships are a testament to a strong work ethic," Angelo said.



Although the Covid-19 year showed that A.D.s could adapt, adjust and be flexible on the issues, they still had to be patient. Angelo, who directs 90 coaches at three levels, strived to maintain patience.

"I tried to be calm under pressure," he said. "And, I tried to be patient with coaches, students and parents. It wasn't easy, but I tried."

Quarantines and postponements occurred but Angelo dealt with them admirably. "We had quarantines for some sub-varsity sports and also for boys' and girls' ice hockey, golf and field hockey," he noted. "Postponements were sporadic, but all games postponed were made up except for one boys' hockey game that was canceled because our opponent was unable to compete."

The 59-year-old Angelo gives coaches and student-athletes an A-plus for the way they handled all the changes and modifications. "They adhered to all the rules," he emphasized. They did what was asked because they wanted to compete."

Athletic department assistant Sue Jacobson and athletic trainer Jenn Edmunds also get high praise from Angelo. "They are so instrumental in what we do as a team," he said. "The three of us run the athletic department, and we all have roles to fulfill. I could not ask for better teammates."

Complaints, however, always loom, even when a pandemic strikes, and Angelo had to devote time to handle them.

"Not all, but some parents complained about the rules and the way we dealt with the issues," he said. "That was my most challenging task. If we didn't adhere to the guidelines, then students would have been at risk, coaches would have been at risk, and we would have had to shut down our athletic programs. We followed the protocols of state agencies like the Executive Office of Energy and Environment, the MIAA, and the Department of Education. We also adhered to the rules set forth by our administration and our Board of Health. We did that so kids could play."

And they played with purpose and commitment, which could translate into a third consecutive Dalton Award. "We've got a chance to repeat; anything is possible," Angelo said. "We'll see what the tally indicates, and if it happens, it'll be the cherry on top of the cake. That's all great, but what we tried to teach the kids during these times was perseverance, sportsmanship and to seize the opportunity to compete."

Angelo is optimistic about athletics for the 2021-22 school year.

"Based on current trends, it looks like we're on track to a return to normalcy for the fall season," he said. "Many of the modifications and guidelines we followed this year will fade away, but a few could still stand."

A positive sign of restoring order to sports was the MIAA's decision to conduct sectional and state playoffs for the spring season that got underway after Local Town Pages deadline.

"A.D.s around the state pushed for playoffs to return for the spring, because that's when athletes felt the most disappointment in 2020," Angelo said.

As far as Tom Angelo is concerned, the 2020-21 athletic year at Franklin was mission accomplished.

"Indeed it was," he said. "There were challenges but we did whatever it took."

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# Project Envoy Continues!

The Franklin Interfaith Council Food Team is grateful to the greater Franklin community for its support of local restaurants and the Franklin Food Pantry during the recent Project Envoy: *Take Out, Eat Out, Help Out* campaign. Thank you!



The Interfaith Council Food Team is excited to continue Project Envoy. The Food Team will be hosting the Community Table at the Franklin Farmers' Market on five Fridays beginning June 25. Each week a different house of worship will staff the booth and share information about food insecurity and ways to support the Franklin Food Pantry, as well as accept financial donations for the Food Pantry. Please stop by.

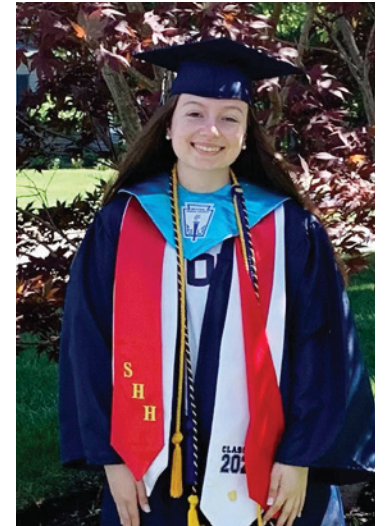
The Interfaith Council Food Team derives its strength from the collegial partnering of houses of worship in support of the Franklin Food Pantry. The following congregations will be hosting Project Envoy at the Farmers' Market:

- First Universalist Society in Franklin - June 25
- Temple Etz Chaim and New England Chapel - July 9
- Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints - July 16
- The Parish of St. Mary - July 23
- Franklin Federated Church - July 30

The Franklin Farmers' Market is located on the Town Common and operates on Friday afternoons from 2 pm to 6 pm.

# Congratulations Franklin Knights of Columbus Scholarship Winners!

The Knights of Columbus 1847 Franklin are proud to announce the winners of this year's College Scholarship 2021, Congratulations to Grace Bonacci and Benjamin Moccia. Each will receive \$1000.00. Both of these accomplished students are graduates of Franklin High and active members of the St Mary's Parish Community. Their achievements were especially noteworthy amongst the many wonderful talented candidates that applied for the 2021 scholarship award. We wish them best of luck, as Grace goes onto University of Connecticut in the fall, and Benjamin will attend Fairfield University in the fall.



# The Town of Franklin Recreation Department presents: Concerts on the Common

### Schedule of Events

- July 16th**  
Gay Perkoski 5-6 p.m.  
Jesse Liam Band 6-8 p.m.  
Movie Night 8-10 p.m.
- July 23rd**  
KENDO 5-6 p.m.  
Frank Padula Band 6-8 p.m.

- July 30th**  
Jamie Barrett 5-6 p.m.  
FSPA 6-8 p.m.
- August 6th**  
David Penza Acoustic 5-6 p.m.  
Backyard Swagger 6-8 p.m.  
Movie Night 8:15-10 p.m.

- August 13th**  
Matt Zajac 5-6 p.m.  
Pub Kings 6-8 p.m.
- August 20th**  
Heather Deary Acoustic-5-6 p.m.  
Carolyn Rae & the Rumors 6-8 p.m.  
Movie Night 8:15 - 10 p.m.

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## FSPA Welcomes Alum Melissa Chapski to Summer Ballet Guest Faculty

Franklin School for the Performing Arts (FSPA) Ballet Conservatory will welcome former student, Melissa Chapski, as a guest faculty member for the Summer Intensive ballet Program from July 12-July 23.

Melissa Chapski was born in Medfield, Massachusetts. She began her early training with Cheryl Madeux at the Franklin School for the Performing Arts and was a member of the conservatory program until 2012. In 2015, she graduated from the Ellison Ballet Professional Training Program in New York City under the guidance of Erin Forrest and Edward Ellison. That same year, she was awarded a gold medal at Indianapolis International Ballet Competition and Youth American Grand

Prix's Boston regional, and a contract to the Dutch National Ballet's junior company at YAGP Finals where she placed top 12. Chapski danced two seasons in Dutch National's junior company followed by three seasons in the corps de ballet.

Chapski has appeared as a guest artist in galas in London, Spain, Mexico, Switzerland, China, America, and The Netherlands. The galas include two for YAGP; one in Tampa, Florida in 2018, and the other in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico in 2016. Another gala was the performance in the interlude at Prix de Lausanne where she danced a duet from Hans van Manen. Chapski's repertoire includes Hans van Manen's duet 'Trois Gnossiennes', demi-soloists in

George Balanchine's Symphony in 3 Movements, Pas de Cinq in David Dawson's *Giselle*, the 6 brides in *Swan Lake*, and Little Red Riding Hood in *Sleeping Beauty*. She is now dancing with the Bavarian State Ballet in Munich after joining the company in April. Chapski was also featured as 'Emma' in the movie *High Strung: Free Dance* and has done ad campaigns for Huawei Mobile, Nikon Europe, Discount Dance Supply, Capezio, and Russian Pointe.

FSPA's Ballet conservatory Program offers classical ballet education of the highest quality. Under the direction of former American Ballet Theatre (ABT) dancer Cheryl Madeux, an extensive range of training and performance experiences

provides exceptional opportunities for students of all ages and levels interested in the study of classical ballet. The FSPA Ballet curriculum is based on the foundations of the ABT National Training Curriculum. All teachers on the FSPA Conservatory Track have been certified in the NTC program.

The pre-professional summer intensive offers a four-week program for the dedicated and serious ballet student wanting to further ballet training and performance skills. A rigorous schedule of classical ballet technique, pointe, modern, and dance history is provided. Students are divided by their current ballet level for technique, pointe, select variations, and choreography to ensure and



maintain a challenging curriculum for every dancer.

For more information about FSPA's Ballet Conservatory program or other classes in the performing arts, call (508) 528-8668, visit [www.FSPAonline.com](http://www.FSPAonline.com), or stop by 38 Main Street in Franklin. Follow FSPA on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

## Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School 42nd Graduation Ceremony

Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School officially gave 221 diplomas during the school's 42nd graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 6th.

Superintendent-Director, Stephen Dockray, was joined on stage by School Committee Chair Brian Mushnick of Norfolk, Principal Michael Procaccini, Vocational Director Cathie Rebelo, Director of Special Education John Martin, Class Valedictorian Vivienne Seested of

Franklin, Class Salutatorian Gerard (Ace) Ayotte, III of Seekonk, and Class President Jennavive Barber of North Attleboro.

"You have made it to today despite a world-wide pandemic happening around you for the past 15 months. You have had to adapt continually over your last two school years here at Tri-County. This is a skill set that will serve you well in future years," Superintendent-Director Stephen Dockray said. "Class of

2021, you did it! You should be SO proud of yourselves. It may not have been an easy road, but you made it!"

During her inspiring Valedictory speech, Seested spoke about Tri-County's motto, "Work Hard, Today Counts," and encouraged her classmates to "Work hard, work smart. Your yesterday, today, and tomorrow count."

Barber's Class President speech saluted her graduating

classmates by saying, "Among us are electricians who powered light to hospitals, IT experts who fixed students' Chromebooks during distance learning, and even healthcare workers who took care of COVID patients. We may have not had a normal high school experience, but as a vocational school, we did something bigger; we impacted the world in ways teenagers have never done before. We were unlike any others before us; we were unprecedented."

Several students were awarded local scholarships and tool awards totaling \$82,100 available exclusively to Tri-County students during the ceremony. Similar to scholarships, tool awards are given by local businesses, civic organizations, and families to aid students entering the workforce to purchase tools for their trade.

One of the largest scholarships awarded is the Dean College scholarship given annually to one Tri-County graduate. Anna Weidman, an Engineering Career Program graduate from Franklin, has been awarded a \$36,000 tuition scholarship to Dean College for the 2021-2022



academic year. The scholarship is renewable for up to four years/eight semesters of attendance at Dean College. This is the twenty-third year that Dean College has awarded a scholarship to a Tri-County Regional student.

This year, Digital Federal Credit Union granted \$10,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

The Tri-County graduation was held on a stage designed and constructed by the teachers and students of our Carpentry Program. The new stage will be used for years to come, and their hard work is much appreciated.

Many Tri-County graduates will further their education by attending a university or post-secondary education. Others will enter the workforce with the certifications and skills gained throughout their high school career, and five Tri-County graduates plan to enter into the U.S. Military.

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PLEASE NOTE: Weekly and Special events are currently scheduled to be in-person, outdoor programs at the library unless otherwise noted!

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**Animal Guess Who! Monday-Friday**

Join us all summer long for a fun guessing game of name that animal! Clues will be posted daily, correct guesses entered into raffle.

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**Dungeons & Dragons! Mondays @ 3:30 p.m. on Discord/Roll20**

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**Toe-Tapping Tuesdays! Tuesdays @ 4 p.m.**

**Tummy Time! Thursdays @ 9:15 a.m. \*starting July 1st\***

**Bookworm Bounce! Thursdays @ 4 p.m.**

**Happy Feet! \*SOME\* Fridays @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Summer Secret Coders \*SOME\* Fridays @ 11 a.m.**

Make projects, cool crafts, and play games based on The Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang

**Farmers Market Fun! Fridays @ 3:30 p.m.**

## Special Events for Kids & Families in July!

**DIY Pet Toys! Thursday, July 1st @ 1 p.m.**

**Toe Jam Puppet Band! Friday July 2nd @ 1 p.m.**

**July StoryWalk at DelCorte Park!** Starting Saturday, July 3rd, by the Franklin Recreation Department and the Franklin Public Library

**Take & Make: Terracotta Wind Chimes!** Starting Monday, July 5th, pick up kits. SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

**Habitat Helpers! STEAM Challenge! Wednesday, July 7th @ 10:30 a.m., grades K+**

**FPL Host The Tech Tigers Python Challenge! Saturday, July 10th @ 1 p.m.**

Ideal for kids Grade 4 & up. Contact Mitzi at [mgousie@minlib.net](mailto:mgousie@minlib.net).

**Henry the Juggler! Wednesday, July 14th @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Kids Paint Party! Thursday, July 15th @ 4:30 p.m.**

Presented by instructor Denise Palmieri, fun step-by-step paint party painting a turtle. Email Bree at [bcomeau@minlib.net](mailto:bcomeau@minlib.net) to register, supplies will be provided. Kindergarten+

**Road Trip to Riverdale Friday July 16th @ 1 p.m.**

Nancy Silberkleit, co-CEO of Archie Comics, is back to give inside scoop on being a Comic book publisher!

**Mr. Vinny's Bubbles! Saturday, July 17th @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Dino Adventures! Wednesday, July 21st @ 1:30 p.m.**

**Dino Seek-N-Find! Saturday, July 24th @ 10 a.m.**

**Make with Miss Mitzi: Paper Clay Pencil Tops! Saturday, July 24th @ 1 p.m.**

To register email Mitzi at [mgousie@minlib.net](mailto:mgousie@minlib.net)

**Jungle Jim! Wednesday, July 28th @ 1 p.m.**

**Ed Popielarczyk Magic Show! Saturday, July 31st @ 10:30 a.m.**

## Weekly / monthly Events for Teens

**Dungeons & Dragons! Mondays @ 3:30 p.m. on Discord/Roll20**

Kids ages 7-15! Join us each week for virtual D&D on Roll20.net!

**Teen AI Fresco Book Bites! Wednesdays @ 4:30 p.m.**

Bring food and blanket for picnic outside the library and chat on what we're all reading.

**Teen Advisory Board! 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 6:30 p.m.**

**VolunTeens! 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month @ 6:30 p.m.**

Contact Bree at [bcomeau@minlib.net](mailto:bcomeau@minlib.net).

## Special Events for Teens in July!

**Teen Book Swap Brunch! Friday, July 2nd @ 11 a.m.**

Swap books, \*Please bring your own brunch food (Per COVID guidelines)

**Take & Make: Rock Photo Holders!**

Starting Monday, July 5th pick up kits. SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

**FPL Host The Tech Tigers Python Challenge! Saturday, July 10th @ 1 p.m.**

Join the Tech Tigers First LEGO League Team for a fun introduction to Python! Ideal for kids Grade 4 & up. Email Mitzi at [mgousie@minlib.net](mailto:mgousie@minlib.net).

**Take & Make: Color-Me Mugs!**

Starting Monday, July 19th, pick up kits. SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

**Teen Regency Garden Party! Wednesday, July 21st @ 5:30 p.m.**

**Make with Miss Mitzi: Paper Clay Pencil Tops! Saturday, July 24th @ 1 p.m.**

Email Mitzi at [mgousie@minlib.net](mailto:mgousie@minlib.net)

## Events for Adults

### Take and Make Craft for Adults: Miniature House

Partnership with the Franklin Mill Store and the Franklin Public Library. Kits for first 20 Franklin residents to sign up. Contact Kim Shapala (508) 520-4941, or [kshipala@minlib.net](mailto:kshipala@minlib.net). Kits will be available for pickup at the Circulation Desk starting July 1st.

### "Dyeing to Wear It" Scarf Dyeing, Monday, July 19, 5-8 p.m.

Limit 15 Franklin residents. Contact [kshipala@minlib.net](mailto:kshipala@minlib.net) or (508) 520-4941 to register. Funded by the Franklin Cultural Council. For more information, please visit <https://www.dyer-makerstudio.com/>.

### Franklin Public Library Book Club, Tuesday, July 27, 7 p.m.

The book for discussion is *A Family of Strangers*, by Emilie Richards. To register, please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZcsf-yrrDIuGN-ZUG2MU5BiraLtGa3dGaFib>.

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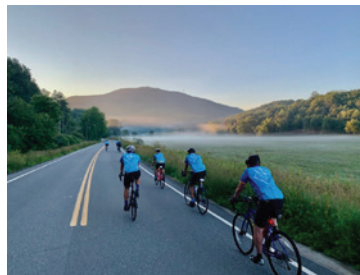


## 37 Franklin Residents Join 2021 Pan-Mass Challenge

### Goal to Raise \$52 Million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

On Aug. 7 and 8, more than 6,000 riders, including 37 participants from Franklin, will take part in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC), a two-day 211-mile bike-a-thon across Massachusetts, with the goal of raising \$52 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (Dana-Farber).

The PMC is the nation's single most successful athletic fundraiser, donating 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar to Dana-Farber as its largest single contributor, accounting for 64 percent of its Jimmy Fund's annual revenue. For the first time since 2019, more than 6,000 riders from 47 states and 11 countries will once again hit the road together during the first weekend of August with the common goal of making an impact in the fight against cancer. In 2020, the



PMC raised an impressive \$50 million through its summer-long Reimagined campaign, bringing its 41-year contribution to \$767 million.

"We couldn't be more excited to bring our passionate PMC riders, volunteers, donors and sponsors back together in person for PMC Ride Weekend this year," said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. "With fully supported routes and Reimagined options, everyone can customize their PMC experience to join us in the fight against cancer. Cancer doesn't stop for anything, even a global pandemic, and funding for research, treatment and care is as critical as ever."

PMC 2021 will include 16 routes – from 25 to 211 miles – designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability, including Reimagined options for those who prefer to complete their PMC ride on their own. Most participate in honor of a family member or friend fighting cancer and more than 950 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered Living Proof® of the PMC mission. More than 150 Dana-Farber employees are committed to the cause as riders and volunteers as well, in some cases to fund their own cancer research.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation®. To make a financial contribution to a rider from your town or to register as a rider, visit [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org), or call (800) WE-CYCLE. Connect with #PMC2021 on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Thank you to the following participants from Franklin:

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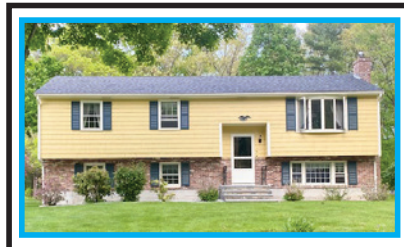
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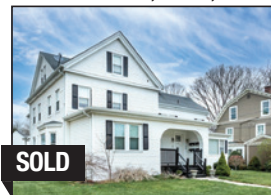
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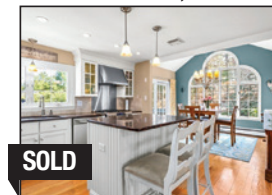
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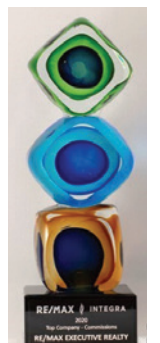
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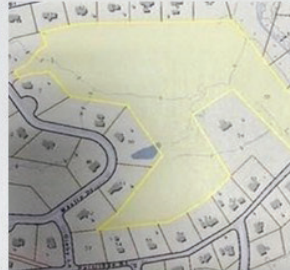
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