



# FRANKLIN LIFE

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## The Town Prepares for Observance of Memorial Day

2024 marks the 117<sup>th</sup> town wide observance of Memorial Day. Originally established during the Civil War, Memorial Day honors those who have died in military service for the U.S. Franklin has continuously honored those who have died in the line of service since 1907. Each year the observance includes short services at each of the war memorials, Plains cemetery, a parade of community members and organizations, Pautipaug cemetery, followed by a Memorial Day program presented by FES students, the Franklin Historical society, and the town Memorial Day committee. A picnic lunch of Hot dogs and the iconic ice cream cones follows the program.

Additions to this year's program:

Road race returns. A 4.5-mile race that begins and ends at Giddings Park. A loop that travels down Rt 207 -under the mountain Rd - Plains Rd to 207 to Giddings Park. Race begins at 8:00 am at Giddings Park.

Impromptu Community Soft Ball Game- Following the picnic lunch join in for a friendly game of soft ball with the rec commission and fire department at the little league field. Bring a glove (extras if you have 'em) and join in the FUN!

Have a Classic Car/Hot Rod/ Muscle Cars/Tractors – Pull in and pop the hood and hang out with the community .

Watch for the entire Memorial Day Schedule in the MAY edition of Franklin Life.

For more info:

Parade: Jeff Glidden -860-642-6513

Program: Matt Novosad- [Franklinhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:Franklinhistorian@gmail.com)

Soft ball game/ Road Race – 860-886-3114



Above: New exhibits

Right: Our volunteer helpers on March 9

## 1st Selectman's Report



Water has been the theme for the winter of 2024.

The new well water at 5 Tyler Drive is being tested.

Storm water issues on Rt 32, Baltic Rd, and various town roads are currently being investigated.

The water flushing requirements for the new sewer and water lines and being reviewed by the DEEP.

The Thomas Manning Memorial Turkey dinner was well attended and well received despite the weather.

Memorial Day Observance is fast approaching. Programs and order of events will be out in the coming weeks.

If you see something say something.

Stay Safe,

Alden Miner

You may reach out to me at (860)886-3114 or [firstselectman@franklinct.com](mailto:firstselectman@franklinct.com).

## Museum Gets New Display Cases

In 2023 the museum and historical society both were awarded grants from CT Humanities to purchase some new display cases. These new cases are specially designed for museum use. The cases protect items from UV and humidity damage The new cases were finally delivered and were moved into place by some strong volunteers on March 9. . The first exhibit in the new cases will make its debut on April 6 when



the museum opens of the 2024 season. The exhibit will be open until December



# APRIL



## LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9AM - 5PM  
Thursdays 9AM - 7 PM  
Saturdays 9AM - 1PM



## 2024 HAPPENINGS



### DROP IN WEEKLY KIDS PROGRAMS - ALL PROGRAMS START @ 10:00AM



**Wednesdays** - Music in Motion for Toddlers (Ages 2-5). Move & Sing with us!

**Thursdays** - Story Time & Craft (Ages 2-5). A bit of story, craft, and play!



★ April 2024 Reading Challenge Key Words: Vicious, Ask, Wind, Found, Circle, Broken, Beneath, Drown ★



### STEP INTO SPRING! ALL APRIL LONG



It's the 4th annual Step into Spring walking contest vs. Sprague Library! Sign up at the library, track your steps, and report your total by May 7th. All ages welcome! Most steps in each age range\* wins a prize!

\*Strollers (65 and up), Striders (21 and up), Pacers (14 -20),

Roadrunners (8-13), Ramblers (4-7), New Stepper (1-3)

### NO SHELF CONTROL BOOK CLUB THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH @ 5:00PM

Are you a 20/30 year old that likes to read? Do you like snacks and good conversation? We have the book club for you! Check out our website and Facebook page for the book choice and updates.

### ECLIPSE VIEWER CRAFT SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH FROM 10AM-11AM

The eclipse will be here on the 8th! Scientists highly suggest not viewing the event without eye protection. As such we will be making DIY eclipse viewers!



### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK! CELEBRATE WITH US ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH

The library has so much to offer! We encourage you to check us out on Thursday, April 11th to honor National Library week. Get a library card if don't have one, check out our new books, consider our book clubs, or visit us at 7:00 PM to join our Friends of the Library! Drop in anytime.



### PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH @ 6:00PM

This month, we are discussing "The Cuban Heiress" by Chanel Cleeton. Stop by to pick up your copy! Stick around for a Friends of the Library meeting at 7:00PM!

### ALL THINGS CULINARY CLUB THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH @ 6:00PM

Let's get spicy! Join us for a blind spice smell test and see how well you know your spices. Sheree Baldwin of The Spice & Tea Exchange of Mystic will zoom in to expand your knowledge. Bring your favorite go-to spice to share, and snack baggies or containers to take home others!



### BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH @ 9:30AM

Our non-fiction book club will be discussing "Rough Sleepers" by Tracy Kidder.

Stop by to pick up your copy!

### PASSPORTS TO CT LIBRARIES APRIL 1ST - 30TH

Grab a passport, visit a minimum of 5 libraries, collect a stamp at each, show us your success and you could win a gift card!

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# Franklin Elementary School News

**KINDERGARTEN** Kindergarten enrollment requirements have changed for the 2024-2025 school year. According to Public Act 23-208, students must now be five years old by September 1, 2024, to enroll in Kindergarten (previously, it was by December 31). Please feel free to contact Lori Goldstein, Director of Special Education, at [FESOffice@franklinschoolct.org](mailto:FESOffice@franklinschoolct.org) if you have any questions or need to schedule a Kindergarten Developmental Assessment for your child for the 2024-2025 School Year

**PRESCHOOL** If you have a child who was born in 2020 or 2021, please call the main office or Lori Goldstein at [lgoldstein@franklinschoolct.org](mailto:lgoldstein@franklinschoolct.org) with your child's name and D.O.B. so that we can add you to our mailing list for preschool. Even if you do not plan on sending your child to preschool here at FES next year, please still reach out

[Zoning Office \\*CLOSED\\* Tue, Apr 9, 2024 »](#)

Town Clerk Office will be CLOSED on April 18, 2024

A partial solar eclipse will be visible in the Norwich Franklin area beginning at 2:14 p.m. on April 8.



At that time, the moon will become visible over the sun's disk, according to TimeAndDate.com.

## Submissions to FRANKLIN LIFE

must be submitted by the 15th of each month prior to publication. Submissions must be in PDF form and can be emailed to [FranklinlifeCt@gmail.com](mailto:FranklinlifeCt@gmail.com)

### Are you "loving" Franklin Life?

Since our launch in Feb 2023 we have had an overwhelming positive response! Our readership is expanding with every new edition. We are now offering an email subscription. If you would like Franklin Life delivered right into your email inbox please send a request to [FranklinLifeCt@gmail.com](mailto:FranklinLifeCt@gmail.com) with Subscription in the subject line and you will be added to receive this monthly publication directly by email each month.

## Hours of Operation

The Town Hall is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am to 3:00pm AND Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The Town Hall is **CLOSED** Fridays.

\*\*\* DEPARTMENT HOURS VARY. Please visit specific [Department Page](#) for hours ("click" on Department).

## TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 Inland Wetlands & Watercourses - cancelled 7:30pm to 10:00pm	3 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING 6:00pm to 10:00pm Board of Education 7:00pm to 10:00pm Recreation Commission 7:30pm to 10:00pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board of Finance 7:00pm to 10:00pm	10 WPCA 6:15pm to 10:00pm Board of Selectmen 6:30pm to 10:00pm	11	12	13
14	15	16 Planning & Zoning 7:30pm to 10:00pm	17	18 Agriculture & Conservation 7:30pm to 10:00pm	19	20
21	22	23 Zoning Board of Appeals, ONLY AS NEEDED. Call 860.642.7352 Ext-8 to confirm 7:30pm to 10:00pm	24 Board of Selectmen 6:30pm to 10:00pm Board of Education 7:00pm to 10:00pm	25 Janet Carlson Calvert Library 7:00pm to 10:00pm	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

# CENTER HAPPENINGS

**Let's Kit Together and Stamp Some Smiles!**

**FRIDAY APRIL 12 6:00pm**

If you're looking for a way to spread love and kindness around, then the Painted Wishes Kit is what you need! Rich in watercolor designs, colorful florals, and heartfelt greetings... this kit together will include the supplies to create two cards with decorative envelopes. One Birthday greeting and one Thank you. (I will have other word stamps available if needed.)

Class is Limited to 10

**\$10.00 per kit**

Kit includes:

- \* Predesigned projects
- \* Step-by-step instructions
- \* Precut pieces (No prep work! Get right to crafting)
- \* Makes 2 cards: 1 each of 2 designs.
- \* Folded card size: 5-1/2" x 4-1/4" (14 x 10.8 cm)
- \* preprinted envelopes
- \* Gold & Pretty Peacock foiled labels
- \* Pretty Peacock sequins



Kits by Stampin' Up! are perfect for new crafters, busy crafters, or crafters who want quick and easy projects.

**OPEN TO ANYONE! Call the center for more info or to register**

## STEP INTO SPRING WITH YOUR CENTER FRIENDS

**EVERY TUESDAY IN  
APRIL**

**The center friends will be  
walking around the com-  
plex and racking up our  
STEPS**

**We will be walking at  
10:30 each week**



**READY, SET, WALK!**  
**CALLING ALL WALKERS, ALL AGES!**  
**APRIL 1ST - 30TH**

It's the 4th Annual Step into Spring Walking Contest!

*The Janet Carlson Calvert Library vs. Sprague Public Library*

Call or stop in at JCCL to sign up, pick up your special packet, then start walking! Every day log the number of steps you took. Report your total to the library between May 1st and May 7th to receive a participation token. The JCCL person that has the most steps in the each below category will receive a gift card or prize!

Strollers (65 and up), Striders (21 and up), Pacers (14 -20), Roadrunners (8-13), Ramblers (4-7), New Stepper (1-3)

The Winning Library will be announced by May 27th. Let's bring the Golden Stinky Sneakers back to Franklin!



# CENTER SERVICES

**Do You Have doctor's appointments that you need to get to but do not want to bother a busy relative or friend? The Sr. Center can help!** We offer Dial a ride services and milage reimbursements for family and friends who do drive you to your appointments. Both programs require an application to be filled out and processed. Caregiver Mileage Reimbursement and Dial - A -Ride Medical Transportation For Individuals in Franklin, who are 60 years of age and older and/or with disabilities. Visit the center website or call 860-642-3936



**April 16** Uncas Health nurses on site to answer questions, blood pressure checks, health questions and more. Walk ins welcome.

## Franklin's **FOOD PANTRY**

We are stocked with non perishable goods. We reguarly have bread and milk available.

NOW in two locations for easier access  
Senior Center Tuesdays 10-3  
Franklin Town Hall By appointment  
Have questions give us a call  
Town Hall 860-367-2929  
Sr Center 860-6423-3936



**The center can always use gift cards from Home Depot/Lowes/Ace , JoAnne's, Michaels, Stop and Shop, Big Y. Call the center for more info 860-642-3936**

## Balanced Wellness and Massage Therapy. Dawn Porter, LMT

Dawn will be accepting appointments for chair massage sessions and special pricing for our seniors at our center on the **4th Thursday of every month at the center online sign up form is below**

15 min for \$15.00

30 min for \$25.00

## Booking for March



Have you ever wondered what happens at the Franklin Sr. Center? If you are 55+ consider stopping by and signing up. Signing up as a member will give you a direct link to all the activities in/out of center. Join us for one or all its your choice.

# Franklin Senior Center April Events

Interactive calendar is available on our website /just scan code below

Key: Red= Center Activities  
Green= Outside Location or trip

**TVCCA LUNCHEON requires reservations on a weekly basis. Luncheon Reservations are DUE the Thursday prior by 6:00 pm Call 860-303-6121 to reserve your lunch and/or a ride**



Franklin Sr Center  
Hours– Tues 10-2  
860-642-3936

MON 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Center OPEN</li> <li>10am Wii Games</li> <li>10:30am STEP INTO SPRING</li> <li>11:30am TVCCA LUNCHEON</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm Knitting and Crochet Club</li> </ul>			
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15	<p>TUE 16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Center OPEN</li> <li>10am Wii Games</li> <li>10am Uncas Health</li> <li>10:30am STEP INTO SPRING</li> <li>11:30am TVCCA LUNCHEON</li> <li>12pm Birthday Celebration Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm Knitting and Crochet Club</li> </ul>			20
22	<p>TUE 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Center OPEN</li> <li>10am Wii Games</li> <li>10:30am STEP INTO SPRING</li> <li>11:30am TVCCA LUNCHEON</li> <li>12pm Massage Therapy Appoint</li> <li>12pm Ice Cream Social</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm Knitting and Crochet Club</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11am Windham Tech Luncheon</li> </ul>		
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**Watch for Pop –Up Events this month! Follow us on FB and never miss any fun! You never know what will SPRING UP!**

## April Center Luncheon Menu

**Tuesday April 2 11:30am – 12:30pm**

TVCCA, Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, veggies, Sweet treat

**Tuesday April 9 11:30am – 12:30pm**

TVCCA ,Meatballs with marinara, penne pasta, veggies and sweet treat sweet treat

**Tuesday April 16 11:30am – 12:30p,**

TVCCA Luncheon: Creamy Chicken Dijon, garlic mashed potatoes, veggies, sweet treat

**Tuesday April 23 11:30am – 12:30pm**

TVCCA Luncheon: Pot Roast w/ gravy, parsley steamed potatoes, corn w/peppers and onions, sweet treat

**Tuesday April 30 1:30-12:30pm**

TVCCA Luncheon: Vegetable lasagna, veggies, sweet treat

TVCCA Luncheon is open to 60+ for a \$3.00 suggested donation \*Special meal is \$6.00

\*Other guests lunch cost is currently \$14.50 \*Any guest is welcome to bring their own lunch

**Menu choices are subject to availability as a result may change**