



# FRANKLIN LIFE



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## ST PATRICK'S DAY HISTORY

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people.

In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur.

More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in New York City on March 17, 1772 to honor the Irish patron saint. Enthusiasm for the St. Patrick's Day parades in New York City, Boston and other early American cities only grew from there.

<https://www.history.com/topics/st-patricks-day/history-of-st-patricks>



## 1st Selectman's Report

If you haven't noticed the sun is higher in the sky and the days are getting longer. Maybe the groundhog is right this year. We are keeping our fingers crossed.

### Around Town

Many hazardous trees along the town roads have been cut down, There is still more to be done.

Firewood is available at some of the sites. Please check with the abutting land owners before taking any cut trees/wood.

### Tyler Drive

Electrical work for the new well has begun.

Repair of soffits on two sides of building have been completed

If you see something say something.

Please feel free to contact me at 860-886-3114

Stay Safe,

Alden Miner

## Breakfast with Bunny and Egg Hunt

SUNDAY  
MARCH 24

At the Franklin Fire Department

All you can eat Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 AM

\$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors, or Children 6-12,

Free for age 5 and under

Egg Hunt is Free, Begins at 11 AM

5 Tyler Drive, North Franklin CT

Come join the fun! Support a great community! Take a picture with the Bunny! Arts & Crafts! Touch-a-Firetruck!

Provided by FVFD and Franklin Elementary School PTO

## America 250 | FRANKLIN Commission

This new commission be holding its next meeting on March 7, at 6:15 pm at the JCC Library. This meeting we will be building framework on what /how our community will be participating in this important anniversary. Anyone who is interested in being part of Franklin's commission please plan on attending the meeting and/or call Matt at 860-917-1618



# MARCH



## 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!



★ **March 2024 Reading Challenge Key Words: Crimson, Beyond, Friend, Cry, Wait, Six, Run, Woods** ★



### DR. SEUSS DAY!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND FROM 10:00AM-12:00PM**

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with us! Hunt for your favorite Dr. Seuss characters around the library, read a story from our Dr. Seuss collection, and color the Cat in the Hat!

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY ADVENTURES!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH @ 10:00AM &  
SATURDAY MARCH 16TH**



Thursday the 14th - Super special story hour and craft! The leprechauns are causing trouble at the library! Come hear a story and make a leprechaun trap craft to catch them!

Saturday, March 16th - Couldn't make it on Thursday? Stop by on Saturday to create your leprechaun trap!



### PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH @ 6:00PM**

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

### ALL THINGS CULINARY CLUB

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST @ 6:00PM**

Our bread guru, Janet T., is back! Janet will be teaching us how to make the very best, delicious homemade sourdough crackers. No experience or supplies necessary.

**Registration required to ensure enough materials by 3/16/24**



### BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH @ 9:30AM**

Our non-fiction book club! We are discussing "The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown. Stop by to pick up your copy!



### NO SHELF CONTROL BOOK CLUB

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH @ 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.



**CLOSED SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH. HAPPY EASTER!**



***Inclement weather: We mirror Franklin Elementary School's decisions for delays and closings***

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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

**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 to us so that



SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 AT 4:30 PM - 6 PM

## Thomas Manning Memorial Turkey Dinner

Franklin Volunteer Fire Department

Dine in or take out. At approximately 5:30 we will announce the winner of the Thomas Manning Award. Come join us for a Fresh Turkey Dinner with Homemade Gravy, Stuffing, Baked Potato, Veggies, Roll & Butter, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade and Dessert!



<https://www.ticketleap.events/.../thomas-manning-memorial...>

Click on link below to get tickets online. Or leave a message and we can get you a physical ticket (which comes without the extra fees)

**Town of Franklin, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road, Franklin CT 06254 (860) 642-7352**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	
25	26	27					2	
<b>TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE</b>								
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	9	
<b>CLOCKS WILL OFFICIALLY SPRING FORWARD AT 2 A.M. SUNDAY,</b>		Inland Wetlands & Watercourses 7:30pm to 10:00pm	Recreation Commission 7:30pm to 10:00pm	250th comm 6:15 JCC Library	<i>First Day of Spring March 19th</i>			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16	
	Board of Finance 7:00pm to 10:00pm	Commission on Aging - Town Hall 2:00pm to 4:00pm WPCA 6:15pm to 10:00pm Board of Selectmen 6:30pm to 10:00pm Board of Education 7:00pm to 10:00pm						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	23	
	Planning & Zoning 7:30pm to 10:00pm			Agriculture & Conservation 7:00pm to 10:00pm Janet Carlson Calvert Library 7:00pm to 10:00pm				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	30	
		Zoning Board of Appeals. ONLY AS NEEDED, Call 860.642.7352 Ext-8 to confirm 7:30pm to 10:00pm	Board of Selectmen 6:30pm to 10:00pm Board of Education 7:00pm to 10:00pm					

## Democratic & Republican Presidential Preference Primary Voter Enrollment Session

POSTED ON: FEBRUARY 26, 2024 - 1:51PM

Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference Primary voter enrollment session will be held on **Friday, March 15, 2024 from Noon to 2 pm** at Franklin Town Hall, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road. At this time the Registrars of Voters will also hear requests by persons removed for adding their names to the registry list.

# AROUND TOWN

TASTING HISTORY SERIES

## A TASTING PARTY OF: TEAS OF THE BOSTON TEA PARTY

\$27.00 PER PERSON

A unique experience of learning history by tasting it!

April 6, 2:00 pm ★ April 13, 2:00 pm

Pre registration is required. A limit of 10 people per session

Tickets can be purchased by scanning QR or visiting <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-history-tasting-teas-of-the-boston-tea-party-tickets-850337541477> or by calling 860-917-0520 and purchasing over phone.



Tea presented by Sirona Tea of Windham, CT



Ashbel Woodward Museum 387 Rt 32 Franklin, CT

JOIN THE  
REVOLUTION



TASTE THE TEAS THAT WENT INTO THE HARBOR



## NOTICE: THE FOLLOWING TOWN BOARDS

### HAVE OPENINGS

If you are interested in joining one or more of these boards please contact the numbers listed below

**Commission on Aging**—Quarterly Meetings Contact 860-642-3936

**Ashbel Woodward Museum**—Quarterly Meetings-860-642-1988

**Memorial Day**— 860-642-7352 1st Selectman

**250th Commission** - 860-917-1618

## 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 [Franklin-lifeCt@gmail.com](mailto:Franklin-lifeCt@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 [Franklin-LifeCt@gmail.com](mailto:Franklin-LifeCt@gmail.com) with Subscription in the subject line and you will be added to receive this monthly publica-

2nd Annual  
Franklin Fire Department

Antique & Collectible Toy Show Sunday, March 10, 2024

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Free Admission!  
Early bird admission \$10 at 9 a.m.

Franklin Fire Department 5 Tyler Drive  
North Franklin, CT 06254

For more info contact Franklin VFD Events  
[eventsfvd@gmail.com](mailto:eventsfvd@gmail.com)



Dealer Space Available \$20 Per Space Proceeds Benefit  
Franklin VFD



# CENTER HAPPENINGS



**CORN BEEF  
& CABBAGE  
LUNCHEON**  
MARCH 12, 2024  
11:30 AM  
AT THE FRANKLIN SR. CENTER  
**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**  
RSVP TO 860-303-6121  
OPEN TO FRANKLIN AND SURROUNDING TOWN SENIORS 60+



## Stamp Camp

Greeting Card Class  
with Lori

March 26, 2024

12:30 -2:00 at the Sr Center

Come and Stamp Stamp Some Smiles! Greeting Card and Gift making have never been THIS fun



All supplies provided

Free Class

Limited to 10

Pre registration is required

Call the center to register

860-642-3936

Fresh

## FISH & CHIPS

Luncheon

TUESDAY MARCH 26

\$9

Fresh Battered  
Haddock,  
French Fries,  
Cole slaw, Corn  
Chowder,  
Coffee, tea,  
Juice, dessert

At the Franklin Sr. Center



OPEN to 55+ from Franklin and surrounding towns

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

RSVP to 860-303-6121

NO LATER than 2/24

# 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

## Need help with your home heating bills?

TVCCA ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU!



**NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRIMARY HEATING SOURCE IS -- TVCCA MAY BE ABLE TO HELP!**

(Oil, Kerosene, Propane, Wood, Wood Pellets, Coal Electric, or Natural Gas)

### ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS MUST PROVIDE:

- Social Security Number and date of birth (birth certificates are not necessary)
- Proof of ALL gross income for the 4 weeks prior to your appointment time
  - Paystubs
  - Unemployment history printout
  - Child Support, Alimony
  - Pension, Social Security
- Most recent rent receipt or mortgage statement
- Most recent complete utility bill
- If you heat with a deliverable fuel, please provide the name of your fuel vendor

*If your heat is included in your rent, you may qualify for Energy Assistance!*

### 2023-2024 ENERGY ASSISTANCE INCOME GUIDELINES:

Household of 1: \$41,553 | Household of 2: \$54,338  
Household of 3: \$67,124 | Household of 4: \$79,910



TVCCA Energy Intake Sites:

## Franklin's FOOD PANTRY

We are stocked with non perishable goods. We regularly 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



## 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 26

**March 12th** Uncas Health nurses on site to answer questions, blood pressure checks, health questions and more. Walk ins welcome. No appointment needed



# Franklin Senior Center February 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

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<p><b>CLOCKS WILL OFFICIALLY SPRING FORWARD AT 2 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Center OPEN</li> <li>11:30am TVCCA LUNCHEON</li> <li>12pm Games, Crafts, FUN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm Knitting and Crochet Club</li> </ul>			
		12	13	14	15	
17	18	TUE 19	20	21	<p><b>Scan to visit our interactive calendar/ website</b></p>	
<p><i>First Day of Spring March 19th</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Center OPEN</li> <li>10am Uncas Health</li> <li>10am Birthday Celebration Day</li> <li>11:30am TVCCA LUNCHEON</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm Knitting and Crochet Club</li> </ul>			
<p><i>Good Friday March 29</i> <i>Easter Sunday March 31</i> <b>HAPPY EASTER</b></p>		TUE 26	27	28		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Center OPEN</li> <li>11:30am Fish and Chips Luncheon</li> <li>12pm Massage Therapy Appointment</li> <li>12pm Ice Cream Social</li> <li>12:30pm Stamp Camp with Lori</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1pm Knitting and Crochet Club</li> </ul>			

## MARCH Center Luncheon Menu

- Tuesday March 5 11:30am – 12:30pm**  
TVCCA, Chicken Kiev, Rice pilaf, green beans, Sweet treat
- Tuesday March 12 11:30am – 12:30pm**  
TVCCA ,Corned Beef and Cabbage , steamed potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, sweet treat
- Tuesday March 19 11:30am – 12:30pm**  
TVCCA Luncheon: Beef Stew, potatoes, veggies, sweet treat
- Tuesday March 26 11:30-12:30pm**  
TVCCA Luncheon: Beef Stew, potatoes, veggies, sweet treat

**Tuesday March 19 11:30am – 12:30pm**  
TVCCA Luncheon: Beef Stew, potatoes, veggies, sweet treat

**Tuesday March 26 11:30-12:30pm**  
**CENTER SPECIAL** Fresh cooked fish and chips, cole slaw, and corn chowder \$8.00 p/p cash only  
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

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

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

## MORE CENTER INFORMATION

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

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.

## SPRAGUE SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITES

02/19/24 April-Sept Tia Chi class signup begins (Classes will be on zoom at senior center Mon and Thur from 8:45-9:45)

02/21/24 Senior Movie (1:00 pm)

02/21/24 Live Well with Chronic Conditions weekly Zoom workshop begins (Weds from 1:00 to 3:00)

02/22/24 Shopping to Norwich Shoprite and CVS (9:00-11:00) (call to reserve)

02/25/24 Bradley Playhouse – Little Women (\$21) – Leave at 12:30 – Dinner at Hanks on your own after the play

02/29/24 Uncas Health BP Clinic (11:30-12:30)

02/29/24 Senior Smilers Meeting (1:00)

02/29/24 Registrar of Voters speaking to Seniors about election (2:00)

03/01/and 03/02 – Virtual Conference for individuals with Dementia and Caregivers

3/13/24 March Special Meal – Corned Beef and Cabbage - (signup by 3/5/24)

3/21/24 – Lotus Flower craft and demonstration 1:00-2:30 (Sign up by 3/7/24)

James Smith  
Sprague Senior Coordinator  
One Main Street, Baltic, CT 06330  
Email – [seniorcenter@ctsprague.org](mailto:seniorcenter@ctsprague.org)  
Office- 860-822-3000 X-203

### AARP TAX SERVICES

#### COLCHESTER SENIOR CENTER

95 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT, 06415-1230

Fri, 08:45 am - 03:30 pm

Language: English



#### COLUMBIA BECKISH SENIOR CENTER (AD HOC)

188 Route 66, Columbia, CT, 06237-1435

Thu, 09:00 am - 01:00 pm

#### WINDHAM SENIOR CENTER (AD HOC)

1 Jillson Square, Willimantic, CT, 06226

Wed, 08:30 am - 12:30 pm

#### HEBRON SENIOR CENTER

12 Stonecroft Dr, Hebron, CT, 06248-1428

Tue, 09:00 am - 01:00 pm

