



Let Us Pause For a Moment

Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war. For 117 years our community has come together with remembrances at town memorials and cemeteries with school children marching in parade to pay their respects by bringing flowers to the graves of the many veterans that fill our cemeteries. Speeches, and voices in community song fill the air during the yearly program, all followed by a picnic lunch complete with ice cream cones and cake. Let us pause again on this upcoming Memorial Day to remember those that passed while serving the United States Military, to remember their names, to think of them, even if it is for a fleeting moment.

Private Samuel Hollis. A Black Union Soldier

Written by Matthew Novosad, Franklin Town Historian

Private Samuel S. Hollis of Franklin was killed on July 30th, 1864 at the Battle of the Crater. We will never know if he was killed by a Confederate minieball, artillery shell, or bayonet, or if it was an American comrade in the Crater. We can never know if he was wounded or captured, and then slaughtered. It's also possible that he was taken prisoner and enslaved or died from work and maltreatment in the Confederate army. Hollis's death should remind us about what Memorial Day stands for, and for the need to critically examine our own past. The Battle of the Crater represents one of the most tragic and heartbreaking episodes of American History. It serves to remind us that, for the Confederate rebels, the war was about the preservation of human chattel slavery. It also serves as a reminder that violent racial prejudice existed in the North. Hollis's wider life should remind us that Franklin was not, and is not, disconnected from the world. He represents cosmopolitan sailors, connected with a wider world - much like many other sailors from Franklin. He represents the struggle between freedom and slavery, and the difference in meaning that that debate had for white and black individuals. Samuel S. Hollis is a Franklin veteran like any other and should serve as a constant reminder of the struggles of so many to even be recognized as human beings, let alone citizens.



A scene from Franklin's Memorial Day 1940.
Photo Courtesy of FHS Archives

1st Selectman's Report

Please remember Franklin's Memorial Day Observance is on Monday May 27th.



Budget Season is here. The town meeting schedule is available in Franklin Life, and on town website: <https://www.franklinct.gov>.

Congratulations to Dave Wheeler, the newly elected chief of the Franklin Volunteer Fire Dept. Thank you to former Chief Mark Nall for your many years of fine service to the town of Franklin. Anyone interested in being part of FVFD please contact the town hall 860-642-6055 or the FVFD president 860-234-0432.

Enjoy the springtime weather!

See Something Say something. Stay safe.

Alden

You may reach out to me at (860)886-3114



MAY



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!



★ **May 2024 Reading Challenge Key Words: Dragon, Day, Chain, Another, Thousand, Begin, Stolen, And** ★

The library is closed Saturday, May 25th. See you Monday the 27th at the Memorial Day parade!



STEP INTO SPRING! GET US YOUR NUMBERS!



Get your numbers into the library ASAP! Call, email, or stop in with your total step count - everything helps toward our goal of beating Sprague Public Library! All winners to be announced by the end of the month!



PASSPORTS TO CT LIBRARIES TIME TO DROP OFF YOUR PASSPORT!

Did you get at least 5 stamps on your passport? Drop it off at any participating library be entered to win a gift card!

MOTHERS DAY STORY HOUR AND CRAFT THURSDAY, MAY 9TH @ 10:00AM CRAFT OFFERED AGAIN SATURDAY, MAY 11TH 10AM-12PM



You should celebrate your mother every day, but especially on Mothers Day! Join us for a special story hour and craft. Can't make it on Thursday? The craft is available again on Saturday!



PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB THURSDAY, MAY 9TH @ 6:00PM

This month, we are discussing "Blood Sugar" by Sascha Rothchild. Stop by to pick up your copy! Stick around for a Friends of the Library meeting at 7:00PM!



ALL THINGS CULINARY CLUB THURSDAY, MAY 16TH @ 6:00PM

Everyone's favorite pairing - chips and dip! Bring your favorite duo to share with the group...maybe try your hand at making chips from scratch!

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE SATURDAY, MAY 18TH - 9AM-12PM

It's the annual plant sale for the Garden Club! Stop by 5 Tyler Drive to pick up a beautiful addition to your garden or a great belated gift for Mom!



BREAKFAST BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH @ 9:30AM

Our non-fiction book club will be discussing "This is Your Mind on Plants" by Michael Pollan. Stop by to pick up your copy!



NO SHELF CONTROL BOOK CLUB THURSDAY, MAY 30TH @ 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.

WANTED: MILITARY VETS

Memorial Day committee is looking for town veterans to ride on a float in our Memorial Day parade. If interested: please contact Alden at 860-886-3114 Parade: Jeff Glidden - 860-642-6513

Coming Soon!

at the Franklin Senior Center

Franklin Veterans Social Group
We are kicking this new group off with a

OPEN HOUSE PICNIC
Saturday May 18th
2:00 - 6:00 pm
Hamburgers-Hot Dogs
Pool Table, Card Table, Corn Hole and more

This group is open to Veterans of all branches, status ages from Franklin and surrounding towns. Come and hang out, have fun, learn about historical events in our country's military history and forge friendships that last a lifetime. Family members are welcome.

RSVP by Calling or Scanning **FREE EVENT**
860-642-3936



JOB OPENING
Franklin Board of Finance Clerk
For more information od to apply please call Heather 860 -642-7352 ext. 2

Saturday May 18th
IT'S THE GARDEN CLUB

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

9:00 AM- 12:00 PM 5 TYLER DRIVE, FRANKLIN, CT



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

TOWN CLERK MEMOS

Dog Licenses renewals
Are coming up in JUNE

Postcards will be in the mail soon

TOWN HALL HOURS

Monday- Thursday
8:30-3:00

Tuesdays 6-8 pm
CLOSED FRIDAYS

Town Hall is CLOSED
MONDAY MAY 27



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE			Recreation Commission 7:30pm to 10:00pm	America 250 Committee Special Meeting 6:15pm			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
		Inland Wetlands & Watercourses 7:30pm to 10:00pm	Commission on Aging - Senior Resources Agency on Aging 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				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
		Board of Finance 7:00pm to 10:00pm	Ashbel Woodward Museum Board of Directors 7:30pm to 10:00pm	Agricultural & Conservation Commission - No Scheduled Meeting 7:30pm to 10:00pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
		Planning & Zoning 7:30pm to 10:00pm	Board of Selectmen 6:30pm to 10:00pm	Janet Carlson Calvert Library 7:00pm to 10:00pm			
26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
	Town Hall CLOSED	Zoning Board of Appeals. ONLY AS NEEDED. Call 860.642.7352 Ext-8 to confirm 7:30pm to 10:00pm					



117th FRANKLIN MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY MAY 27, 2024



Since 1907, Franklin residents have gathered on Memorial Day to honor their neighbors who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Join us and be a part of this 117-year old historic event.

Ways to participate:

Honor: the Vets buried in Franklin's Cemeteries by placing a flower or two on their graves.

Participate: Participate in the Parade – Groups/committees, businesses, or children with bicycles are all invited to be in the parade! Contact Jeff Glidden at 860-642-6513.

Enjoy: *Enjoy* the parade, *Enjoy* the company of fellow neighbors, *Enjoy* the ceremony and light picnic after the parade at the pavilion.

Memorial Day Schedule

8:45 am - Laying of Wreaths and Prayer at War Memorials at the Congregational Church (Meetinghouse Hill Road)

9:00 am - Plains Cemetery Ceremony (Under the Mountain Road)

9:30 am - Parade Line Up - Ayers Road (Please see Jeff Glidden)

10:00 am - Parade steps off from Ayers Road and continues to Pautipaug Cemetery

10:30 am - Pautipaug Cemetery Ceremony (Route 207)

10:40 am - Veteran's Park Memorial Ceremony (DPW driveway)

11:00 am - Pavilion Ceremony & light picnic (Giddings Park, Route 207)

Memorial Day 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 .

Please feel free to Email or call the 2024 Memorial Day Committee with any questions:

860-642-7352 ext. 1100 or 1600

firstselectman@franklinct.com or taxcollector@franklinct.com



CENTER HAPPENINGS

At The Franklin Sr Center



Let's Kit Together and Stamp Some Smiles



Friday
May
10
6:00
pm



Kits by Stampin' Up! are perfect for new crafters, busy crafters, or crafters who want quick and easy projects. All-inclusive project kits have everything you need in one box! Each attendant will make one dog and one cat card, picked at random.

Open to ANYONE

Please RSVP by MAY 9 by Calling 860-642-3936 or scan QR Code to register directly.



\$10 per kit

At The Sr. Center

Mother's Day Luncheon

Tuesday
May 14
11:30 am



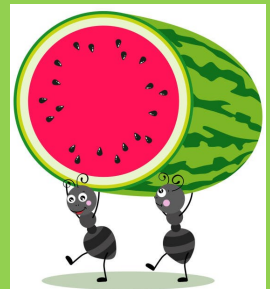
Braised Beef
Tips w/
mushroom Gravy,
Roasted Potatoes
Veggies, Sweet
treat

\$6.00 p/p

RSVP REQUIRED BY Calling 860-642-3936 or scan code Open to anyone 62+

POT LUCK PICNIC MAY 30, 11:30 am

We will cook the burgers you bring your favorite side. It's a great time to meet up with old friends and make some new friends. For more info or to RSVP please call 860-642-3936



May Wellness Trips



WINDHAM TECH LUNCHEON

MAY 9, 2024

Spring vegetable/Ditalini

ENTRÉE (CHOICE OF ONE)
Stuffed Sole with Lobster Cream, Rice Pilaf and Sauteed Vegetables.
Strawberry Balsamic Chicken W/Feta, Rice Pilaf, Sauteed vegetables
Chicken Caesar Salad

Choice of Dessert
Raspberry Bomb
Chocolate Bavario



\$13.00 p/p includes a 3 course meal.
Pre registration/Pre Payment is required along with menu choices
Please call the Sr Center to register or for more info 860-642-3936 or scan QR

Maine Moose Lunch Trip

Franklin Sr. Center lunch trip

Thursday
May 30, 2024
Bus leaves the center at
11:30 am



Outside dining, sandwiches, salads, seafood, ice cream and more. Ride the bus or meet us there. Call the center or scan code to register 860-642-3936.




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



May 21 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 May 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

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED May 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
<p>The Center has many opportunities For older adults and disabled residents and surrounding towns! A lending library of books and games, Crafting area, sewing, circuiting, public use computers, pool table, corn hole and more.....</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Center OPEN 10am Wii Games 10:30am STEP INTO SPRING 11:30am TVCCA LUNCHEON 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Knitting and Crochet Cl 			
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Menu choices are subject to availability as a result may change

MAY CENTER LUNCH MENU

Tuesday MAY 7 11:30am – 12:30pm

TVCCA, Chicken Parmesan w/penne pasta, veggies and sweet treat

Tuesday May 14 11:30am – 12:30pm

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON Braised Beef Tips w/ mushroom Gravy, Roasted Potatoes Veggies, Sweet treat \$6.00 p/p

Tuesday May 21 11:30am – 12:30p

TVCCA Luncheon: Stuffed shells with marinara, veggies, sweet treat

Tuesday May 28 11:30am – 12:30pm

POT LUCK PICNIC We will cook the burgers and you bring the sides! Click link to tell us what you will bring

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

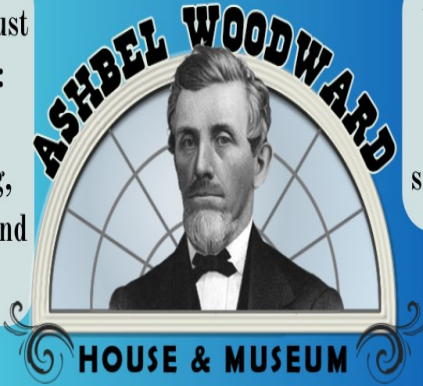
*Other guests lunch cost is currently \$14.50 *Any guest is welcome to bring their own lunch

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

Learn History By Living It

2024 Summer Hours: Last weekend of each month 11-4 Saturday/Sundays

More than just
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more



Watch For
Pop Up
Events all
summer long

On Exhibit
Now
18th Century
Tea Cups

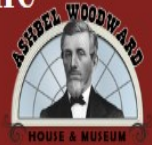


387 Rt 32 Franklin, Ct 860-642-1988

AshbelWoodwardMuseum.Org

FB: Friends of Ashbel Woodward Museum

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The teas that started
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purchase in the Museum Store



Ashbel Woodward Museum 387 Rt 32 Franklin, CT 860-642-1988

Ashbelwoodwardmuseum@gmail.com ashbelwoodwardmuseum.org

Fridays are Movie Night.

We are showing Christian Movies with powerful
messages of faith, family, and redemption.
If you would like to find a creative way to engage
your family in a faith based program we would
love to have you visit us.

Movie Night

Fridays
7:00 pm



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Franklin Sr Center
Wellness Trip
860-642-3936

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