

Frequently Asked Questions?

The Fall, 2009 newsletter mentioned the Matrix Report (audit of Municipal operations) that was being done. What were the results?

The Matrix Report is available on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org. As the spring issue of *Franklin Times* is going to print, the Township Council is still discussing the recommendations. Some have already been implemented; others may take longer; and still others may not be reasonable. The final actions and resulting savings will be published when available.

The last newsletter said ground-up leaves would be available at the convenience center on Berry Street. Any restrictions? cost? special hours? limit?

There are no restrictions and no charge. Residents can pick up the mulch any time the convenience center is open. As long as supplies last, the Township will deliver to a resident's home a minimum of five -yards. Call 732-249-7800 for more information.

What are those solar panels on the light poles throughout the Township? Who installed them?

PSE&G installed the panels to supplement the power needs to the grid. Township did not pay for them, nor did they install them. More information about the panels can be found at <http://www.pseg.com/solar4all/faq.jsp>.

My son has FiOS in Franklin Park. When will I be able to get it in the Somerset area?

In order to see if FiOS is available at your home, visit http://www22.verizon.com/residential/fiostv/check_availability/check_availability.htm.

Who do we call if there is a problem with PSE&G, like the light in front of my house not working. Does the Township have a special contact person?

On the back of your utility bill, there is a number to call. For a streetlight that is not working, fill out the form on <https://extsecure.pseg.com/webformsWeb/resources/jsp/psegcom/streetlight-outage.jsp> or call 1-800-436-PSEG (7734) with the location of the light, the nearest cross street and pole number (if applicable). The pole number is usually located on a metal strip attached to the pole.

I hear that light bulbs shouldn't be thrown into the garbage. Is that true for all light bulbs? How and where are we suppose to dispose of them?

Regular light bulbs can be tossed into the garbage. Fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lights are hazardous and should be taken to a drop off on one of Somerset County's regularly-scheduled hazardous waste days. You can find details on the last page of this newsletter.

How deep do I need to be digging in order to have to call for utility markouts, 8-1-1?

The link, <http://www.nj1-call.org/NJLaw/UndergroundFacilitiesActLaw/tabid/134/Default.aspx>, will answer all your questions about digging and requirement to call 8-1-1. To be on the safe side, the Township recommends the call. The service is free. Taken from that link is the following:

"Routine residential property or right-of-way maintenance or landscaping activities performed with non-mechanized equipment, excavation within the flexible or rigid pavement box within the right-of-way, or the tilling of soil for agricultural purposes to a depth of 18 inches or less."

In and Around the Township

Announcing a Free Job Training Workshop Open to Franklin Township Teens Ages 14-18 Years Old

Saturday, March 20, 2010
8:30 AM to 12 Noon
Franklin Middle School
415 Francis Street
Somerset, NJ 08873
 For further information, please call
 Franklin Twp. Recreation (732) 873-1991

Job Fair For Teens Ages 14-18

Thursday, April 22, 2010
6:30-7:30pm
Held at Franklin Township Community/Senior Center
505 DeMott Lane
Somerset, NJ 08873
 Advanced Registration Recommended by Calling
 Franklin Twp. Recreation (732) 873-1991

Second Chance for Animals

Presents

Paws for a Cause Dog Walk-a-Thon

A benefit to support the Franklin Township Animal Shelter as well as animals in the Community of Franklin

Sunday, May 2, 2010 • 11am-2pm
 ~Walk portion of event kicks off at 12:30pm~

Events include agility demonstration, obstacle course, vendors, and a dog/owner look-a-like contest.

Somerset County Park Commission's Colonial Park
 Mettlers Road • Franklin Township

Rain or Shine

*Call 732-748-7232 for more information or email:
Dogwalk@secondchanceforanimals.org



ATTENTION VOTERS • ELECTION DISTRICT 42 POLLING LOCATION HAS BEEN CHANGED

Be advised that Consolata Missions, 2301 Route 27, will NO longer be a polling location for District 42 beginning with the Primary Election in June 2010:

District 42 has been RELOCATED BACK TO:
Society Hill Clubhouse at
2 Bethany Court, Franklin Park
for the Primary and General Elections

Consolata Missions remains the polling location for the School Election.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Township Clerk's Office at 732-873-2500 exts. 212 or 213. Anyone in the office will be able to assist you.

Building Locations and Hours

** Marked buildings will be closed for cost-saving furloughs March 12, April 5, May 28 and Holidays April 2 and May 31

MUNICIPAL BUILDING** 475 DeMott Lane 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. except Fire Prevention and Community Development 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tax collector and water 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING 495 DeMott Lane Municipal Court** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and starting at 5 p.m.	PUBLIC WORKS** 40 Churchill Avenue Monday to Friday 7:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER** 505 DeMott Lane 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Police Department Emergencies 24 hours, 7 days a week Record Bureau and administration** Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	CONVENIENCE CENTER 12 Berry Street See Page 8 for schedule
COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND SERVICES/HEALTH CLINICS** 935 Hamilton Street 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. except Welfare hours Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Health clinics as scheduled		ANIMAL SHELTER 475 DeMott Lane Closed Sunday and Monday 12 noon – 2 p.m. Tuesday to Friday 12 noon – 3 p.m. Saturdays for adoptions

Franklin Township Public Library

Financial and Investment Information Resources Available from the Library

The Franklin Township Public Library has a variety of resources in various formats to help assist patrons in making sound decisions in financial matters. Among these resources are two databases that can be found on the Library's website: Morningstar Investment Research Center and Value Line.

Morningstar Investment provides information on stocks, mutual funds, ETFs (exchange traded funds) and industries.

The Value Line database provides detailed investment analysis for stocks and mutual funds. Back issues of the Value Line Investment Survey as well as the Value Line Fund investor can be viewed through this site.

For those who prefer traditional resources, the Library also subscribes to the Value Line Investment Survey print edition, with detailed information on stocks, as well as Morningstar FundInvestor, which focuses on funds. Many of the Library's reference books and circulating items focus on financial issues as well, particularly on personal finance. The library also subscribes to several magazines that address financial issues, including *Forbes*, *Fortune*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, and *Money*. Call the reference desk at 732-873-8700 ext. 111 or stop by the library for assistance in using these resources.

Library Opens Hamilton Street Branch

Located at the Multi-purpose building, 935 Hamilton • Open Tuesdays and Thursdays • 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
 • Sign up for a library card • Search the catalog and place holds for items to be delivered to this location
 • Access the library's subscription databases for research and school projects



Tax And Water Payment Collection On The Go

There is a new drop box outside the Public Safety Building for tax and water payments. This is for "after hour" payments made by checks. NO CASH should be put into the drop box. Pickup will be at 8:30 a.m. in the morning. Payments made during the day should be brought to the Tax Collector's office in the Municipal Building.

Property Tax Information

Residents will find on the Township website, www.franklintwpnj.org, a copy of the brochure State Government & Your Local Property Taxes published by the New Jersey League of Municipalities. The informative article is also available in the Municipal Building at the offices of the Tax Collector, Tax Assessor and Municipal Clerk.

Teen Cultural Coffeehouse

POETRY Hip-Hop

April 9, 2010 **SPANISH DANCE** **MUSIC**
 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 Entrance Fee: \$5.00 **INDIAN DANCE**

...AND MUCH MORE!

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 Community/Senior Center
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