

**SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2010 PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Township Council Municipal Building Council Chambers**  
All meetings at 7:00 p.m.  
September 14, 28 • October 12, 26  
November 9, 23

**Planning Board Municipal Building Council Chambers**  
All Meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
September 1, 15, 22 • October 6, 20, 27  
November 3, 10

**Board of Adjustment Municipal Building**  
All meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
September 2, 16 • October 7, 21  
November 4, 11

**Advisory Board of Health Municipal Building**  
September 1 • October 6 • November 3

**Agricultural Advisory Committee Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 8 p.m.  
September 16 • October 21 • November 18

**Cable TV Advisory Committee Municipal Building**  
All meetings 7 p.m.  
September 13 • October 4 • November 1

**Business and Industry Advisory Board Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 8 a.m.  
September 1 • October 6 • November 3

**Emergency Life Support Public Safety Building**  
All Meetings at 7:00 p.m.  
September 13

**Environmental Commission Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
September 20 • October 4, 18  
November 1, 15

**Fire Prevention Board Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
September 9 • October 14 • November 11

**Hamilton Street Business Community Board 604 Hamilton Street**  
All meetings 6:30 p.m.  
September 15 • October 20 • November 17

**Historic Preservation Commission Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
September 2 • October 7 • November 4

**Human Relations Commission Township Library**  
All Meetings at 7:00 p.m.  
September 27 • October 25 • November 22

**Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse Community/Senior Center**  
All Meetings at 6:45 p.m.  
September 22 • October 27 • November 17

**Open Space Advisory Committee Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
September 21 • October 19 • November 16

**Recreation Advisory Council Community/Senior Center**  
All Meetings at 7:00 p.m.  
September 8 • October 13 • November 10

**Redevelopment Agency Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
September 20 • October 18 • November 15

**Rent Leveling Board Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
As needed

**Senior Advisory Committee Community/Senior Center**  
All Meetings at 9:30 a.m.  
September 24 • October 29 • November 19

**Sewerage Authority 70 Commerce Drive**  
All Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
September 7 • October 5 • November 3

**Shade Tree Commission Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 7:30 p.m.  
September 23 • October 28 • November 18

**Trails Advisory Committee Municipal Building**  
All Meetings at 7:00 p.m.  
September 8 • October 13 • November 10

**Youth Service Commission Community/Senior Center**  
All Meetings at 6:00 p.m.  
September 22 • October 27 • November 17

# In and Around the Township

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT RETIREE** Kevin Cornetto • Retirement 08/01/10 • 30 years of service

## Franklin Youth Initiative

The Franklin Township Youth Initiative (FYI) focuses on improving access to services for Franklin's youth and families by enhancing, developing and organizing social services, recreation and education programs and wide range of prevention projects. FYI has provided a variety of education workshops for adults and teens; an annual job fair for teens; and the website [www.franklinfyi.org](http://www.franklinfyi.org) was created which provides an extensive database and links to resources and services throughout the county to support Franklin's families. Community Services have also been expanded at 935 Hamilton Street. Evening hours will be available on Tuesday and Thursday and residents should call 732-873-2500, ext. 310 for additional information. Educational programs and individual and group counseling sessions are offered at this location.

A joint project between the Township and the Franklin Township Library is providing access to library services at 935 Hamilton Street on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30-8:30 pm. Details about services can be directed to the Library at 732-729-4769. Interested residents are invited to attend meetings of the Franklin Youth Initiative which are held every other month on the first Monday of the month. Visit [www.franklinfyi.org](http://www.franklinfyi.org) or call 732-873-1991 for more information.

## FYI Girls Circle & Boys Council Celebrates Joint Graduation

The Franklin Youth Initiatives' Girls Circle and Boys Council held its first joint graduation on June 22. Congratulations to the graduates: **Shaliya Bagwell, Charissma Cephas, Shevon Frett, Jamilex Martinez, Grisely Ramirez, Tyra Sirmans, Brianna Young, Blannelys Otero, Islam Abdelwahaib, Milton Watson, Byran Menjivar, James Maldonado, Donte Dowdell, Shaun Howard, Ben Young, Jihad Bibbs, Chris Williams and Terran Jihad McCall.**

This program works with students to provide support, direction and a strong sense that people care about them and their ability to succeed. Students in the program have excelled far beyond even their own expectations.

Much of the credit for getting the program started belongs to Bruce Medley of the Township Recreation Department and Dennis Lue, the administrative staff of the Franklin Middle School, and Rachel Baker-Blackwell and Adriane Tyer-Stavropoulos who started the new Girls Circle.

"Franklin Township is lucky to have such caring and dedicated people willing to help. Kudos to them and to the girls and boys who made the commitment to participate in this potentially life altering program," stated Councilwoman Rozalyn Sherman.

Program sessions will be offered seasonally in the fall, winter, spring and summer at the Franklin Middle School. For more information, call Bruce Medley at 732-873-1991.

## Solar Energy Installations

The Construction Department has received many questions regarding permits for Solar Energy Systems. Residents should be aware that contractors doing solar-photovoltaic (SPV) installation, including the SPV panels themselves, need to have a state-issued electrical contractor's license. The only exemption is when the owners of single-family homes are doing the work themselves.

Questions as to whether a licensed electrical contractor is required may be directed to the Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors at (973) 504-6410.

## Small Wind Energy Systems Permitted

To encourage the generation of renewable, non-polluting electrical energy for Township homes, the Council has passed Ordinance No. 3843, which authorizes "small wind energy systems" – windmills, vertical axis wind turbines on certain properties and with certain conditions. For details, contact Vince Dominach at [vincent.dominach@twp.franklin.nj.us](mailto:vincent.dominach@twp.franklin.nj.us) or 732-873-2500 (ext.274) or Mark Healey at [mark.healey@twp.franklin.nj.us](mailto:mark.healey@twp.franklin.nj.us) (ext. 271); or you can review the ordinance via the Township's website at [www.franklintwpnj.org](http://www.franklintwpnj.org). The plan must be approved by the Planning Board, and permits received from the New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection.

The Township is also working on an ordinance that would permit vertical axis turbines – which are smaller, quieter and effective at lower wind speeds – on poles and rooftops in most residential districts.

## Is my tree dead? (and if not, what should I do?)

**Given the heat and dryness of the summer, many trees are under stress. Here are some tips to help your trees recover and to prevent drought damage.**

- **Don't remove the tree yet!** Wait until spring to see it leafs out.
- **WATER!** The best method is to use buckets with holes, a soaker hose or let your hose run under the tree, rather than sprinkling. Always follow local watering restrictions/rules.
- **Water in early morning or evening.** To minimize losses due to evaporation in full sun. If the tree looks drought-stressed, water it as soon as possible.
- **Water deeply, less often.** 90 percent of a trees roots are located in the top 12 inches of soil no matter how big the tree is. Water out to the drip line (the furthest reach of the leaves).
- **How much water?** A general rule of thumb is 10 gallons for each inch of trunk diameter. So, a 4 inch tree requires about 40 gallons. A hose under medium pressure delivers about 10 gallons in 5 minutes.
- **How often?** At least once per month, 3 times if possible.
- **What do I save first?** The priority is small trees with less well established root systems. Medium and large trees will be able to withstand some drought since they have more established roots.
- **Other tips: Do not fertilize!** Stressed trees can't handle it. **Mulch:** 2-3 inches, **not touching the tree's trunk.** **Prune:** Obviously dead/diseased branches to reduce pest and disease attack.
- **Don't worry about the lawn!** Lawns can be replaced in a matter of months, but a 20 year old tree will take 20 years to replace.

-courtesy of Franklin Twp. Shade Tree Commission

## Parent Workshop On Bullying and Cyber Bullying

**Thursday, October 14, 2010 @ 7:00pm • Franklin Middle School, Auditorium**

The Franklin Township Municipal Alliance, partnering with the Franklin Townshi will kick off this school year with an extremely informative workshop designed to address how young people will suffer in silence from the pain of bullying. Those in attendance will gain a unique perspective from inside a family of a child who is a victim of bullying and cyber bullying and the devastating impact of a teen suicide on a family.

Don't miss this powerful presentation by John Halligan as he shares the story of his son's life and suicide.

## Affordable Housing Units Now Available For Rent And Sale

Several affordable re-sale condominiums and rental apartments are available in Franklin Township, Countryside and Somerset Park apartment complexes offer 1, 2, & 3 bedroom low and moderate-income units for rent when available. Whitehall Gardens offers 1 and 2 bedroom low and moderate-income rental units when available. The Society Hill I-IV, Beacon Hill, Wynnefield and Quailbrook developments offer 2 and 3 bedroom re-sale condominiums when available. Lotteries will most likely be held.

Applicants must apply and be certified based on income and household size. To qualify for affordable housing, your income must be no more than 80% of the region's median income for moderate-income housing or no more than 50% of the region's median income for low-income housing. The maximum eligible income levels per household are as follows:

Household Size	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person
Moderate Income Housing	\$57,100	\$65,280	\$73,440	\$81,600	\$88,128	\$94,656
Low Income Housing	\$35,700	\$40,800	\$45,900	\$51,000	\$55,080	\$59,160

*Region 3 Income Limits – Adopted June 9, 2010*

For an application and details about the availability of rental units at Whitehall Gardens, please contact Piazza and Associates at 609-786-1100. Website: <http://www.piazza-and-associates.com/afhousing.php>.

For an application and details about the availability of rental units in Countryside, Somerset Park, or any of the homeowner resale units at the Society Hill I-V, Wynnefield and Quailbrook developments, please contact SCCOAH at 908-704-8901. Website: [www.sccoah.org](http://www.sccoah.org).

All units are available to seniors, as well as non-senior, households.