

THE FRANKLIN CONNECTION

Franklin Senior Center's Monthly Newsletter

March 2025



Franklin Senior Center

10 Daniel McCahill Street
Franklin, MA 02038

(508) 520-4945
www.franklinma.gov/583/fsc

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesdays open until 5:30 PM

Ben's Bounty Gift Shop

Monday - Friday
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Common Grounds Café

Monday - Friday
Breakfast 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Lunch 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Franklin Senior Center Closed for Repairs

Wed, March 5 thru
Fri, March 14

See insert for full details

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Senior Center Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of snow, the center may close or have a delayed opening. Please sign-up for our Robo Call list so you will receive a call informing you if the Senior Center has a change in hours.

Call (508) 520-4945 to be added to the list!

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What's New at the Center?

Franklin Senior Center

Volunteer Spotlight



Next up on our Volunteer Spotlight, the wonderful couple **Martha & Charlie Brewer!**

Martha has been volunteering for three years. She works in our Cafe on Fridays, and often covers other days as needed. Martha also lends a hand during our busy parties, serving our members and helping our staff. Her kind spirit and dedication make everyone feel welcome.

Charlie has been volunteering his musical talent at the center since 2021. He works with the Veterans' Department for Tune It Out guitar lessons every week. Charlie also leads our monthly Acoustic Jam Session! His friendly attitude and patience inspire so many to enjoy music and try something new.

Next time you see Martha or Charlie, say hi!



TOWN OF FRANKLIN JOINT BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE LISTENING TOUR SCHEDULE

Join members of the School Committee, Town Council, and Finance Committee for open discussions on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, feedback on last year's override ballot question, the structural deficit this coming year, and the priorities of the community!

SESSION #1 - JAN 30

Franklin Elks Lodge
1077 Pond Street
7:00 PM

SESSION #2 - FEB 12

Remington-Jefferson School
Cafetorium
628 Washington Street
7:00 PM

SESSION #3 - FEB 19

Franklin Senior Center
Common Grounds Cafe
10 Daniel McCahill Street
7:00 PM

SESSION #4 - MAR 4

Franklin Senior Center
Common Grounds Cafe
10 Daniel McCahill Street
9:30 AM
Coffee & Light Refreshments Provided

SESSION #5 - MAR 8

Franklin Municipal Building
Council Chambers
355 East Central Street
10:00 AM
Hybrid Session - Virtual & In-Person

SESSION #6 - MAR 12

Franklin High School
Auditorium
218 Oak Street
7:00 PM

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrated every March, Women's History Month is a time to honor the accomplishments that women of all backgrounds have made over the course of American history. This month acknowledges the contributions and the achievements of women in a variety of fields, both by remembering those who paved the way in the struggle for gender equity, and recognizing the barrier breakers of today.

Join the Senior Center in celebrating Women's History Month!
We will have discussions, movies, and educational opportunities all month long.



Watercolor Class

Wed, April 2, 9, & 16

3 PM - 5 PM

\$75

Fee includes all three classes and all materials!

You MUST pre-register and pay in advance, no refunds.

Minimum six participants required or class will be cancelled.

Sign-up starting March 1!

ZENTANGLE ART CLASS

Fee includes the class and all materials!

You MUST pre-register and pay in advance, no refunds.

Minimum six participants required or class will be cancelled.

\$25

WED, APRIL 30, 3 PM - 5 PM

SIGN-UP STARTING MARCH 1!

04 Support Corner

Franklin Senior Center

Dementia & Alzheimer's

Sunshine Club: The Senior Center hosts a daily Supportive Day Program, the Sunshine Club, providing a structured, supervised environment for older adults with mild to moderate dementia, cognitive decline, or social isolation.

Our program emphasizes enrichment and connection through person-centered care while encouraging independence and success.

For more info on the Sunshine Club, contact Kathleen or Amanda at (508) 520-4945 or klaughran@franklinma



Alzheimer's Support Group: This group supports caregivers providing for loved ones with dementia or Alzheimer's. The group meets the second & fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM.

Memory Café: Join us on Wed, March 19 at 1:00 PM for this month's "Where's The Toast?!" Memory Café! Live entertainment featuring Kalifornia Karl.

Memory Cafés are safe and inviting spaces for people living with Dementia, Alzheimer's or memory loss, as well as for their families, friends and caregivers. RSVP to Ariel at (508) 520-4945 or adoggett@franklinma.gov

This Memory Café is supported in part by a generous grant from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Health & Wellness

The Senior Center provides basic healthcare with our **Health & Wellness Nurse**. Services include blood sugar testing, blood pressure testing, pulse ox testing, support groups, education, and more!

Nurse Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Caregiver Support Group: This support group focuses on a general caregiver's needs. Receive tips, support, and connection. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM.

Pathway to Healing Bereavement Support:

This bereavement support group is designed to help people in their journey of healing after a loved one passes. The group meets the second & fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM.

Social Services

The Senior Center provides social services assistance to all Franklin residents with our **Social Services Coordinator**. Services include: housing assistance, referrals to home care agencies, career services, independent living communities, long-term care facilities, caregiver programs, pharmacy outreach programs, medical durable equipment, transportation services, behavioral health, and legal referrals.

Our coordinator can also assist with applications for public benefits including fuel assistance, SNAP, unemployment, social security, MassHealth, housing, and other related cost saving programs.

If you are in need of social services assistance, please call the Franklin Senior Center at (508) 520-4945 to book an appointment.

Low Vision Corner

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Franklin Senior Center

Audio Reading of Newsletter (Conference Call)

Tuesday, March 4 at 1:00 PM

Low Vision Support Group

Thursday, March 20 at 12:00 PM

Low Vision Assistive Technology Group

Thursday, March 20 at 1:00 PM

Call Dave Dunham at (508) 519-0411 to schedule a 1-on-1 tech appointment.

Audio Book Club (Conference Call)

Thursday, March 18 & 25 at 1:00 PM

Clanlands: Whisky, Warfare, and a Scottish adventure like no other by Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish



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06 March Presentations

Franklin Senior Center

Monthly Party



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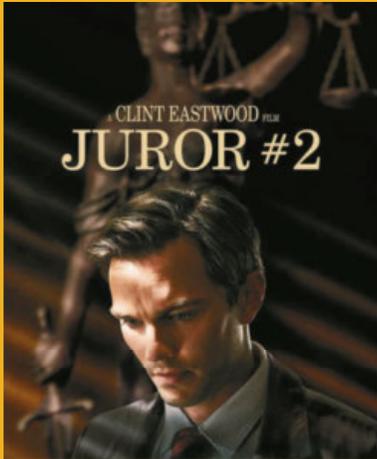
MON, MARCH 17 AT 11 AM

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, prepared and served by our Franklin Fire Department. Including BINGO with prizes!

FRANKLIN RESIDENTS:
sign-up starting Mon, March 3

NON-FRANKLIN RESIDENTS:
sign-up starting Mon, March 10

Pizza & Movie Night



Wed, March 19 at 4:00, \$3

Eat Around the World



This month: Belgium

Once a month, join us in exploring another country's culture and cuisine!

Fri, March 28 at 11:00, \$6

Joint Budget Subcommittee (Session #4) - Tuesday, March 4 at 9:30 AM
Join Town of Franklin officials and learn about the current town deficit. Free limited breakfast will be served from 9:00 - 10:00. No lunch served this day.

FSC Van Trip: Lotvin Gallery - Wednesday, March 12 at 10:20 AM
Discover the creativity of the next generation! Enjoy a guided tour of the Lotvin Gallery, featuring the Hopkinton High School National Honor Society. Van departs the Senior Center at 10:20 AM. Open to Franklin residents only.

The Mind of a Woman - Tuesday, March 18 at 1:00 PM
Are female brains different from males? Yes and No. Explore the differences, similarities, as well as culturally constructed stereotypes of both. Hosted by neuroscientist Kymberlee O'Brien.

Thriving Solo - Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 PM
Social group focused on what it means to navigate aging on your own!

Guiding you through Life's Transition - Thursday, March 20 at 11:00 AM
Learn levels of senior living support, the downsizing process, & how to plan for transition with confidence. Led by Benchmark Forge Hill, lunch provided!

Acrylic Paint Class - Thursday, March 20 at 1:00 PM - \$3
Join Kathy in the craft room as she illustrates creating art with acrylic paint!

Directors Coffee Hour - Monday, March 24 at 10:00 AM
Join Sarah and Chasity for coffee, conversation, and the latest Senior Center scoop! Bring any questions, ideas, or concerns.

The Alden Club - Monday, March 24 at 10:30 AM
Presented by the Franklin Historical Museum, learn about May Alden Ward, an American author and biographer from Franklin! In 1893, she founded The Alden Club, a women's club focused on literature. Celebrate Women's History Month with some local history!

Trader Joe's Talk - Tuesday, March 25 at 10:15 AM
Learn more info about Trader Joe's products and enjoy some free samples!

Best of Times Info Session - Tuesday, March 25 at 1:00 PM
Best of Times tells us all about the exciting shows and day trips in 2025!

Drum Circle - Tuesday, March 25 at 1:00 PM
Drumming reduces stress and boosts brain health! Groove to the rhythm with the group. Drums provided. Led by neuroscientist Kymberlee O'Brien.

The Story of the Celtic Harp - Wednesday, March 26 at 1:30 PM
Enjoy lively jigs, mesmerizing ballads, and other Irish songs along with stories and fun facts about the role of the harp in Ireland's history. Performed by harpist Shelley Otis.

Karaoke - Wednesday, March 26 at 2:30 PM
Grab the mic and join your friends for an afternoon of singing!

Putting your Mind at Ease - Thursday, March 27 at 11:00 AM
Hosted by Caring Transitions, a local company specializing in assisting the senior population in all their moving needs. Join our presentation to hear about lessons learned, services we offer, & tips for easing transition stress.

More March Presentations

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Franklin Senior Center

THE MIND OF A WOMEN

with neuroscientist Kymberlee O'Brien



Tues, March 18 at 1 PM

This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Thurs, March 20
at 11 AM

**GUIDING YOU
THROUGH
LIFE'S
TRANSITION**



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*Best of Times
Info Session*



Day Trips & Shows 2025

Tues, March 25 at 10 AM

HARPIST SHELLEY OTIS PRESENTS

*The Story
of the Celtic Harp*



Wed, March 26 at 1:30 PM



**PUTTING YOUR
MIND AT EASE**

Thurs, March 27 at 11 AM

The Franklin Historical Museum
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The Alden Club

Mon, March 24
at 10:30 AM



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March 2025 Calendar

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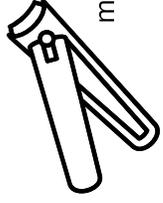


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March 2025 Calendar

Franklin Senior Center

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<p>17</p> <p>Cafe Closed</p> <p>9:30 Steve Avellino PT 9:30 Italian Novel Reading 11:00 Poker 11:00 Monthly Party: Franklin Fire Dept Corned Beef Dinner 12:30 American Mah Jong 1:00 Trivia 1:00 Chair Volleyball 4:00 Pool Night</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 Cribbage 9:30 Low Impact Exercise \$3 9:30 Busy Bees Craft Group 9:30 Hand & Foot Game 10:30 Senior Players 11:15 CSB \$3 1:00 BINGO 1:00 The Mind of a Woman 1:00 Chess 1:00 Learn to Play Cribbage 1:00 Audio Book Club 1:00 Quilting Hearing Clinic and Legal Clinic today!</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 Walking Group 10:00 Chair Yoga \$3 10:00 Knitting 10:00 Scrabble 10:00 Asian Mah Jong 11:00 Cardio Fusion \$3 11:00 Mobile Food Pantry 11:00 Franklin Q&A 12:00 Bridge 1:00 Pokeno 1:00 Memory Cafe 2:00 Thriving Solo 4:00 Pizza & Movie Night: Juror No. 2 \$3</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 Coffee Hour with State & Local Officials 9:00 Cribbage 9:30 Low Impact Exercise \$3 9:30 Busy Bees Craft Group 10:00 Discussion Group 10:15 Bible Study 11:00 Guiding you through Life's Transition 11:15 CSB \$3 1:00 BINGO 1:00 Tai Chi \$3 1:00 Acrylic Paint Class \$3 1:00 Cribbage 4:00 Pool Night</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 Simply Fit \$3 9:30 Hand & Foot Game 10:00 Wood Carving Group 10:00 Political Discussion 12:30 T.O.P.S. 1:00 Pokeno 1:00 Diamond Art 1:30 COA Meeting 2:00 Silvertones Singing</p>
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10 FOFE Donations

Franklin Senior Center

Memorial Donations

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The Town of Franklin Veterans' Services office offers assistance to Franklin Veterans who have served the country in the United States Armed Forces and who may be entitled to receive benefits from either local, state, or federal agencies. Veterans' Services is a state mandated program that provides information and services to Veterans, their spouses, and dependents. Our goal is to provide services with the dignity and respect our Veterans have earned through their service to our country.

March 3 – Navy Reserve's 110th Birthday

March 5 – Navy Seabee's 83th Birthday

March 5 – Veterans' Coffee Social, 10:00 AM at the VFW Hall, 1034 Pond St., Franklin. We are moving the social to this location during repairs at the Senior Center. We are encouraging attendees to carpool as parking at the VFW is limited.

March 15 – American Legion's 106th Birthday

March 20 – Veterans' Council Meeting – 7:00 PM at the Senior Center. All members of the community interested in Veterans' activities are invited.

March 29 – National Vietnam War Veterans' Day honors Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices.

The Tune It Out guitar lessons program for Veterans meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM. **We are moving the March 11 guitar class to the VFW, 1034 Pond St, Franklin while repairs are being made at the Senior Center.** There is no charge for lessons and no guitar experience is required. We have guitars!

The Warrior Within Yoga class for Veterans and First Responders meets on Thursdays from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. **Yoga classes on March 6 and 13 will be held at the VFW, 1034 Pond St, Franklin while repairs are being made at the Senior Center.** There is no charge for classes. Call Veterans' Services to register for guitar and yoga. Thank you to the VFW for accommodating our Veterans' events in March!

The next engraved brick installation on the Veterans Memorial Walkway is scheduled to coincide with Memorial Day. Engraved bricks make great birthday, Mother's or Father's Day gifts for your special Veteran or current U.S. service member. Brick orders are now being accepted for the May installation. Order forms are available in the Town Hall and Senior Center lobbies as well as on the Veterans' Services page on the Town web site. Thank you to all who have supported the Memorial Walkway Project.

Pat Reindl crochets beautiful lap blankets for wheelchair-bound Veterans in memory of her late husband SFC John Reindl, U.S. Army



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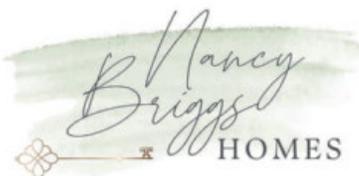
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The next FOFE meeting is scheduled for:

Friday, March 28 at 9:30 AM. The public is welcome to attend.

FOFE OFFICERS:

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Paula Lombardi, Jan Prentice, Jean Tolland

ASSOCIATES:

Sue Matto

A Message from FOFE President

Associates Wanted! We have three associate positions open. If you are interested in finding out more about being an associate, please join us on Friday, March 28 at 9:00 AM at the Franklin Senior Center.

I hope to see you there,
JoAnn Wright, President

Franklin Senior Center Van

The Franklin Senior Center Van is available for rides Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. To schedule a ride or get more info, call the center at 508-520-4945 and ask for Emily!

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