

FRANKLIN FIRST



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TOWN of FRANKLIN

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WEEKLY WRAP UP

- In a recent **S&P report**, Franklin was recognized for strong and consistent financial practices, sound fiscal stewardship, and a commitment to long-term financial stability, [receiving a AAA Bond Rating from S&P Global Ratings.](#)
- Franklin received a favorable audit opinion in the **Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Independent Audit**, which was released and reviewed at the Town Council meeting on May 7, 2025.
- The **Senior Center** held a **Ribbon Cutting** Ceremony to celebrate the arrival of a new passenger van to assist our older residents with transportation needs and the completion of a new pavilion, providing much needed outdoor community space at the Center.
- A **Community Preservation Meeting** was held on May 5 to review, discuss, and vote on projects eligible for CPA funding. In total, nine projects were approved totaling \$1,018,035.50. In calendar year 2024, based on recorded real estate filings, Franklin generated \$215,600 in CPA funds!
- The **Franklin Housing Authority (FHA)** renamed its Community Center after the late Peter Brunelli, honoring his dedication and commitment to Franklin as a longtime resident of Franklin and Board member of the FHA.
- In-person **early voting** for the June 3, 2025 Special Election **begins TODAY**, Friday, May 16, 2025. For details please visit the [Town Clerk's Webpage.](#)
- The Franklin Town Council will hold **FY26 budget hearings on May 21 & May 22** to review the [Town Administrator's FY26 Annual budget proposal, which was released on April 18, 2025.](#) For more information on the budget, please visit the [FY26 Budget webpage.](#)
- On **Memorial Day** we will remember and honor those who gave their lives while serving in the US military. The 2025 Parade will take place on Monday, May 26 and will feature a [new parade route.](#) For all Memorial Day events and ceremonies, please view the [Memorial Day 2025 flyer.](#)
- Discover **Fairy Trails & Tales of Franklin**, a whimsical outdoor exhibit at Franklin Sculpture Park. This community project invites all ages to create eco-friendly fairy houses that celebrate imagination and respect for nature.
- **Super Kings Academy Boston | United Sports Arena** held a ribbon cutting this week to commemorate the opening of the very first indoor cricket facility in all of New England right here in Franklin!

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Tyler Hosley was sworn-in as a new police officer for the Franklin Police Department.

Town of Upton Chief of Police Chief **Nicholas Palmieri**, former Sergeant of the Franklin Police Department, was recognized for his work for the FPD

Town Administrator **Jamie Hellen** and Deputy Town Administrator **Amy Friguli** were featured on an [MMA webinar on May 12th](#), discussing how to leverage arts & culture for substance use prevention and recovery utilizing opioid settlement funds. [link to webinar](#)

Vicki Earls, Franklin's Head of Reference, was featured in a WBUR article highlighting Franklin for having [America's First Public Library.](#)



FAIRY TRAILS & TALES OF FRANKLIN
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