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WEEKLY WRAP UP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Economic Development Committee** held a meeting on July 16, 2025. Items on the agenda included creating "The Crossing" Neighborhood Zoning District, eliminating "Use Variances", and an update on World Cup preparations. Here is a link to the [agenda](#), and to a [recording of the meeting](#).

The **Town Council** held a meeting on July 23, 2025 which included several zoning bylaw amendments. For more information, here is a link to the [agenda](#), and to a [recording of the meeting](#).

Save the date! The **2025 Arts & Culture Symposium** will be held on September 18 & 19. Please [click here](#) to register.

Save the date! **Franklin's Downtown Partnership annual Harvest Festival** will be held on September 27, 2025 from 12-5pm.

We're Moving! The Department **Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy** has officially relocated to the Parmenter School - 235 Wachusett Street in Franklin.

Looking for some summer entertainment? Now is the perfect time to take advantage of **Franklin Public Library's** free and discounted **Museum Pass Program** to visit The Butterfly Place, NE Aquarium, Isabella Stewart Gardner and more! Available to reserve up to 30 days in advance.

Franklin's 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee has officially launched! Community members interested in applying for a seat on the committee can [apply here](#).

Sign up! This week the **Franklin Fire Department launched Community Connect**, which allows residents and businesses to enter in critical information for first responders to use in an emergency.

Attention, MBTA riders! Are you aware of the MBTA's income-eligible fare program? This program offers reduced fares to riders between the ages of 18 - 64 who are enrolled in an approved state assistance program. For more information, visit [MBTA.com/income-eligible](https://www.mbta.com/income-eligible).



The 2025 **Franklin Farmers Market & Concerts on the Common** season is in full swing! Click links for schedules and more information on how to participate.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Franklin Supportive Day staff members, Kathleen Laughran and Amanda Rabbit, have been invited to the MA Councils on Aging's (MCOA) annual conference to present on Franklin's supportive day program, teaching others how to incorporate dementia-friendly games and activities in their Senior Center to enrich the whole community.

Health Director Cathleen Liberty was named Treasurer of the Community Health Network Areas 6 (CHNA 6).

Deputy Chief Jim West will be attending the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA this October. This 10-week program is focused on academics, fitness, and networking, aiming to enhance leadership skills and knowledge within the law enforcement community.

Firefighter/Paramedic Jeffrey Wolcott was sworn in as the newest member of the Franklin Fire Department on July 23rd. Welcome!

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Local hot spot, **La Cantina Winery**, was featured on [Phantom Gourmet!](#)



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