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FRANKLIN COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

WEEKLY WRAP UP

This week the **Police Station Building Committee (PSBC)** held a tour of the current Franklin Police Station, built in 1991. Additional tours will be scheduled in September and October and will be open to the public. Please find photos of the tour [here](#) taken by Steve Sherlock of Franklin Matters.

Next week the **Finance Committee** will host a meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025 to discuss [budget amendments and a five-year fiscal forecast](#), and at their meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 the **Town Council** will review the Finance Committee's recommendations.

The **2025 Arts & Culture Symposium** will be held on September 18 & 19. This year's theme, [Creative Econ is in Session](#), focuses on the intersection of creativity, economic development, and community building and will bring together artists, creative entrepreneurs, municipal leaders, and small businesses to explore how public art, pop-up programming, and creative placemaking can strengthen both cultural life and local economies. Keynote speakers include Allison Yee, CEO & Founder of [UpNext](#) & Lindsey Jaworek, [Economic Development Project Manager](#), [Marlborough MEDC](#). Please [click here](#) to register.

The Town's contractor, Massachusetts Broken Stone, started the **2025 Mill and Overlay Project** this week. The streets include Washington Street (#627-King St) / King Street (Washington St-495 ramps), Pond Street (#517-#874), and Grove Street (Bridge over Mine Brook - Beaver St). We'll be starting on Washington Street near Jefferson Road. This project will continue through the summer.

The **Department of Veterans' Services** will host a discussion of VA and State Survivor Benefits on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 9am at the Senior Center. Please RSVP by calling 508-613-1315. Also, save the date for a [Sheroes Luncheon](#) on Friday, October 17, 2025 at the Franklin Municipal Building to honor our female veterans. More details to follow!

Do you have questions concerning solicitation in Franklin? Solicitation is allowed as long as [Town By-Laws](#) are followed:

- Solicitors need to be registered with the Town and the Police Chief grants the required permits.
- Solicitors are allowed to solicit between the hours of 9 am and 7 pm or a half hour before sunset.
- Solicitors are allowed to walk to your front door and ring your doorbell.
- Solicitors are not allowed to enter on private property.
- Solicitors carry identification indicating their relationship to their organizations are expected to show it if requested.
- Solicitors are not required to wear company clothing, yellow vests, or drive company cars.

Typically solicitors contact the police department and the MECC ahead of going door to door in order to proactively inform law enforcement of their activity. When responding to solicitation calls from the public, officers check active solicitation permits to make sure companies are permitted. If they are not permitted, they are provided information on how to obtain a solicitation permit and are subject to a fine.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

At the Franklin Commission on Disability meeting this week, members Mary O'Neill and Randy Jay were surprised with an appreciation gathering recognizing their work on the Commission over many years.

A community campaign to nominate Franklin's own Children's Librarian **Caleigh Keating** "Librarian of the Year" is underway! The [Library Journal](#) is seeking nominations for the 37th annual Library Journal Librarian of the Year Award, sponsored by Baker & Taylor, to honor a professional librarian for outstanding achievement and accomplishments reflecting the loftiest service goals of the library profession. **Good luck Caleigh!**



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