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WEEKLY WRAP UP

The **Finance Committee** hosted a meeting on Monday, August 11, 2025 to discuss [budget amendments and a five-year fiscal forecast](#) and made recommendations to the Town Council on additional budget adjustments base on revised local aid numbers. On Wednesday, August 13, 2025 the **Town Council** voted on the Finance Committee's recommendations.

Franklin residents, **Saamy Jani & Andrew Bairos**, were recognized by the Town Council for their volunteer service to the Franklin community and their success as young entrepreneurs running a local Disc Jockey business know as SNND Events. Congratulations Saamy and Andrew!

Interested in running for office? The Biennial Town Election will take place on November 4, 2025. Please see the [Town Clerk's website](#) for more information.

At their meeting on August 13th, the Town Council approved the installation of a small sign at the entrance to Fletcher Field in recognition of **Nello P. Bassignani**, a lifelong resident of Franklin for his tireless efforts in serving Franklin's youth and countless hours of volunteerism over many years for a myriad of Franklin youth programs.

GATRA wants to hear from you! As they put together their 5-year regional comprehensive transit plan, GATRA is asking for feedback through a **GATRA Survey**. The survey closes on August 31, 2025.

The **Franklin Food Pantry** recently celebrated a donation from the BJ's Charitable Foundation of a new, larger, refrigerated Pantry truck which will enhance their capacity to transport food, helping them serve our community more effectively. With this generous donation, the Food Pantry was able to donate their current truck to the Natick Service Council. Congratulations Franklin Food Pantry!

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

National Grid will start implementing a "**Smart Meter**" project in Franklin over the next several months. This involves the installation of electric Smart Meters into homes and businesses of all customers. Please learn more here.

A community vigil, hosted by the **SAFE Coalition**, will take place on August 31 from 5-6pm at the Franklin Town Common for International **Overdose Awareness Day**. This annual event seeks to remember the individuals we've lost to addiction and recognize the individuals in our community grieving in the wake of this disease.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

After 26 years with the Department of Public Works, John "Jay Bird" Simons retired on August 1, 2025. He was recognized by the Town Council last week for his years of dedicated service to the Town. Thank you Jay Bird!



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