

# FRANKLIN FIRST



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DESI SWAG QUEENS PERFORM AT THE ARTS & CULTURE SYMPOSIUM - SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT DEAN COLLEGE GUIDREY CENTER

## ← WEEKLY WRAP UP

### 9/17/25 Town Council Meeting Highlights

[Link to YouTube Meeting Recording](#), [Link to Agenda](#)

**Residential Commercial Kitchens** –Public hearings were held on [two zoning bylaw amendments](#) relating to Residential Commercial Kitchens, and the Town Council voted to move them both to a second reading and final vote. [Click here](#) to learn more!

**Crossing Neighborhood District** – Public hearings were also held on [six zoning bylaw amendments](#) relating to the proposed Crossing Neighborhood District, and the Council voted to move them all to a second reading and final vote. Learn more about this exiting proposed district [here](#)!

**Early Voting** – The Town Council [voted to approve early voting by mail and in-person](#) for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Local Election. [Click here](#) for the early voting schedule.

#### Personnel Updates

**WELCOME ABOARD!** Police Patrol Officers **Jalen Samuels & Kyle Vaught** were sworn in as the newest members of the Franklin PD! And, it was announced that Franklin's new Director of Planning and Community Development, **Morena Zelaya**, will officially join us on September 29th!

**HAPPY RETIREMENT!** After 27 years, **Mike D'Angelo** has retired as Facilities Director. For nearly three decades Mike has been a tremendous asset to the Town and Schools of Franklin. Under his leadership our Town facilities have remained safe, clean and highly efficient, and his expertise as an engineer has led many building projects in Town to successful completion.

Additionally, **Maxine Kinhart** will be retiring at the end of this year from her position in the Department of Planning & Community Development. Throughout her 28 years as a valued Town employee, Maxine has worked in multiple departments, wearing several different hats, and for many years has been the Town's Affordable Housing expert.

We wish Mike and Maxine all the best in the next chapter!

**CONGRATULATIONS!** **Kevin Harn** has been promoted to Facilities Director, after serving in the Deputy role for the past several years. Congratulations on this well deserved promotion, Kevin!

**BON VOYAGE!** **Amy Frigulietti** will be leaving her position as Franklin's Deputy Town Administrator at the end of October. Amy has accomplished an incredible amount in the two years she has been part of the team, including her work on Town branding, the new Town website, the Franklin Crisis Action Team, Art Pharmacy, Opioid Settlement funds, and so much more. We will miss her, but wish her all the best in her new position "down the Cape". Good luck, Amy!



SWEARING IN OF PATROL OFFICERS  
JALEN SAMUELS & KYLE VAUGHT



## Grand Opening - Children's Museum of Franklin!

[Link to Children's Museum website](#)

Congratulations to community members Erin Gallagher and Meg Hagen and all who supported bringing their vision to life – Franklin's first ever Children's Museum! The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 17<sup>th</sup>, and the museum has officially opened its doors!



[franklinma.gov](http://franklinma.gov)

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### 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

On Thursday, September 11, 2025, the Town of Franklin held a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Franklin Fire Department to commemorate the 24th anniversary and honor the victims of the terrorist attacks. Never forget.

### Arts & Culture Symposium

The Regional Arts & Culture Symposium, organized by the Town of Franklin's Department of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy (DACCE), in collaboration with the Franklin Cultural District and the Franklin Cultural Council, was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. The symposium offers an opportunity for artists, cultural leaders, educators, and community members to collaborate, network and explore the vital role that arts and culture play in community development and economic growth. Congratulations to DACCE Director Cory Shea, the Cultural Council, and Cultural District Committee on this wonderful and successful event! Visit [FranklinCulture.org](http://FranklinCulture.org) to learn about Franklin's vibrant and growing art scene!



NIGHT 1 - ARTS & CULTURE SYMPOSIUM - LOCAL ART EXHIBIT - DESI SWAG QUEENS WITH TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JAMIE HELLEN, DACCE DIRECTOR CORY SHEA, & CULTURAL COUNCIL CHAIR JOHN RISTAINO

### WHAT'S AHEAD →

#### CIDARE Property Inspections - 9/22 - 10/11

[Click here for more information.](#)

This year, the Town has partnered with CIDARE to field collect and process data for 225 single family homes. Notification letters were mailed to each of the property owners on September 16th. The homes were identified for inspection as the result of a recently issued building permit or because we have not yet verified the construction associated with a prior issued permit.

#### 23rd Annual Harvest Festival 9/27, 12pm-5pm, Downtown Franklin

[Link to Downtown Partnership website.](#)

#### Police Station Open Houses - 9/23, 6pm & 10/5, 6pm, 911 Panther Way

[Link to New Police Station Project website](#)

#### Sheroes Luncheon - 10/17, 1pm, Municipal Building

##### CALLING ALL WOMEN VETERANS!

A Sheroes Luncheon will be held on October 17, 2025 from 11am to 1pm at Franklin Town Hall, 355 East Central Street - hosted by the EOVS Leadership Team and Franklin Veterans Services. Come learn about the 2025 Women Veterans Advisory Report and the HERO Act. Please RSVP by October 13 by calling 508-613-1315.

#### Biennial Local Election - 11/4

[Link to Voting in Franklin website.](#) [Link to the Town Clerk / Elections Division website](#)

**PUBLIC NOTICE!**

**Water Use Restrictions In Effect!**  
[Click Here for more information](#)

**Due to drought conditions, the following water uses are NOT allowed:**

- Lawn and landscape irrigation via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems
- Washing of vehicles (except at commercial car washes or for safety reasons)
- Washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways, or sidewalks

**The following water use is still allowed:**

- Handheld watering is permitted at any time, but not recommended between 9 AM and 5 PM

**EV Charging Stations Update!**  
Town Electric Vehicle Charging Stations will begin charging a fee on October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
[Click here for more information.](#)

**LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!**

Can you guess what the most popular dog name was in 2024?

To play, submit your guess by 4pm on October 15<sup>th</sup> to [TownClerk@FranklinMa.gov](mailto:TownClerk@FranklinMa.gov). Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners! For more information or if you have any questions, please visit the [Town Clerk's website](#) or call (508) 520-4900.



I'm guessing Ben!



I vote for Frankie!