

THE FRANKLIN CONNECTION



Franklin Senior Center's Monthly Newsletter
DECEMBER 2025

Franklin Senior Center

10 Daniel McCahill St
Franklin, MA 02038

508-520-4945

www.franklinma.gov/583/fsc

Office Hours

Monday – Friday
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Ben's Bounty Gift Shop

Monday – Friday
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Common Grounds Cafe

Monday – Friday
Breakfast 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Winter Wonderland

A COMMUNITY HOLIDAY EVENT

THURS, DEC 11
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Bring the family for an evening of holiday cheer! See the Senior Center decked out for the holidays, including live entertainment with Elvis, FFD touch-a-truck, cookies & hot cocoa, caricature artist, face painting, kid's crafts, photobooth, raffle baskets, and Santa Claus! The Senior Center gift shop will be open. The Senior Center Van will be available for rides.

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As we approach the end of 2025, I've found myself reflecting on everything our community has accomplished together this year. Through changing seasons, new challenges, and countless memorable moments, the Franklin Senior Center has continued to grow, adapt, and shine because of each one of you. Your participation, kindness, and resilience have shaped a year filled with connection and purpose.

December is always a special month here at the Center, and this year is no exception. We're looking forward to celebrating together at Winter Wonderland, one of our cherished community traditions, along with a variety of festive programs throughout the month. These events are wonderful reminders of the joy & togetherness that make this Center feel like home.

As the year winds down, it's also a natural time to pause and look ahead. As we begin imagining what 2026 can bring—new ideas, new programs, new dreams for our Center. I'm excited for the opportunities ahead. Your feedback and creativity continue to guide our vision, and I look forward to building another year of meaningful experiences together.

As the weather turns colder, please remember that we're here to support you. If you or someone you know needs extra help—whether it's staying warm, staying connected, or accessing resources—reach out to us. Our team is always ready to assist and make sure everyone has what they need to feel safe, supported, and included this season.

— Sarah Amaral, Director

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WHAT'S NEW?

Franklin Senior Center

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Volunteer Spotlight



To finish out 2025, our December Volunteer Spotlight shines on the **Busy Bees Craft Group!**

Since the 1980s, the Busy Bees have been meeting at the Franklin Senior Center every week, stitching, gluing, knitting, and creating beautiful handmade items — all with one purpose in mind: giving back to our community. Each December, their hard work culminates in the annual Busy Bees Holiday Bazaar, a much-loved tradition around here where their creations find new homes and raise funds that go right back into supporting the center. From cozy scarves to festive décor and one-of-a-kind crafts, every item tells a story of creativity and generosity.

We are deeply grateful for the Busy Bees' dedication and the countless hours they contribute to making our community brighter and stronger. Stop by the Craft Room to say hello — you might just get a peek at next year's projects in the making!

Senior Tax Work-Off Program

The Senior Tax Work-Off Program for 2026 will start accepting applications on Monday, December 1.

Applications will be available to pick-up at the Franklin Senior Center on Monday, December 1.

Applications will also be available online at: www.franklinma.gov/588

To participate in this program, you must submit an application every year.



WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY

for Seniors only

FRI, DEC 12

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Franklin United Methodist Church
82 West Central St,
Franklin MA

Seniors can get a FREE winter coat & FREE winter clothing!

The Senior Center Van available for rides to the Coat Drive, call to schedule a ride!

Meet Susan Thach



Everyone please give a warm welcome to the newest member of our team, **Susan Thach!**

Susan is our new Social Services Coordinator. She's from Worcester and brings over seven years of experience in social work, including four years with a non-profit, where she supported older adults and individuals with disabilities through referrals and care management.

She is passionate about advocating for those in need and promoting independence, dignity, and well-being. When she's not here, Susan enjoys board games, karaoke, and spending time with her sassy cat, Mittens.

We are so excited to welcome Susan aboard! Please stop by the front desk and say welcome!

04 SUPPORT CORNER

Franklin Senior Center

Dementia & Alzheimer's

Sunshine Club: The Senior Center hosts a daily Supportive Day Program, known as the Sunshine Club. This program provides a structured, supervised environment for older adults facing challenges such as mild to moderate dementia, cognitive decline, or social isolation.

For more information on the Sunshine Club, contact Kathleen or Amanda at (508) 520-4945



Alzheimer's Support Group: This group is tailored to supporting caregivers providing for their loved ones with dementia or Alzheimer's. Receive tips and education, as well as emotional and social support. **DATE CHANGE! The group will meet on Wed, Dec 10 & 17 at 4:00 PM.**

Memory Cafe: Join us on **Wednesday, December 17 at 1:00 PM** for this month's Memory Cafe! Live entertainment featuring Alex Connelly.

Memory Cafes are safe and inviting spaces for people experiencing memory loss, as well as for their families and caregivers. Join us for an hour of music, conversation, refreshments, and meaningful engagement. Registration appreciated! Please call the Senior Center at 508-520-4945 to register.

The entertainment and refreshments for this Memory Cafe are generously sponsored by Cornerstone at Milford, A Senior Living Residence.



Health & Wellness

The Senior Center provides basic healthcare with the **Town of Franklin Public Health Nurse**. Services include blood sugar testing, blood pressure testing, pulse oximetry testing, education, and more!

Public Health Nurse Office Hours:
Thursdays 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Caregiver Support Group: This support group focuses on a general caregiver's needs. Receive tips, support, and connection. The group meets the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM.

Pathway to Healing Bereavement Support: This bereavement support group is designed to help people in their journey of healing after a loved one passes. **DATE CHANGE! The group will meet on Wed, Dec 3 & 17 at 1:00 PM.**

Social Services

The Senior Center provides social services assistance to all Franklin residents with our **Social Services Coordinator**. Services include: housing assistance, referrals to home care agencies, career services, independent living communities, long-term care facilities, caregiver programs, pharmacy outreach programs, medical durable equipment, transportation services, behavioral health, and legal referrals.

Our coordinator can also assist with applications for public benefits including fuel assistance, SNAP, unemployment, social security, MassHealth, housing, and other related cost saving programs.

If you are in need of social services assistance, please call the Franklin Senior Center at (508) 520-4945 to book an appointment.

LOW VISION CORNER

Franklin Senior Center

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Audio Reading of the Newsletter (Conference)

Tuesday, December 2 at 1:00 PM

Audio Book Club (Conference Call)

Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00 PM

Skipping Christmas by John Grisham



Low Vision Support Group

Thursday, December 18 at 12:00 PM

Low Vision Assistive Technology with MABVI

Thursday, December 18 at 1:00 PM

**Conference Call
Phone #:
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Low Vision 1-on-1 appointments available! Call Dave Dunham, MABVI AT Deputy Director, at (508) 519-0411 to schedule



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06 DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Franklin Senior Center

Registration required, sign-up today!

50+ Job Seekers: Interviewing – Monday, December 1 at 1:30 PM

The 50+ Job Seekers offers guidance to help you navigate the unique challenges of job searching later in life. This session will focus on the interviewing process, with tips and tricks to interview successfully.

Southeastern MA Community Concert Band – Monday, December 1 at 7:00 PM

Join us for an evening of live holiday music and sweet treats! Free and open to the entire community!

Joe Landry Talk: Franklin Post Office – Wednesday, December 3 at 1:00 PM

This month's presentation will be on the Post Office in Franklin. Join Joe to explore the history of how the Post Office evolved from the town's beginning up until the 1970's.

Spanish Class – Wednesday, December 3, 10, & 17 at 1:00 PM

This instructor-led session features guided practice and active learning. Whether you're building confidence or brushing up on your skills, this class offers a supportive environment to grow your Spanish proficiency.

Spanish Conversation – Wednesday, December 3, 10, & 17 at 2:00 PM

Everyone with an interest in Spanish is welcome! Continue your language skills this group conversation series.

Felted Winter Countryside Craft – Thursday, December 4 from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Craft a charming winter scene featuring a cozy home in a snowy countryside. Learn the joy of needle felting with Pop up Art School in a friendly environment. You'll gain the basic skills of needle felting, walking away with a finished piece, and the confidence to continue your felting journey independently.

Learn to Crochet with Amanda – Tuesday, December 9 at 1:00 PM

Our Crochet series continues, and no need to have attended the first class! This beginner-friendly class will teach you basic stitches and how to read crochet patterns. Maximum of 10 participants, please sign-up!

7 Winter Home Safety Tips for Older Adults – Tuesday, December 9 at 1:00 PM

Winter weather can pose serious risks for older adults, especially when it comes to cold temperatures, slippery conditions, and power outages. Join Gabrielle from Advanced Home Care to learn about 7 tips to remain safe at home during winter weather seasons!

50+ Job Seekers: Holiday Motivation – Monday, December 15 at 1:30 PM

This session will focus on staying motivated during the holidays, and tips continue your forward momentum.

The Art of Saying No: Neuroscience Insights of People Pleasing – Tuesday, December 16 at 1:00 PM

Why is it so hard to say no—and what's happening in the brain when we do? This eye-opening talk explores the neuroscience behind people-pleasing, including the roles of empathy circuits, stress responses, and social bonding chemicals like oxytocin. Learn how brain patterns can be rewired to support healthy boundaries, self-respect, and authentic connection.

Reiki Meditation – Wednesday, December 17 at 12:30 PM

Join Sharon as she shares a guided meditation and group Reiki session. Learn how Reiki can open new ways of welcoming an abundance of joy, kindness, and peace into your life!

Christmas Karaoke Sing-a-Long – Friday, December 19 at 2:00 PM

Join us for festive karaoke! Get in the spirit by singing holiday favorites with friends—plus holiday mocktails!

MORE DECEMBER PROGRAMS 07

Franklin Senior Center



BUSY BEES 

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Handmade crafts for holiday gifts, your home, and your loved ones!

TUES. DEC 2 & WED. DEC 3
9:30 AM - 1:00 PM



SOUTHEASTERN MA COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Monday, December 1
at 7:00 PM

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC AND SWEET TREATS! FREE AND OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!

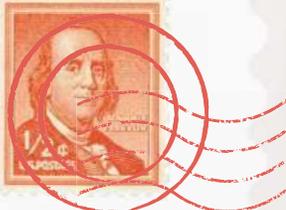


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JOE LANDRY TALK: FRANKLIN POST OFFICE

DATE: WED, DEC 3

TIME: 1:00 PM



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7 Winter Home Safety Tips for Older Adults

DATE: TUES, DEC 9
TIME: 1:00 PM



SPANISH CLASS & CONVERSATION

WED, DEC 3, 10, & 17
AT 1 PM & 2 PM

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DECEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Franklin Senior Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>01</p> <p>9:30 Steve Avellino \$42/srs 9:30 Italian Novel Reading 10:00 Poker 11:00 Line Dancing \$4 12:30 American Mah Jong 1:00 Page Turners Book Club 1:00 Trivia 1:00 Chair Volleyball 1:00 Watercolor \$75/series 1:15 Movie Matinee: The Nutcracker Ballet 1:30 50+ Job Seekers: Interviewing 4:00 Pool Night 7:00 Southeastern MA Community Concert Band</p>	<p>02</p> <p>9:00 Cribbage 9:30 Low Impact Exercise \$4 9:30 Busy Bees Craft Group 9:30 Hand & Foot Game 10:30 Senior Players 11:15 Cardio, Strength, and Balance (CSB) \$4 1:00 BINGO 1:00 Chess 1:00 Audio Reading of December's Newsletter 1:00 Learn to Play Cribbage 1:00 Quilting Busy Bees Bazaar 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM</p>	<p>03</p> <p>9:00 Walking Group 10:00 Vets Coffee Social 10:00 Chair Yoga \$4 10:00 Knitting 10:00 Scrabble 10:00 Asian Mah Jong 11:00 Cardio Fusion \$4 12:00 Bridge 1:00 Joe Landry Talk: Franklin Post Office 1:00 Pokeno 1:00 Spanish Class 2:00 Spanish Conversation 1:00 Bereavement Support Busy Bees Bazaar 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM</p>	<p>04</p> <p>9:00 Cribbage 9:30 Low Impact Exercise \$4 10:00 Discussion Group 10:15 Bible Study 11:15 Cardio, Strength, and Balance (CSB) \$4 1:00 Caregiver Support 1:00 BINGO 1:00 Tai Chi \$4 1:00 Felted Winter Countryside Craft 1:00 Cribbage 4:00 Pool Night</p>	<p>05</p> <p>9:00 FSC Van Trip: Roger Williams Park 9:30 Simply Fit \$4 9:30 Hand & Foot Game 10:00 Wood Carving Group 10:00 Political Discussion 12:30 T.O.P.S. 1:00 Pokeno 1:00 Diamond Art 2:00 Silvertones Singing</p>
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10 REGULAR PROGRAMS

Franklin Senior Center



50+ JOB SEEKERS IN MA



STATEWIDE NETWORKING GROUP

Interviewing

Monday, December 1 at 1:30 PM

Holiday Motivation

Monday, December 15 at 1:30 PM

Richard Frongillo from Tinetrix presents:

TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

Tues, December 9 & 23
at 9:30 AM

The Art of Saying No:

Neuroscience Insights of
People Pleasing

with neuroscientist Kymberlee O'Brien



Tues, Dec 16
at 1 PM



This program is made possible by a generous grant from the Franklin Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

DRUM CIRCLE



DEC 18

1:30 PM

FITNESS

Steve Avellino PT

\$42 for 6-week series
Join Steve Avellino for effective and practical physical therapy

Line Dancing \$4

Kick up your heels with Steve Cavanaugh in a fun, group line dance!

Chair Volleyball free

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Walking Group free

Meet at the Senior Center to join the group for conversation and a stroll!

Low Impact \$4

Enjoy the benefits of exercise while minimizing stress on your joints

Cardio, Strength, and Balance \$4

Combining light cardio with strength and balance training

Chair Yoga \$4

Gentle yoga poses done seated or using a chair for balance

T.O.P.S. \$1

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
Weight loss support group with education & resources

Cardio Fusion \$4

Join Judi for a mash-up of cardio, drumming, and balance exercises!

Tai Chi \$4

Gentle exercise with slow movements, controlled breathing, and a meditative state of mind

Simply Fit \$4

Simple and low impact!
Strength and balance training combined with a core work-out

Exercise Room free

The Senior Center has a fully equipped exercise room. Doctor's clearance required, forms at center

FSC VAN & MORE DECEMBER

Franklin Senior Center

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Senior Center Van

The Franklin Senior Center Van is available for rides Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. To schedule, call the center and ask for Emily!

The FSC Van provides our senior community with transport to a variety of locations including:

- Medical appointments
- Shopping trips
- Local errands
- Social events
- Senior Center activities
- and more!



Trips must be scheduled 48 hours in advance.

Van is available to Franklin residents only.

Flexible scheduling. Wheelchair and walker accessible.

Drivers are trained in assisting seniors and are equipped to handle mobility aids.

SENIOR CENTER VAN TRIP

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK WALK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

BUS DEPARTS FSC AT 9 AM

Hop on the van and take a ride to Roger Williams Park! Join us for a crisp walk, followed by lunch at Cibo Matto Caffe.

PLEASE DRESS IN WARM LAYERS AND WEAR COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES. VAN RIDE IS \$5, MEMBER PAYS FOR THEIR LUNCH.

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Thurs, Dec 4
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Intro to Amigurumi

Crochet



WITH
AMANDA!

Tues, December 9
at 1:00 PM



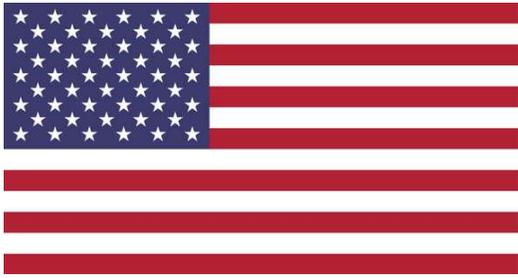
Reiki Meditation

with Sharon

Wed, Dec 17 at 12:30 PM

12 VETERANS' CORNER

Franklin Senior Center



The Town of Franklin Department of Veterans' Services offers assistance to any Franklin resident who has served the country in the United States Armed Forces and who may be entitled to receive benefits from local, state, or federal agencies. Our department also serves spouses and dependents of Veterans who reside in Franklin. Our goal is to provide services with the dignity and respect our Veterans have earned through their service to our country.

December 3 – Veterans' Monthly Coffee Social – 10:00 AM at the Franklin Senior Center. Socials are held the first Wednesday of the month. Franklin Federated Church members will be bringing goodies to the Social. All Veterans are invited to join us for some holiday cheer!

December 7 – National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day – is an annual observance to honor the 2,403 U.S. service members killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

December 13 – U.S. National Guard's 389th Birthday – The National Guard is the oldest military organization in America.

December 13 – National Wreaths Across America Day – Wreath-laying ceremonies at Veterans' cemeteries, memorials and historic sites will be held at 4,000+ locations nationwide. To sponsor a wreath, volunteer or partner with this group on National Wreaths Across America Day, and every day, go to: www.wreathsassamerica.org

December 20 – U.S. Space Force's 6th Birthday – As the newest branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, it was created in 2019 to focus on the national security imperative of space and is organized under the Department of the Air Force.

There will be no Veterans' Council meeting in December.

The Tune It Out Guitar Lessons program for Veterans meets on Tuesdays at 5:30 PM at the Senior Center. There is no charge for lessons and no guitar experience is required. We have guitars! Call to register.

Warrior Within Yoga for Veterans and First Responders meets on Thursdays at 4:00 PM at the Senior Center. There is no charge for classes. Call to register.

Tune It Tune It Out will not meet on 12/23/25 & 12/30/25. Yoga will not meet on 12/25/25 and 1/1/26.

The next engraved brick installation on the Veterans Memorial Walkway is scheduled to coincide with Memorial Day. Brick orders are now being accepted for the May 2026 installation.

FHS National Honor Society members volunteered at the annual Veterans' Day Luncheon at the Franklin Elks Lodge on 11/11/25.



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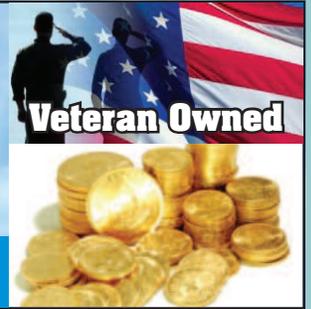
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A Message from FOFE President

I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday, survived Black Friday, and that local businesses had a successful Small Business Saturday. It always feels as if this time of year goes at warp speed! But whatever traditions you observe, the FOFE board members wish everyone a happy, peaceful holiday season, and a healthy 2026.

– Jean Tolland, President

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