



Downtown Franklin

Franklin's downtown center is the heart and soul of our community. Uniquely situated and rich in heritage, Downtown Franklin is a lively New England village center where residents and visitors gather, shop, dine, and enjoy.

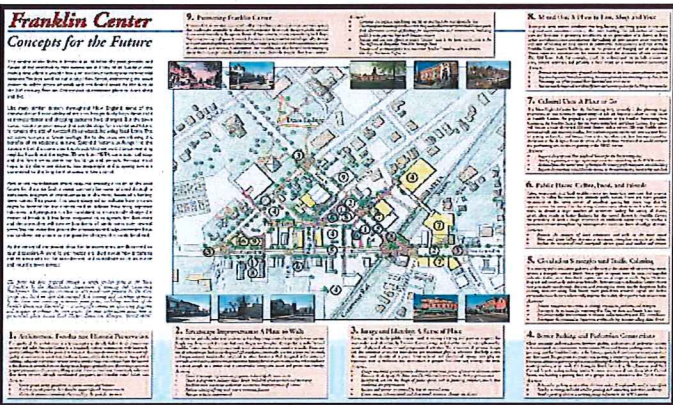
Entertainment and Culture

Downtown is the heart of entertainment and culture for Franklin. In addition to the dozens of locally owned restaurants and businesses, events are held year round including the 4th of July Celebration, farmers market, and the Franklin Downtown Partnerships' Strawberry Festival, Harvest Festival, and Holiday Stroll. Downtown is also home to many artistic organizations including the Franklin School of Performing Arts and Franklin Art Association. Downtown Franklin is also home to the Franklin Performing Art Company's new *Black Box Theater*, which opened in 2014.

History and Community

Franklin is home to an old fashioned downtown, with its roots tracing back to colonial times. Downtown is home to several historic landmarks including the Red Brick School and Ray Memorial Library as well as two historic districts: Franklin Dean Junior College Historical District and the Franklin Common Historical District. The area is home to several educational institutions ranging from elementary schools to Dean College as well as the Senior Center; all of which make Franklin an ideal location for people of all ages and different types of families.

Downtown Projects



The Town of Franklin is constantly working on development projects in an effort to maintain and improve upon the vitality and aesthetics of Downtown. Since the development of the 2003 *Franklin Center Plan* the Town has constructed a new Fire Station, Senior Center, and a new Historical Museum. Currently, the Town is in the midst of a \$7.25 million Roadway & Streetscape Improvement Project to improve traffic flow and for the beautification of the Streetscape.



Connectivity

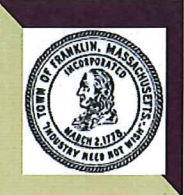
Downtown is not only a place of leisure and entertainment but it also has a wide variety of housing opportunities. Franklin has two MBTA stops, one in the heart of Downtown, as well as two exits on I-495, which facilitate travel between Boston, Providence, and Worcester.



Franklin's central location makes traveling within the region easy whether you live, work in, or are just visiting Franklin.

Franklin Downtown Partnership

The Downtown Partnership is a collaboration of community leaders, businesses, and residents interested in revitalizing Downtown Franklin into an exciting, vibrant environment rich with opportunity. The Partnership works to help attract and secure new businesses, investors, and developers who embrace the vision of Downtown Franklin, organize events that bring people Downtown and promote Downtown Franklin as a gathering place, help the Town seek funding that supports Downtown revitalization and investment, and assist with planning and beautification projects.



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