

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY GAZETTE



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday May 13, 2023 Fishing Derby
10am (5-14-2023 Rain Date)

Community Day, TBA

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday,
Township Committee Meetings held
at the Franklin Township Elementary
school until further notice.

Work continues on the new municipal
building and we are expected to get
state approval on the corrections
area.

Work is continuing on the new Rt 78
access point.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success, thank you to all who attended and put it together!

Check out the community Facebook page for pictures!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/529778860521872/permalink/2537089726457432/>



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FISHING DERBY

MAY 13 (RAIN DATE MAY 14)

BRUNNER FARM, 94 AIRPORT ROAD, PITTSTOWN

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY EMAILING RANDYBRUNNER@GMAIL.COM WITH THE NAME AND GRADE OF EACH CHILD ATTENDING AND PUTTING "FISHING DERBY" IN SUBJECT LINE.

WALK-INS WILL NOT BE ADMITTED

SIGN IN BEGIN AT 10AM
FISHING WILL BEGIN AT 11AM
PRIZES AWARDED AT 1PM

OPEN TO SCHOOL AGE RESIDENTS OF FRANKLN TWNSHP

PRIZE CATEGORIES

BEST FISHING ATTIRE
BIGGEST FISH PER AGE GROUP
MOST FISH / FIRST FISH CAUGHT

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

MAYOR'S CORNER



Happy Spring, Franklin Township! I start this newsletter by hoping that all of the residents of Franklin are safe and doing well.

I would like to thank the 2023 Franklin Township Committee for their renewed confidence in appointing me as Mayor again for 2023. As I enter my 6th year on the Township Committee and my 4th year as Mayor, I hope I have earned your confidence as I seek to serve on the Franklin Township Committee again in 2024. I hope we can accomplish much for the benefit of the residents of this great township.

Deanna Seiple joined the committee this year, and I look forward to working with her. Her first task was to re-vamp the Township Newsletter, which is an excellent step in getting more residents involved and updated with the accomplishments and various events happening right here in Franklin Township. Diane Burgess has “retired” from the Township Committee but is still involved with leading the Township Environment Commission. She has assembled a great team of volunteers to conduct several events throughout the year and showcase the beauty of Franklin Township. The other members of the Township Committee are Mike Homulak (Deputy Mayor), Craig Repmann, and Sebastian Donaruma. We all look forward to helping guide this township fiscally and environmentally by balancing the need for development and preservation. We recently presented our 2023 annual budget and will have our final hearing and adoption at our next Township Committee Meeting at 7:30pm on April 27th at the Franklin Township School. Please contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

As stated, our committee meetings will be held at the Franklin Township School for the remainder of this year while we complete the renovations of our New Township Municipal Building. If you didn’t know, back in 2020, the township purchased the Faith Wesleyan Church property on 43 Lower Landsdown Road to relocate the Township Municipal Building. The property is approx. 18+ acres with an approx. 9,000 square foot building. We will relocate the entire municipal administration staff and the Police Department to the new building. We had to receive approval and meet the requirements of the New Jersey Department of Corrections to make the move, and that, along with the COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns, has put us behind schedule in completing this process. We are confident it will be smooth sailing once the contractors are selected. (One can wish, can’t they?!) We are just about ready to start the bidding process for the renovations, and I’ll inform you all where we stand after that.

We look forward to hosting the various township events at the new Municipal Building.

Please reach out to me or any other committee member if you have any questions or concerns. For further information and any updates, please visit the township website: franklin-twp.org.

Franklin Township, Hunterdon County...the only Franklin Township that matters.

Philip Koury

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PD

NOTES FROM THE CHIEF

House Checks

With summer around the corner, many of us are getting ready for our vacations. The Franklin Township Police Department would like to remind residents not to forget to call and set up a house while they're away. Below are the steps for setting up a house check.

Call the police dispatch number, 908-782-9594 and give the dispatcher the following information.

- The address for the house check, the duration you will be away for and if your property has an alarm system.
- If any vehicles will be parked outside the residence.
- If anyone will be checking on the residence while your away and emergency contact information; name(s) and contact number(s).
- Your contact number(s) in case we need to reach you.
- If any lights are on timers.
- Any other pertinent information that you wish to pass on.

This service that we offer is a great piece of mind for while your away, so you can fully enjoy yourself while your away.

The police department would like to remind and suggest to the residents to keep their house and vehicles locked at night and when they are at work or away. Also, utilizing multiple timers for lights that are on staggered times.

On behalf of the Franklin Township Police Department, we wish the residents a happy and safe summer.

Chief Timothy Snyder Jr.
Franklin Township Police Department

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New Hire

The police department has recently hired one officer to replace a vacancy in the department.

Patrolman Damjan Nef was sworn in as a Police Officer for Franklin Township on April 27th, 2023. Damjan has prior law enforcement experience. He was a Class II Police Officer for North Wildwood Police Department and then was employed as a full-time police officer in Greenwich Township Police Department. Damjan is multilingual and speaks English, Croatian, Serbian. Damjan is an outgoing, professional young man that will fit in well with our department and our community.

Chief Timothy Snyder Jr.
Franklin Township Police Department

Contact

Chief: Timothy Snyder
Non Emergency (908) 735-6508
email: police@franklin-twp.org



FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHAT'S HAPPENING

In recognition of National Volunteer Week (April 16-22), QFC would like to introduce our newest volunteers, both who are just a few weeks away from the completion of their FF 1 recruit training and both, who understand the rewards and value of volunteering thanks to family.

Roy Emerson (right) brings to QFC his experience as a Army Ranger to help push himself to succeed as a new member. Roy, a Franklin Twp, joins his son Dagon as a volunteer at QFC.

Gavin Cortellesi has literally spent his entire life with exposure to Quakertown Emergency Services but it was in 2023 when his role switched from kitchen helper to prospective firefighter. Gavin, an Alexandria Twp resident, joins his Mom and Dad (Deb and Paul) as the next generation of neighbors helping neighbors in “our town”.

QFC continues to grow our “family” literally and invites you to see why generations of families have worked together to protect the citizens and visitors to the Quakertown area.

Contact

(908) 735-5220

president@quakertownfire.com



SPOTLIGHT ON SCHOOL



Congratulations to the FTS Soccer and Cross Country Teams on their Championship Seasons!

Franklin Township Elementary has been focusing on teaching children online safety and the latest issue of the Paw Pride expands on this topic for families.



BOE Meetings
Monday, April 24, 2023 BUDGET
Monday, May 22, 2023
Monday, June 19, 2023
Monday, August 21, 2023



Karen Sutton, President
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