

FRANKLIN FACTS

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VOLUNTARY SEPTIC REGISTRATION

A new form that all Franklin Property Owners can use to voluntarily register their respective septic systems within the Township, is on page 3. Our 2009 Law (Ordinance #2009-09) requires the Township establish and maintain a database of all active septic systems. While the registration is not “required” of our Property Owners, we are respectfully asking for Property Owners to voluntarily do so now. Strong Citizen-participation will assure reliable information, a quicker database assembly, and better serve the public health, safety and general welfare of our community.

Why are we doing this?

- (1) There are about 1,200 septic systems within the Township and there is only one water supply available: our ground water.
- (2) Our ground water is not yet contaminated and we’d like to do what we can to keep it from becoming contaminated.
- (3) Studies of the Township geology’s septic suitability and saturation capacity make it clear that if the majority of our Property Owners practice reasonable septic system care, our chances to sustain our ground water supply is improved.
- (4) If our ground water becomes undrinkable, the replacement cost will be expensive,

a tragedy and it will bring unwanted changes.

There is no penalty if a Property Owner fails to register a septic system with us. We believe the majority of our Citizens are sufficiently concerned about our water quality and they will choose to cooperate with this project because it is the right thing to do. The Township will not use the information provided other than for assembling the database and as per the Law.

Our goal for the database will be to begin reaching out to Property Owners to bring about a Township-wide plan for all Property owners to practice reasonable septic system care. The law’s goal is to have every Property Owner responsibly have their septic system pumped out routinely (let us know your timetable) and to maintain it properly. The law recommends pumping out an active septic system every 3 years, but there are many exceptions (See Ordinance # 2009-09 at www.franklin-twp.org).

We would like as many participants as possible to protect our one ground water. Thank you for registering your septic with us.

Franklin Township 2010 Summer Recreation program will be held from Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 23rd, at The Clinton Elks on Sidney Road. It’s a free two week program for K–8th grade township children. Activities include arts & crafts, outdoor play, board games and other specials which make for a fun filled time. The program runs rain or shine, but in the case of thunder or lightning, the program is cancelled for that day. Counselors–In–Training are still needed. Anyone interested can pick up an application at the municipal building. For residents who have any talents or skills they’d like to share with the children during the program, please contact Joanne Hyland at 730-7912.

COMMUNITY WELL TESTING PROGRAM

Drinking water which comes from a well, as it does for Franklin Township residents, should be tested at least once a year.

To help facilitate the process, Franklin’s Environmental Commission and South Branch Watershed Association (SBWA) are jointly sponsoring a Community Well Testing Program that runs for a total of 10 days.

Test kits can be purchased during this time at the Municipal Building starting Wednesday, June 2 through Tuesday, June 15th between 9am and 4pm. Water samples must be returned on Wednesday, **June 16th, only,** between 9:00 and 10:00am.

Complete instructions are in each kit.

Cost of the basic kit, which tests for Coliform Bacteria with Fecal Coliform Confirmation and Nitrates is \$50. Additional tests are available. Lead is \$25; Iron is \$15; Manganese \$15; Arsenic \$35; Volatile Organics \$90; and Pesticides \$130.

Water testing is performed by Garden State Laboratories, a New Jersey certified laboratory. All test results are reported directly and confidentially to the resident.

Information on SBWA, a non-profit organization is available at www.sbwa.org. The main number for SBWA is 908.782.0422.

SENIOR NEWS

MEETINGS

2nd Wed. at the Firehouse at 2pm unless noted otherwise. Free membership is open to all Franklin seniors.

Please remember to bring food items for the Quakertown Methodist Food pantry.

June 9 - 2:00pm

New Jersey Consumer Awareness presentation.

July 14 - 2:00pm

Floral Arrangements by Chris Ondrack of The Gilded Lily.

August 11 - 2:00pm

Sing Along

TRIP - Tues. Sept. 14

A trip to Lancaster, PA to see 'Joseph' at Sight and Sound. Contact Edith Walton at 735-8834. Cost is \$75.00

ARCHIVE DONATION

Richard Callahan, a communication specialist in Islamorada, FL, found a 73/4 by 6inch Centennial Scrap Book in an antique trunk he purchased in Orange, MA, around 1970. The book's original owner was obvious from the handwritten first page: Willis Vail, Quakertown, New Jersey. Mr. Callahan researched Vail on the Internet, and sent the book home to Franklin. Vail lived here his entire life, 1868-1951.

The scrap book has 40 pages filled to capacity with poems, news articles and pictures cut from newspapers and magazines and mounted in the book with some Victorian stickers. The only dates found in the scrapbook are 1871, 1878 and 1883 on three articles. Subjects of the clips vary across nature, Japanese shoes, the 1880 census and more. Several reveal his career and interest in civil engineering.

QUAKERTOWN FIRE COMPANY UPDATE

In the first four months of 2010, Quakertown Fire Company (QFC) was dispatched to 143 calls for service.

This number includes emergency medical calls, as well as all fire activities. QFC had at least one crew respond to all 143 calls. The busiest day of the year so far was Saturday, March 13 with 15 calls for service, due to the high winds from a Nor Easter.

As of November 24, 2009, QFC is the lead agency for all emergency medical services in the township.

Since December, 2009, the Quakertown Fire Company Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has treated or transported over 50 patients here in Franklin Township.

QFC EMS does NOT charge for any service performed and is an ALL-volunteer operation.

The Quakertown Fire Company is planning to hold an "Oktoberfest" event on Saturday, October 2nd, from 3:00 to 9:00pm, and will include live entertainment. It's a fundraiser for QFC and QFC EMS. Tickets may be purchased by calling the QFC main number 735- 5220.

As always, the Quakertown Fire Company is looking for positive, progressive community volunteers to help with this growing organization. The fire company has the following membership classes: firefighter, driver, EMT/CFR, Rescue and Associate.

An Associate Member is non-operational and can help out in various ways, especially as the fire company has had to increase its fundraising efforts.

For further information, please visit our website at www.quakertownfire.com. You may email us at feedback@quakertownfire.com or contact us by telephone at 908-735-5220.

D.A.R.E./PUBLIC SAFETY DAY # 6

Franklin Township Police Department will be hosting its Sixth Annual D.A.R.E./Public Safety Day on Saturday, July 24th from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the Clinton Elks Lodge, on Sidney Road, across the street from the Municipal Building.

Emergency vehicles will be on display from local police, fire, EMS and other state and county emergency response agencies. Kids always like to explore the equipment.

A fun day is planned for all with food, pony rides, a petting zoo, games, prizes and even a DJ. All Franklin residents are invited to attend and feel free to bring friends along.

The event will take place rain or shine.

If you should have any questions, please contact Director Ken Mandoli, at 735-6508.

FRANKLIN THEATRE WORKSHOP

Franklin Theatre Works will offer three workshops this summer.

The Vocal Intensive Workshop will run from Monday July 5 to 10. Maeve Pambianchi will collaborate with professional voice teachers Steven Snow and Alejandra Garrido to provide an intensive workshop for serious students, age 14 and older, to develop their vocal talent, stage presence and acting ability. The five-day workshop will culminate with a free concert for family and friends.

The Acting Intensive Workshop with Maeve Pambianchi will run from Monday July 26

to Wednesday, August 18. This four-week workshop is for serious participants, age 13 to 18, and will end in a performance showcase.

The Theatre Arts and Performance Workshop, for students age 9 to 12, will run from Monday June 28 to Wednesday July 14 and will focus on acting, theatre dance and chorus, ending with a free performance.

For a brochure and registration package please visit www.ftwetnj.org

Township of Franklin, Hunterdon County

Voluntary Property Owner Registration for "ISSDS" "Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal System"

In 2009 the Township adopted Ordinance 2009-09 which requires the Township to establish and maintain a database of all active ISSDS's within the Township. Please help us keep Franklin's water clean. Please complete the following form, clip it out and mail it / drop it off at the municipal building to:

Franklin Township Municipal Building
ATTN: Septic Coordinator
202 Sidney Road, Pittstown, NJ 08867

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Date _____
Street Address _____ Block Number _____ Lot Number _____
Email Address _____

Property Description (check appropriate box):

Residential
(Single Person)

Residential
(Two People)

Residential
(more than two)

Commercial
(how many employees?)

Neighborhood Business
(how many employees?)

If residential, number of bedrooms:

1

2

3

4 or more

Number of occupants:

1

2

3

4 or more

Sewage Disposal System Description (check appropriate box):

Type of System:

Septic

Cesspool

Other

System Size, age and location of your system at the property:

Please describe your system (in general) and when last pumped—out :

Thank you!

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MUNICIPAL BLDG. HOURS
Mon-Fri: 9am - 4pm
Tue: 7- 9pm

Main Office: 908-735-5215
Fax: 908-735-7598
Email for Municipal Clerk:
ftclerk@franklin-twp.org

TELEPHONE EXTENSIONS

Municipal Clerk: x 16
Ursula Stryker, RMC

Clerical Assistant: x 10
Susan Dean

Const/Bldg Official: 735-5343
Mark Fornaciari, ICS
Jean Bahlman, Cert. Tech.Asst.

Land Use Board Clerk: x 18
Jean Beischer

Police Office: 735-6508
Police Dispatcher: 782-9594

Tax Assessor: x 13
Mary Mastro, CTA, SCGRE

Tax Collector: 735-6609
Linda Swackhamer, CTC
Tue & Thurs 12 to 3pm

Zoning & Health Off: x 14
John Barczyk

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

NIXLE ~COMMUNITY SERVICE SYSTEM



**Franklin
Township**

202 Sidney Road
Pittstown, NJ 08867

Township Committee
Linda Jacukowicz, Mayor
Robert McGeary,
Deputy Mayor
Scott Bauman
Robert Shockley
Steven Tarshis

The Franklin Township Police Department and Office of Emergency Management has created an account with a new community service system called *Nixle* to help notify residents about any up-to-the-minute alerts, advisories, or other important community-related information.

This is a very important service!

The Township is encouraging all residents who have cell phones and/or internet access to sign up for this FREE service.

Simply visit: <http://www.nixle.com/>.

Registering with Nixle enables residents to receive official community information from the townships police department, fire department, and or other public safety and municipal agencies.

Examples of information delivered through the Municipal Wire in a specific location may include a notification from the local police department in regard to neighborhood public safety, a message from the mayor, or information about a last minute cancellation of a municipal event.

NOTE: The service is free to the township and its residents. However, if residents sign up to receive their information via text message, then text message rates will apply. Alternatively, residents have the option of viewing free updates online-only at www.nixle.com.

If you have questions about, or require assistance in signing up for this service, please contact Director Ken Mandoli at Franklin Township Police Department 908-735-6508.

Primary Election
Tuesday, June 8, 2010
Polling Place - Quakertown Fire Company 6:00am - 8:00pm