

FRANKLIN FACTS

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GENERAL ELECTION-NOVEMBER 2, 2010

The next general election is Tuesday, November 2. Polls will be open from 6:00am to 8:00pm at the Quakertown Firehouse.

Tuesday, October 12, is the last day to register to vote in the General Election, and/or change your residence or your name. To make any changes, go to the Election Board in Building 5A at the County Complex, Route 12 in Flemington, Monday through Friday, 8:30am till 4:30pm.

In New Jersey, any voter can now vote by mail in any election. *You do not need a reason to vote by mail.* It's your choice – but remember, once a Mail-in-Ballot has been accepted, you cannot vote at the polls.

Mail-in Ballot applications are available from both County Clerk Mary Melfi, 71 Main Street in Flemington or Township Clerk Ursula Stryker. To receive your ballot by mail, an application MUST be received in the County Clerk's office by Tuesday, October 26.

If you miss that deadline or a sudden change of plans occur that affect your ability to go to the polls, you are required to apply for a ballot in person at the County Clerk's office in the Hall of Records in Flemington.

Monday, November 1st is the last day to apply at the County Clerk's Office in person for a Mail-In Ballot for the General Election.

County Clerk Mary Melfi will answer any questions you may have regarding the election process. Call her at 788-1214 or visit her website at www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/countyclerk.htm.

As of August 11, 2010, Franklin Township has 2,169 registered voters.

In the November 2010 election, offices on the ballot are: US House of Representatives, one unexpired Freeholder seat, two full-term (3 Yr.) Freeholder seats and two seats on Franklin Township's Committee.

Sample ballots will be mailed to all voters one week before the election.

FREE Rabies Clinic Saturday, November 6

Dog and cat owners, mark your calendar for Franklin's free rabies clinic scheduled for Saturday, November 6th from 1:00pm till 3:00pm, at the Municipal Garage, 85 Locust Grove Road.

The clinic is sponsored by the county and municipal Board of Health.

Dr. Suzanne Smith will be administering the rabies vaccination.

Remember to keep your dog (s) on a leash and your cat in an enclosed container. Licenses are not issued at the clinic.

REGISTER WITH FIRE PREVENTION

The Bureau of Fire Prevention is charged with registering all business and rental units within Franklin. If you own or run a business, have a commercial horse farm, or rent one or more dwelling units, you must register with the Bureau of Fire Prevention.

Failure to register could result in an Order to Pay Penalty in the amount double the registration fee, or a summons being issued. Make fire prevention a priority.

Registration forms may be picked up from Fire Marshal Bill Majewski at the Bureau in the Quakertown Fire House any Thursday between 3:00pm and 4:30pm.

You also may request the form by email at fyrmarshal_911@yahoo.com. The form must be completed and returned within 30 days from the time you receive it.

Here are some pointers for the Fall:

With the rising cost of fuel, be careful with using alternate heating sources and follow the manufacturers' instructions.

Have your furnace checked and serviced before the heating season.

Have your chimney cleaned and inspected before the first use. Chimneys are not designed to be exposed to flames. They are for the removal of smoke and gases.

NEW KINDERGARTNERS 'GETTING TO KNOW YOU' PROGRAM STARTS JAN 2011

Franklin Township School sponsors a free program for children entering kindergarten in the fall of 2011.

They meet every other Tuesday, 9am -10:30am, starting January 4th through May 10th.

Registration is required.

Contact Christine Thompson, Program Coordinator by telephone, 284-1147 or email: cthompson68@comcast.net.

Forms will be available at the school and the municipal building. The preschoolers and their parents will have a chance to meet each other in an informal and comfortable setting.

PRE-SCHOOL INTEGRATED AND KINDERGARTEN WRAP-AROUND PROGRAM

Franklin Township School is happy to announce the opening of its Pre-school Integrated Program and Kindergarten Wrap-Around Program.

These programs are designed to reinforce and enhance a child's early learning experience by including developmentally appropriate academic concepts such as language development, number logic, reading, writing and classifying combined with fun-filled academic and movement activities.

Both programs combine structure with unplanned learning experiences that foster appropriate learning outcomes in the academic, social and emotional realms. Through its highly qualified staff and small size, these programs can capitalize on the unique abilities and interests of all children enrolled.

Registration forms and additional information for both programs can be found on the school's website at www.fts.school.org.

QFC ACTIVITIES, DISPOSE OF RAGS

Over the past three months, QFC has battled significant fires in buildings in Alexandria Township caused by the improper disposal of rags used to stain wood.

Please take care to dispose of these rags properly. Place them in a metal container with a metal lid, away from other combustibles. Do not store in a pile.

Quakertown Fire Company will be hosting a number of different events over the next few months to aid our emergency service activities.

In the month of September, QFC will host a Mum Flower Sale on Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, Sept. 12. A traditional chicken barbecue is being planned for September 11 beginning at 11:00am, until they are sold out. The cost is \$8.00 and the dinner includes a half chicken and two sides.

An Oktoberfest celebration is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd from 4 to 9:00pm at

the fire station. Various beer and wine tasting will be offered under the direction of our friends at Clinton Wine and Sprits.

Traditional German food will be prepared by fire company volunteers with the help of Franklin Township resident Terry Schultz. Live entertainment will be provided throughout the event either by Dr. D or Michael Andrew.

A tricky tray of products and services from local establishments has been organized as well. Tickets are available now for \$30. Call 908-735-5220 or stop by the station.

Recently, QFC was informed that homes in our district may be available to receive discounted homeowner's insurance premiums from Franklin Mutual Insurance (FMI) due to QFC's equipment, training and mutual aid plans in place with our surrounding communities.

To learn more about FMI or the brokers in the area that sell FMI, go to FMIweb.com or call QFC at 908-735-5220.

NJ SHARES ENERGY ASSISTANCE

NJ SHARES provides energy assistance to moderate and fixed-income households experiencing a financial crisis. Eligibility is based on household size and income. Shares clients are families and individuals who do not qualify for Federal and State assistance programs due to the household's income. NJ SHARES Grant amounts can be up to \$700 for heating source (gas, oil, propane and electric heat) and can be up to \$300 for electric service. Grants must result in continuance and/or restoration of service.

Eligibility Guidelines

Applicants Must:

- Reside in New Jersey
- Experiencing a financial crisis, such as job loss or illness
- Be behind on energy bill or need a fuel delivery
- Have income over the limit for Federal programs such as the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and state programs such as the Universal Service Fund (USF). The income calculator can help you determine eligibility.

- Have an income level that does not exceed 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Have made a good-faith payment of \$100 or more within 90 days of applying for NJ SHARES (for gas and electric customers; deliverable fuel customers are excluded from this rule).

Guidelines for Seniors and Disabled:

- Applicants 65 years of age or older with households of one or two members, will be eligible for NJ SHARES if the maximum household income is \$70,000 annually or \$5,833 monthly. Proof of age is required.
- Applicants receiving Federal Social Security Disability (SSD) benefits with households of one or two members, will be eligible for NJ SHARES if the maximum household income is \$70,000 annually or \$5,833 monthly. Applicants must show proof of Federal SSD benefit.

Contact Hunterdon Helpline at 1-800-272-4630, a 24 hour source for information and support. It provides information for basic human resources and support for children, youth, families, seniors, persons with disabilities, community and emergency information.

HARVEST HOME TOUR IS OCTOBER 9

Rural Awareness presents its popular biennial Harvest Home Historic House Tour on October 9. Two 18th century and two 19th century houses in Franklin are featured along with the 1862 Friends Meeting House in Quakertown and 1850 Baptist Church in Cherryville. Lunch will be served in the Parish Hall at the Baptist Church.

Day-of-tour tickets are \$30 and allow entry to the houses at 11:00am. Tickets are available from 10:30am at the Cherryville Baptist Church or the Quakertown Firehouse.

Ticket reservations paid in advance before Oct. 6 are discounted to \$20 and allow guests to begin the tour at 10:30am. Advance sales are available online at www.ruralawareness.org, by mail order with the form below, and at Ralph Anthony Automotive, 1173 Croton Road; Perricone's Market, 371 Pittstown Road; and Kindred Quilts, 21 East Main Street in Clinton.

Persons who order in advance should pick up their reserved tickets and maps to the tour homes at the Quakertown Firehouse starting at 10:00am on October 9.

The tour ends at 4:30pm for all ticket holders.

Lunch is offered from 11am to 2pm at \$10 for hearty soup, salad, dessert and beverage. Lunch may be purchased in advance or on a walk-in basis, subject to availability.

The featured Harvest Home houses are Stone Spring Farm on Pittstown Road, Stone Corner Farm on Croton Road, Green Tree Farm on White Bridge Road, and Hummingbird Haven on Upper Kingtown Road.

Lydell and Barbara Christensen have owned the 42-acre Stone Spring Farm since 1987.

In 1996 they began a project to move a c. 1850 clapboard house 50 feet closer in and join it to the original c. 1789 stone house with a new clapboard section. The result is an impressive 17-room house with five fireplaces that honors its historic beginnings, but provides all the contemporary graces.

Timothy and Sandra Maxwell bought Stone Corner Farm in 2000 in celebration of their thirtieth wedding anniversary. They share the property with 39 alpacas and two llamas all fond of greeting guests. According to comments by Mary C. Vail in her 1915 book *History of Land Titles in the Vicinity of Quakertown*, the owners believe that a portion of their stone house dates to 1743. A two-story addition is thought to have been erected in the 1850s when the census showed ten inhabitants in the house. Since 2001, the Maxwells have added a family room and updated several areas of the house including the kitchen, and restored the main barn built in 1879 by George W. Scott.

Green Tree Farm, the clapboard home of John Chigounis, is sited along the Capoolong Creek on White Bridge Road and dates back to c. 1800. Also on the grounds is an early stone cistern, a large corn crib, and horse barns. In earlier times, the property was a cattle farm that extended north all the way to Kingtown Road.

Louis and Karen Spanner live in Hummingbird Haven, a stone and clapboard house on Upper Kingtown Road. Although records show the Spanner's land was granted to Mary Verplanck by William Earl of Sterling in October of 1765, it is not clear when the first dwelling was erected. The stone house on the property appears to date to c.

LOCAL SCOUTS COLLECT ROADSIDE LITTER OCT.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Troop 108 will collect roadside litter in late October (date to be determined). The times for collecting litter are between 8:00am and 4:00pm on all secondary roads in Franklin.

All participants will be wearing reflective safety vests.

Collected litter will then be left along the roads in bags for pickup by the Department of Public Works the following Monday.

This is part of an on-going litter-free roadway program funded by the NJDEP Clean Communities Program. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, call Alan Dilley at 735.8384 or his cell at 581.9149.

ELECTRONIC & COMPUTER COLLECTION DAY OCT 9

Saturday October 9 from 9:am till 1:00pm will be the last electronic and computer collection day of this year. It's located at RT. 12, Hunterdon County Complex. Items accepted are: computers, DVDs, fax machines, monitors, speakers, stereo equipment, televisions and VCRs. NO air conditioners, dehumidifiers, propane tanks, refrigerators or hazardous waste

HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING NOV. 13

The next hazardous waste cleanup day is Saturday, November 13, at the Hunterdon County Complex on RT 12. Hours are from 9:00am till 1:00pm. Some of the items accepted are: herbicides, paint, pesticides, pool chemicals and so much more. Visit Hunterdon county website at:

www.co.hunterdon.nj.us for additional information on what is acceptable and in what quantities. Click on Recycling under Quick Links. Questions call

Mail Order for Discounted Harvest Home Tour Tickets before Oct. 6

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ Number of Tour Tickets @ \$20

_____ Number of lunches @ \$10

\$ _____ Total enclosed

Mail Checks Payable to Rural Awareness to PO Box 314, Quakertown, NJ 08868



SENIOR NEWS

MEETINGS

2nd Wed. at Firehouse begin at 2pm unless noted otherwise. Free membership to all Franklin seniors. Remember to bring food items for the Quakertown Methodist Food Pantry.

September 8 2:00pm

Office of Aging speaker

October 13 2:00pm

Speaker on Skin Moles

November 10 - NOON

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and honoring veterans.

DECEMBER 8 2- 4:30pm

The annual Christmas Party. Bring packages of cookies for the nursing home.

TRIPS

September 14

Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA to see 'Joseph'. Cost is \$75.00 for residents and \$80.00 for non-residents. Contact either trip coordinator, Eddie at 735-8834 or Solange at 782-4775.

VACANCIES ON VARIOUS BOARDS ~ COMMISSIONS

From time to time vacancies occur on various township boards and commissions. If you are interested in being considered for an appointment and would like to be involved or work with a particular committee or commission in the township, please contact Municipal Clerk, Ursula Stryker. You will need to complete the "Citizen Leadership Form". Once returned, the Township Committee will look at what positions are available for possible appointment. Your interest in serving your community is appreciated.

KNOW STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean, plentiful water.

The pollution comes from streets, parking lots and lawns, is washed by rain into storm drains, then into our drinking water supplies, as well as lakes and streams, and the oceans that our families play in and enjoy.

Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents and pet waste are some examples of every day items that end up in our water. By sharing in the responsibility and making small changes in our daily lives, we can all keep common pollutants out of stormwater.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, municipalities must adopt ordinances or rules prohibiting activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking the rules can result in fines or other penalties.

A few things we can all do on a daily basis to protect our waters are:

Clean up after your pet.

Use newspaper, bags or pooper – scoopers to pick up wastes.

Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.

Dispose of yard waste properly.

Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.

Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides.

Do not use fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.

Don't litter and recycle whenever possible.

Participate in community cleanups.

Properly use and dispose of hazardous products.

Read the labels and do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain.

Recycle used motor oil.

IMPORTANT ARCHIVES ARE DISCOVERED

Township Clerk Ursula Stryker discovered valuable archives in a box of old files. Most important is the original hand-written, silk-cord-bound Act to Establish the Township of Franklin in the County of Hunterdon signed and sealed by Charles G. McChesney, NJ Secretary of State, Mar. 21, 1845. The act was "to take effect and be in full force on and after the first Monday in April next." She also found a photocopy beginning on page 142 of the Chapter Laws of 1845 for March 21; an Apr. 20, 1845 Article of Agreement between Kingwood and Franklin Township; 8 pages of 1845 Township minutes; and a Nov. 29, 1845 Resolution for the Support of a Pauper of Kingwood & Franklin Townships signed by Town Clerk Theodore Probasco.

More records uncovered by Ursula include a 3-page, hand-written History of the Lackatong Swim Club prepared by Mrs. Fran Cherry. Until its sale in the 1970s, the pool was behind the current Meals on Wheels site in Quakertown. Three other documents include these: an 1896 letter from S.O. Myers to "Friend Leaver" paying \$7.50 in interest on a loan and asking to keep the money another year "with no fear of losing it, for I am able to pay...whether living or dead"; a Pupil's Certificate of Honor from Quakertown School for Morris H. Leaver signed by E. L. Dalrymple in

1890; and a 1901 letter of recommendation for Morris H. Leaver as "one of the most studious of my former pupils" by Sam'l O. Myers, Princ. at (an unreadable town), NJ.

Jack Rinehart found more important documents: 243 cancelled checks signed by his grandfather, John W. Rinehart who was Franklin's Treasurer from 1912 to 1915, two balance account books and blank checks for the Hunterdon County National Bank with the name crossed out and Clinton National Bank written in. The Township started using the Flemington National Bank in 1915. Checks 1 to 100 in 1912 appear to be a complete record from January 27 to December 7, with only number 97 missing.

Joanne Coe, president of the Franklin Township School PTA, contributed significantly to the Archives with a large collection of records on officers, by-laws, programs, correspondence, newsletters, donations, receipts, and photographs. Of particular interest are essays found in *Memories of FTS* gathered by seventh graders in 2001 interviews with 9 former students, 1 parent of former students and two teachers. Also, copies of *Franklin's Finest*, a 1998 collection of recipes by family and friends of FTS.

Animal Hospital of Clinton-Perryville Sponsors The 2nd Annual Franklin Township School PTA Fun Dog Show Dogs Day Out!



Awards * Dog Microchipping * Great Vendors * Food * Games * Face Painting * Proceeds benefit the children of FTS

**Saturday, October 16,
2010
1:00-4:30 p.m.
Registration begins at
12.30 p.m.
Clinton Elks Lodge**

One registration form per dog for a chance to place in the second annual FTS PTA Fun Dog show, Dogs Day Out!
The first 50 to register get a free dog goodie bag!
For more info visit www.FTSPTA.com

Cost per dog: 1 event \$15 and \$5 for each additional event.

One complimentary ticket to enter the dog show per registration. Deadline for pre-registration is 10/01/10.

Entrance fee for advance tickets: \$8 for adults \$5 for seniors (65) and kids ages 5-15, age 4 and under free. (Only dogs that are competing in the show allowed.)

Entrance fee on day of the event: \$15 per adult and \$10 for seniors (65) and kids ages 5-15, age 4 and under free.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

***Once registered, you will receive an e-mail with detailed information about your entrance and guidelines for the show. Please note that no dog will be admitted to the show without a rabies tag or proof of vaccination. Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

Waiver of Liability

I, the undersigned, hereby, release and indemnify the Franklin Township School PTA and all other sponsors and show officials from any and all liability that may occur as a result of my participation with my dog.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

EVENT	DOG NAME	FEE	EVENT	DOG NAME	FEE
Most Adorable 1:00			Intermission 2:30 -3	K-9 Demonstrations	
Best Vocal Performance 1:15			Best Mirror Image 3:00		
Best Sports Fan 1:30			Best Halloween Character 3:15		
Terrific Pet Tricks 1:45			Friendliest Dog 3:30		
Cutest Puppy (1yr or younger) 2:00			Best Rescued Dog 3:45		
Best Senior (9 yrs or older) 2:15			Best in Show 4:00	All the 1st place winners of each event	
Subtotal for Dog:	# of tickets for Children/Seniors		# Tickets for Adults:	Total Cost:	

Make checks payable to FTS PTA - P.O. Box 368, Quakertown, NJ 08868 Visit www.FTSPTA.com for more info

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Tue: 7- 9pm

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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.

Planning Board Clerk: x 18
Jean Beischer

Police Office: 735.6508

Police Dispatch: 782.9594

Tax Assessor: x 13
Mary Mastro, CTA, SCGREA
Tues. 7-9pm

Tax Collector: 735.6609
Linda Swackhamer, CTC
Tue & Thur, 12 - 3pm

Zoning & Health Off: x 14
John Barczak
Tues. 7-9pm

**ALWAYS KEEP ID ON
YOUR DOG'S LEASH
WITH OWNER
CONTACT INFO**



Franklin Township

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Pittstown, NJ 08867

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Robert McGeary,
Deputy Mayor
Scott Bauman
Robert Shockley
Steven Tarshis

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PITTSTOWN, NJ

OR CURRENT RESIDENT

DPW COLD WEATHER REMINDERS

Alan Dilley, Department of Public Works Supervisor, has some fall and winter reminders for residents as we head into the fall season.

Franklin Township has no leaf collection service. Residents are not allowed, by ordinance, to rake leaves into the road. Anyone who violates the ordinance is liable for a fine.

Leaves not only make roads slick, they clog the drains. If you notice a clogged drain, please contact the DPW at 735-8384 to report it.

Throughout the winter season, the DPW

trims brush, cuts tree limbs and puts up snow fences. Sometimes the DPW plow around the clock to keep the township's 37 miles of roads open.

Residents are reminded not to plow snow into the road where it is a safety hazard and don't put trash cans in the road. Keep the snow on your property and trash cans on the curb.

The DPW appreciates your consideration in these areas. By following these tips, it speeds up the time to plow and clear the roads for everyone in the township.

D.A.R.E CLOTHES BIN

Two D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) used clothing bins are located at the Pittstown Post Office, 313 Pittstown Road.

Revenue collected from these bins is used to subsidize the D.A.R.E program as well as

the D.A.R.E. Public Safety Day held annually every July.

If the bins are consistently full, the township will be able to obtain additional bins.

Thank you for your continued support.