Mayor's Minute

Welcome to the first edition of our Village Newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter will be to increase communication to our residents and better inform everyone on the happenings in our village to further unite us. This newsletter will serve as the September/October edition. Our November newsletter will be published by Tuesday October 27th.

While this newsletter will contain a plethora of relevant information, it is not meant to be your only source. Any specific questions can be answered by contacting the Clerk's office at 676-3010 during hours. Myself and the Board of Trustees meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday at 7PM at the village offices at 18 Pennsylvania Ave. Our website contains information including but not limited to zoning, code of ordinances, and more.

I would like to thank the Len & Eddie Davis Estate (Kathy & Lee) for the building lot contribution on Howard Street.

Lastly, I would like to thank you, the residents, for re-electing myself as Mayor for an additional 2-year term, Mike Sikora as Trustee, and newly elected Trustee Scott Hillman.

Sincerely,

Mayor Harvey Soulvie

If you have not completed the 2020 Census, please do so by the September 30th deadline.

Every 10 years, the U.S. census generates a critical snapshot of America.

“It is the only survey that asks every single household in the nation to respond, and this gives us the best picture we have of the nation’s current population, says Florencia Gutierrez, a senior research associate with the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Below are five reasons why the U.S. census matters more than you think, and why you should encourage everyone you know in the nation to participate before the survey closes on September 30th.

1. The Census determines where resources go—and don’t go
2. The Census impacts political pull
3. The Census helps communities plan for the future
4. The census is the statistical foundation of Casey’s KIDS COUNT efforts
5. The census informs other research efforts

Source: https://www.aecf.org/blog/five-reasons-to-complete-the-2020-census-and-encourage-others-to-do-the-sam/

Click here to complete the 2020 Census

COVID-19 Update:

COVID-19 continues to impact everyone. As a
village, we have done a great job slowing the curve. Continue to stay up-to-date with all regulations & follow CDC guidelines including practicing social distancing a wearing a face-covering when in public or not able to social distance.

Department Updates:

Police Department

This month, I would like to introduce our patrolman.

Student Resource Officer:

Patrolman Mark Crosson is a retired Detective Sgt. from the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Dept. Mark was hired by FPD on 10-22-18 exclusively for the SRO job and is a certified SRO, Juvenile officer, Forensic Interviewer along with victims Advocate. He works with students at Franklinville Central School.

Patrolmen:

Holden Heineman was hired 01-11-10 after graduating from the Genesee County rural Police Academy. Holden is a certified Field Training officer along with General topics instructor.

Blair J. Swanick was hired on 07-13-20 after he graduated from the Niagara County law enforcement academy and will be full time on October 28, 2020.

Jacob M Wesolowski was hired on 08-24-20 after he graduated from the Chautauqua County Police Academy.

Pictured below is Student Resource Officer Crosson.

Public Works Department

- September 24th & October 29th will be the final brush pick-up of the year.
- Brush drop-off will remain open under the following rules
  - For village residents only
  - No contractors
  - No rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete blocks, tree stumps, lumber, railroad ties, fencing, plastic, garbage, construction waste
  - Yard and garden waste must remain separate from brush
- Leaf pickup will begin as soon as there are enough leaves at the curb to fill a truck
  - Leaves must be to the curb or edge of road, but not in the road
  - If leaf piles have garbage, tarps, branches or other debris in them, they will not be collected
Garbage collection is weekly on Tuesdays. Each unit is allowed a maximum of 5-30 gallon bags of household garbage.

- Garbage shall be set out no sooner than 24 hours prior to scheduled pick up and all containers shall be picked up within 24 hours after pickup.
- It is unlawful for any village resident, owner or lessee to allow someone to deposit any garbage or recyclables from outside of the village for collection. Owners will be subject to fines. (section 50.21 garbage law)

Large garbage collection is the last Tuesday of the month...2 BULK ITEMS PER UNIT PER MONTH!

Unacceptable Items:
- Liquids, televisions, computers, monitors, yard waste, trees or leaves, rocks, bricks, batteries.
- Any and all construction material (drywall, wood, etc)
- Any and all refrigeration units including air conditioning
- Vehicle Parts- engines, transmissions, wheels, hubs, etc.

Congratulations Dave Spencer!

Public Works employee Dave Spencer has retired after 20 years of service. Thank you Dave for all you have done for our village.

The Coffee Shop, located at 5 Pine St hosted Dave’s retirement party. The Coffee Shop offers a variety of coffee, tea, bagels, donuts, muffins, soup, and more!

Big Picture Topics

2020 Water & Wastewater Improvement Project

This communication was posted to our website & Village Facebook page on 9/1. Please continue to follow our Facebook page & website for important information.

The Village Public Works Department is currently planning two projects that will improve our water and wastewater system.

Project #1- Sewer line replacement on Main Street at the south end of town near Dollar General. This project will be a little inconvenient involving lane closures, but it will be contracted out and should be completed in a timely manner. If bids are accepted, this project is expected to start late September/early October.

Project #2- Water line & valve replacement in front of the high school. This has been an issue for about 8 years. Fixing this should alleviate some pressure problems at higher elevations and allow work throughout the village to be done with fewer customers impacted. If bids are accepted, this project is expected to start late September/early October.

Project Timeline:
9/28/20- Award the contracts at regular board meeting

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday September 28th at 6:30PM. The purpose of this hearing will be to answer any questions the public may have regarding these two projects.

Please submit any questions to villageclerk@franklinvilleny.org. A Q&A will be posted to our website/Facebook page after the meeting on 9/28 for anyone who was unable to attend.
November 3rd Federal Election

The next federal election will be Tuesday, November 3, 2020. It will include voting for president and vice-president, 1/3 of the Senate, and all of the House of Representatives. State and local races will also be on the ballot in many areas.

Use this link to check your voter status and polling place: https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/

Not registered to vote? The deadline to register is October 9th https://www.ny.gov/services/register-vote

Education Section

Did You Know?

Did you know that, according to NYCATTAR.ORG, the first school-house in the Village of Franklinville was built in 1828, on the road leading to Farmersville. By 1878, there were 12 school houses with 12 teachers, and out of the 579 school-aged children, 227 of them actually attended!

Around the Community

Upcoming events

The Village of Franklinville Events Committee is hosting the 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday October 24th from 2-4PM. Restrictions will be in place due to COVID-19. More information will be posted in the coming weeks. Please follow "Village Events Committee" on Facebook for details.

Franklinville Central School

Both the Elementary & High School received a plethora of upgrades over the summer. This includes a new track, new parking lots including added parking and a new bus route, a new Elementary Cafeteria, and many other enhancements.

Pictured above is the side entrance of the
The photo above shows the new crosswalk and walkway leading to the high school. This change makes walking to and from each school and crossing busy Route 16 much safer.