

# The Village of Franklinville Newsletter- July/August 2024



The above photos were taken by Franklinville native Dennis Finley. Dennis currently resides in California but makes frequent visits home.

Dennis, thank you for beautifully capturing our village & letting us share your talents.

## From the Desk of Mayor Ashley Schumaker

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I hope everyone is having a good summer and enjoying the beautiful weather! I am pleased to share that this edition will be delivered to each home/business in the village by our Franklinville/Ellicottville Varsity & Junior Varsity Football Teams. We are expecting this to happen sometime during the week of 8/5. Head coach and village resident Justin Tatlow approached me in June asking if there was any community service that his team could do. Our team brainstormed options and thought this was a great opportunity to benefit everyone.

If you have not done so already, please complete our **Community Needs Assessment to support our youth**. We are looking to gain a comprehensive understanding of what is available in our area to support the children in our community. This information will be used in various future initiatives including the creation of a new comprehensive plan and to share our needs with youth focused organizations. **Responses must be submitted by end of day Wednesday August 7th.**

In this edition, you will find:

- Ways to ask questions, find information, and report issues
- Basic overview & feature topic from each department
- Brief update on projects, initiatives, & upcoming events

Our Goals:

- Continue efforts to improve communication
- Ensure residents are informed
- Strengthen our sense of community
- Increase number of residents signed up for village communications

Help us improve our ability to reach residents individually. Please complete and return the attached contact form OR go online at [www.villageoffranklinville.org](http://www.villageoffranklinville.org) and submit the form electronically. Your information will be added to our internal database and will be used to improve communication as it relates to service disruptions, construction notification, and general information. Your personal info will not be listed publicly or shared.

Future editions of this newsletter will be sent via email with paper copies available to be picked up at the village office on/around the last Monday of each month. Letters will not be mailed monthly due to the significant expense of printing/postage.

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## **Resident Spotlight- "Fix It Felines Rescue & Release"**

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The foundation of a strong community is residents who are invested and willing to contribute. Franklinville is fortunate to have many! Village resident Arden and a small crew of volunteers are on a mission to help reduce the feral cat population in a humane way. This process involves safely trapping cats, getting them spayed/neutered and either rehoming them or releasing them back on the streets. Their mission is being funded primarily by donations and assistance from "A New Strat Kitty Shelter". To volunteer, make a monetary or item donation, or learn more, please follow "**Fix-It Felines Rescue & Release**" on Facebook or contact [FixItFelineRR@gmail.com](mailto:FixItFelineRR@gmail.com). Thank you, Arden & team, for all of your efforts.

**Disclaimer:** This operation is not financially supported or directly affiliated with the Village of Franklinville government. We are sharing this information because we support Arden's initiative and want to help spread the word.

### **Ways to Contact the Village & Get Information:**

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- In-person during office hours at 19 Pennsylvania Ave
- By phone (use specific number for department you need or call clerk's office at 716-676-3010). If no answer, leave a message and we will return your call
- Online via "Village of Franklinville" on Facebook
- View information on our website at [www.villageoffranklinville.org](http://www.villageoffranklinville.org). There is an email contact form available on the home page.
- Attend a village board meeting

### **Clerk's Office**

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#### **General Info:**

- Phone #- 716-676-3010
- Regular hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday from 8am-4pm.

#### **Garbage Collection:**

- Garbage collection is every Tuesday...times may vary so be sure to have your trash out by 6:30am. Trash can be put out 24 hrs. before pickup & cans must be removed 24 hrs. after.
- Each UNIT is allowed 5-30 gal bags of household trash each week.
- We have a "no sort" recyclable policy- put all plastic, glass, cans, paper/cardboard in bin
- The last Tuesday of each month is bulk pick up.
  - Each unit is allowed 2 (TWO) bulk items each MONTH (ex- couch and chair, mattress and box spring)
  - Items not allowed, tvs/screens, freon items (fridge etc), construction materials, car parts, yard waste.
  - NO RECYCLABLES will be collected on bulk week.

Please do not set out more than your allotted amount each week, please do not set out bulk items unless it is bulk week. Violators will be given one warning by code enforcement. After warning, violators may be fined per local law.

## **Public Works Department**

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### **General Info:**

- Phone #- 716-676-5703
- Regular hours are Monday thru Friday from 8am-4pm

### **Residential Brush & Leaf Pickup:**

- Brush, branches, & bushes will be picked up April thru October on the last Thursday of each month.
- Leaves will be picked up curbside beginning in October when there are enough leaves and ending at the first snow event. Leaves must be raked to the edge of the road but not in the road. Any leaves that the vacuum cannot reach will be left and can be raked out for the next round of service.

### **Other Important Topics (go to website or call for details):**

- Sidewalk Repair & Replacement
- Snow Removal (local laws 71.03, 71.15, & 93.062)
- Trees (local law 94.41)

## **Police Department**

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### **General Info:**

- Non-Emergency Phone #- 716-676-5697
- The department is funded by village taxpayers and regularly patrols and serves the village. The department currently employs 1 full time chief of police, 1 full time patrolman, 1 full time school resource officer, and 7 part-time patrolmen.
- We are actively analyzing coverage and community need and taking steps to grow the police force.

**Community Events:** The 2nd Annual Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt will return Friday August 16th thru Sunday August 25th. Stay tuned for more information!

### **Programs Available to Village Residents:**

- Surveillance Camera Registration Program
- Vacation Property Check Program

## **Local Laws & Code Enforcement**

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### **General Info:**

- Phone #- 716-676-3067
- Email- [villagecode@franklinvilleny.org](mailto:villagecode@franklinvilleny.org)
- Regular Hours Starting 8/12- Mondays 8am-4pm (messages are checked regularly)

### **Building permits are required prior to completing work.**

Our team is in the process of updating code enforcement policies, forms, and making this information available online. We are committed to simplifying the building permit

process to make it user-friendly and support the improvement of properties within the village.

## **Projects & Initiatives: (this is not a complete list)**

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### **Town Bicentennial & Village Sesquicentennial Celebration:**

- To celebrate these milestones, the Town & Village will be hosting a joint community celebration on Sunday September 22nd. Stay tuned for more info!
- Show your Franklinville pride with a commemorative shirt! Franklinville resident Tyrnan Farrington designed the image. Apparel can be purchased by going to <https://www.whiteimprints.com/store/> and clicking "Franklinville Bicentennial Sesquicentennial" on the left.
- Stay tuned for more information on commemorative plates that can be purchased.

### **Water System Improvement Project:**

Water main replacement construction projects began in late March & continue through the village. To complete this project, the contractor will begin on a street by installing the new water main. At a later time, they will come back and connect to the individual services on the street. Lastly, they will restore the street to a condition as close to the previous as possible. There will be time between each step. Once construction is complete, our team and our inspector will canvas the village and address any lingering restoration issues. Please be patient as the contractor works through the different stages.

There is no doubt that these projects cause temporary inconveniences. Details including a timeline, benefits, and more can be found on our website & in previous newsletters.

## **August/September Calendar of Events**

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- Park Square Farmer's Market- every Wednesday from 3pm-7pm
- Village Police Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt- 8/16-8/25
- Monday 8/12- Village Board of Trustees regular meeting 6pm at Village Offices
- Tuesday 8/27- Bulk item pickup, no recyclables, 2 bulk items per unit
- Monday 8/26- Village Board of Trustees regular meeting 6pm at Village Offices
- Thursday 8/29- curbside Village Brush Pickup
- Monday 9/16- Special meeting with village & town boards 6pm at Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is for both boards to get to know each other and share village/town business to help streamline communication.
- Sunday 9/22- Village Sesquicentennial & Town Bicentennial celebration
- Monday 9/23- Village Board of Trustees regular meeting 6pm at Village Offices

We are in the process of updating all events to an **online calendar**.

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