



OLD COLONY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY JUNE 18TH

WEEKLY WRAP UP

On June 18th, **Old Colony Habitat for Humanity** hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony at the former South Franklin Congregational Meeting House, located at 762 Washington St. to celebrate the beginning of the the building's transformation into a 2,128 square-foot single-family home.

The **Senior Center** received an FY26 Massachusetts Councils on Aging Service Incentive Grant in the amount of \$24,660! Funding from this grant will replace gym equipment at the Senior Center. Congratulations to Senior Center Director Sarah Amaral and staff for securing this grant!

The **DPW** was approved for the installation of Rapid Flashing Beacons at two locations in Franklin - one on King Street at the entrance to King Park and one on Chestnut Street at Chestnut Ridge. The equipment for these pedestrian safety measures will be paid for by MassDOT through the Vulnerable Road User assessment program.

The results of **Franklin's National Community Survey** are in! For more information about the survey and results, please visit our **National Community Survey page** on the Town website.

The Town Council approved the establishment of **Franklin's 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee** to plan, organize, and carry out events and activities pertaining to Franklin's year-long 250th Anniversary celebration in 2028. We anticipate membership opportunities to be announced later this summer or early fall 2025. Stay tuned for more information and volunteer opportunities.



Electric Youth - the Franklin School for the Performing Arts' talented musical theater ensemble, performed a song for the Town Council at their June 18th meeting and received a proclamation, as they will soon embark on their 2025 European tour in July.

STAFF SPOTLIGHTS

Fire Chief Jim McLaughlin announced his retirement, effective October 1, 2025. While Chief McLaughlin will be missed tremendously by staff and the community, we wish to extend our most sincere congratulations on a well-earned retirement and express our deep appreciation for his leadership and dedicated service to the Town of Franklin.

Officer Jalen Samuels graduated from the Boylston Police Academy on June 20th and will now begin his 14-week field training program with the FPD.



PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: CHIEF LYNCH, OFFICER SAMUELS, LIEUTENANT COLECCHI

CFO Kerri Bertone was recently appointed President of the Norfolk County Municipal Finance Officers Association - Congratulations to Kerri!

FRANKLIN'S 21ST ANNUAL STRAWBERRY STROLL TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 13TH.



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