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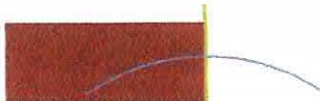
Summer 2011 Edition

Special Dates of interest:

- Election informational meeting August 23rd
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day—mark your calendars for 9-10-11
- Village elections on Tuesday, September 13th
- New trash pick up schedule beginning Monday, September

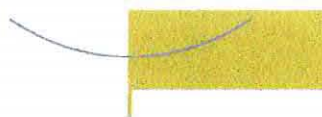
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FRANKLIN VILLAGE QUORUM

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FRANKLIN VILLAGE COUNCIL



September Village Election and Headlee Override

There will be a Village election on Tuesday, September 13th. There are several Village positions on the ballot as well as a proposal known as a Headlee override.

A Headlee override is a vote of the people to reset the millage rate back to its original Charter maximum.

Since the adoption of the Headlee amendment to the Michigan Constitution in 1978, the Village millage rates has been reduced or rolled back to offset the

rise in property values when it was greater than the rate of inflation. Now that property values have decreased, these lowered millage rates, have resulted in less revenue for the Village and affording the current level of service is no longer possible.

Franklin Village voters will consider a Headlee override for two millages. They are a general services millage which supports the operation of the Police Department and the

Village administration, and the fire millage which covers the operation of the Fire Department.

There is more information on the Headlee override on the Village website and an informational meeting is scheduled to answer questions. The meeting will take place on August 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church.

See page 3 for information on the candidates that are running for key positions.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

On Saturday, September 10th the Village will sponsor a household hazardous waste collection event for residents. The collection site will be the Village Green

and the hours of collection are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Remember to secure items for transport to the collection site. Proof of residency will be required and a driv-

ers license will be accepted as proof. See the back page of the Quorum or visit the Village website for a list of accepted items that may be dropped off.

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Bond Refinancing Saves Money

The Village of Franklin was able to refinance four bonds authorized for local road repairs and the construction of the Police station. By re-issuing the bonds at a lower interest rate, the Village realized a total savings of \$252,859 over the term of the

bond pay back schedule. The bonds that were refinanced were a 1999 bond for roads and drainage; a 1999 bond for the Police station construction; and a 2001 and 2002 bond for local road improvements. As part of the refinancing, the Vil-

lage's bond rating was reviewed by Standard and Poor and it remains at an AA+ level. The amount of savings ranges from \$17,687 to \$22,187 over the next nine years. For questions on the bond schedule, please call the Village Administrator.

New Rubbish Pick Up Schedule Beginning September 19th

Effective Monday, September 19th, ALL rubbish will be picked up on Monday. If your current rubbish pick up day is Monday, it will remain on the same day. If your current rubbish pick up day is

Tuesday, it will be changed to Monday

effective the week of September 19th.



If a Monday is a holiday, rubbish will be picked up on Tuesday. Please check the Village website for holiday rubbish pick up schedule.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day set for September 10th



Need to Use a Larger Recycling Container?

As part of the switch to a single rubbish pick up collection day, Waste Management will now allow residents to use bigger recycling containers than the standard 18 gallon recycling bin. Residents

may purchase a 32 gallon trash container and use that for recycling items. The new larger containers need to be labeled with a "Recyclable" bumper sticker similar to what is required for containers

that hold yard waste. Pick up your "Recyclable" bumper sticker at the Village Offices which are open from 9-5 p.m. The new program will begin September 19th.

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September 13th Ballot Information

In addition to the Headlee Override proposal, the following candidates are on the ballot for Village positions:

Clerk: Vote for one

Judy Moenck
Eileen H. Pulker

President: Vote for one

James Kochensparger

Trustee: Vote for three

Lew Eads
Michael J. Seltzer
Sheryl Sparks

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church. For more information or to request an Absentee Voter ballot, please contact the Village

Clerk's Office at 626-9666.

There is an informational meeting on the Headlee override set for Tuesday, August 23rd at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Franklin Community Church.

A Guide to Selecting a Lawn Service for Watershed Protection—Why Be Concerned?

Rain and melting snow carry away small amounts of oil, grease, soil, debris and other pollutants to the Rouge River. Lawn fertilizer and pesticides are among the pollutants that have been found in stormwater runoff.

The Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) offers an endorsement program for lawn care professionals interested in offering an alternative lawn care program to their customers. Program com-

ponents include:

- On-site consultation to address customer needs
- Earth friendly fertilizers that are low in phosphorus
- Fertilizer quantities of 2, 3 or 4 pounds per 1,000 square feet
- Zero pesticides, spot treatment or one-time rescue operations
- Recommendations

to the customer on mowing and watering practices

- Fertilizer-free riparian buffer zones

Participating lawn care companies typically offer "Healthy Lawn Care Program" as an option for their customers.

Call the MGIA for a list of endorsed companies at (248) 646-4992 or visit www.landscape.org



**ALL RUBBISH TO BE
PICKED UP ON
MONDAYS
BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2011**

*Last day for yard waste
pick up will be Monday,
November 28th*

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Items that will be accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on September 10, 2011:

From Your Home

- Aerosols
- Batteries including rechargeable and mercury
- Bug spray
- Floor care products, furniture polish
- Chlorine bleach, spot and stain removers, upholstery and carpet cleaner

Miscellaneous

- Florescent lights
- Sharps and old medicine
- Dry cleaning solvents, fiberglass epoxy, gun cleaning solvents
- Lighter fluid, moth balls and flakes, photographic chemicals
- Swimming pool chemicals

From Your Garden

- Ant and roach powder, insecticides, weed killer, herbicides
- Algaecides, fertilizer, fungicides, garden sprays and dusts

From Your Home Workshop

- Mineral spirits, polyurethane coating, glues
- Wood preservatives and stains
- Alcohol creosote
- Cutting oil, rust remover, turpentine

From Your Garage

- Auto batteries and battery acid
- Antifreeze, brake fluid, diesel fuel, gasoline, engine cleaner, transmission fluid
- Fuel oil, oil filters
- Car wax and solvents, metal polish

Non-Acceptable Waste

- Radioactive waste
- Explosives
- Commercial, industrial or business waste