

FRANKLINTON NEWSLETTER

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Introduction



Happy August! Summer is winding down and we are beginning to get into back-to-school mode. Students start back at Columbus City Schools on Thursday, August 26th. CCS is requiring all students and staff to wear face masks regardless of vaccination status.

As always, check *Franklinton.org* for updated information. Future issues can be found online at <http://franklinton.org/newsletter/>.

Announcement: Franklinton National Night Out

Save the date! Franklinton National Night Out will be held on **Tuesday, August 3rd from 6-8PM at Dodge Rec Center (667 Sullivant Ave 43215)**. We will have the traditional backpack giveaway, along with giveaways and activities for the whole family and free food. Mount Carmel will be offering free COVID-19 vaccines. Keep your community safe by receiving the vaccine.

Thanks to our planning team: Mount Carmel, Gladden Community House, Franklinton Development Association, Lower Lights Ministries, Franklinton Arts District, Lower Lights Health, Carol Stewart Village, Franklinton Area Commission, Celebrate One and Franklinton Board of Trade. Thanks to our sponsors: Franklinton Development Association, New City Homes, CareSource, CoverMyMeds, Lower Lights Health, Mount Carmel, Community Medical Services, Netcare, Homeless Families Foundation, The Artmobile, RiverVista Behavioral Hospital, Glass Axis, and Gladden Community House.

Learn more: <https://facebook.com/ftonnationalnightout>.



Announcement: Franklinton SID



The Franklinton Special Improvement District of Columbus, Inc., (FSID) officially began Cleaning Ambassador services on June 14th, and the Safety Ambassador's first shift was on July 15th! We are proud that so much has been accomplished in this short amount of time, but there is still much more to do.

To follow the progress and successes of the Cleaning and Safety Ambassadors, please "like" the FSID Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FranklintonSID2020>.

Announcement: Franklinton Cycle Works Expansion

Franklinton Cycle Works has been hard at work expanding their shop over the last few months! They will celebrate the **grand opening of their new space on Saturday, September 18th!** The new space will provide an area for retail and another for the workshop.

Stay updated with the reopening plans by following FCW on social media: <https://facebook.com/FranklintonCycleworks>

Resource Highlight: Predatory Buyer Help

Predatory buyers have been spotted in Franklinton! The Legal Aid Society of Columbus and Franklinton Development Association have tips on how to spot red flags and some resources to help.

Red Flags:

- Unsolicited offers to buy homes
- Unwelcome visits, calls, or letters
- Threats to call code enforcement
- Quick, unseen, nonspecific cash offers
- Offering to pay off your mortgage

Your home is valuable, protect it by following these tips:

- Scammers operate in secret - Talk to others before making major decisions about your home
- If you want to sell your home, contact an independent, licensed real estate agent to protect your interests
- HUD-Approved Housing Counselors are free and can help you connect to trusted home repair programs - Call 800-569-4287
- Community Development Corporations, like Franklinton Development Association, are local non-profits that are here to help - Call 614-275-4988
- If you need legal advice, call Legal Aid for help at 888-246-4420, report scams to the Ohio Attorney General at 800-282-0515
- Document all conversations with suspicious people - You have a right to ask for ID and you can videotape or photograph conversation with others.



Resource Highlight: Free Fan Program

It's important to stay cool in the summer. Older adults, medically challenged, and homebound individuals are more susceptible to heat exhaustion and heat stroke. A fan in a room can reduce the temperature up to 10 degrees.

Fans are distributed at LifeCare Alliance's Harmon Avenue facility. Call the Fan Information Hotline at **614-437-2870**. The hotline is updated daily with information on the next distribution event. Present photo ID when picking up a fan. A representative may pick up a fan for a client unable to attend the distribution, and must provide the client's ID. Due to limited supply, there is a limit of one fan per household.

Donate fans at your nearest Franklin County fire station, or at at 670 Harmon Ave, weekdays from 8AM-4:30PM. Donated fans must be new; used fans cannot be accepted as they are considered a fire hazard.

Learn more: <https://www.lifecarealliance.org/fans/>.

Resource Highlight: Free School Preparedness Program

Do you have a 3 or 4-year-old? The SPARK program works to prepare children who are 3 or 4 years old by helping them to develop essential skills before entering kindergarten. Homeless Families Foundation provides one-on-one lessons during which we carry out activities and games aligned with the standards of the Department of Education to reinforce your child's learning. Each session lasts approximately one hour and is carried out as a home visit so that neither you nor your child has to travel anywhere. We come directly to you! Lessons occur every 2 weeks for one whole year. We offer flexible scheduling, we adjust our schedules to fit yours! All TANF qualified families with children ages 3-5 may apply to enroll in the Spark program.

Learn more: <https://homelessfamiliesfoundation.org/programs/spark.html>.

Upcoming Event: Schools Out Open House at Glass Axis

Glass Axis is hosting a "Schools Out Open House" on **Friday, August 13th from 10AM-12PM**. These classes have children create a small glass project, and are offered as a pay-what-you-can model. Children can pick from small sculpted glass paperweight (ages 8+), small fused glass plate (ages 6+), and glass spin art (any age). **Classes must be reserved in advance** and are for our visitors 18 years and younger this day only. Glass art will need to be picked up at Glass Axis 7 days later.

Reserve your spot: <https://glassaxis.org/school-s-out-open-house>.

Upcoming Event: Stroller Socials at Dodge Rec Center



Walking is a great way to stay healthy before, during and after pregnancy, so join this family walking event and take steps to a healthier you. Walks are led by Celebrate One and staff will be available to help link families to reliable, local resources. Westside walks are hosted at **Dodge Rec Center (667 Sullivant Ave) on the first Wednesday at 6:30PM**. Stroller Socials are made possible by a partnership between the Walk with a Doc program at Columbus Public Health and CelebrateOne.



Calendar of Events: August

To see more details on the events listed visit:
<https://franklinton.org/resources/events/>.

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Farm Stand at Learning Garden @ 1:30-3:30PM on 8/1

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2	3	4	5	6	7/8
Mobile Dress for Success @ Franklinton Library, 11AM-3PM	National Night Out @ 6-8PM, Dodge Rec	Celebrate One Stroller Social @ 6:30PM, Dodge Rec			Farm Stand at Learning Garden @ 1:30-3:30PM on 8/7

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9	10	11	12	13	14/15
Mobile Dress for Success @ Franklinton Library, 11AM-3PM			Dodge Rec Center Produce Giveaway @ 3-5PM	Franklinton Friday @ 6-10PM Summer Concert Series @ Magic House Farms 7-9:30PM	Farm Stand at Learning Garden @ 1:30-3:30PM on 8/14

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16	17	18	19	20	21/22
Mobile Dress for Success @ Franklinton Library, 11AM-3PM				Summer Concert Series @ Magic House Farms 7-9:30PM	FCW Community Ride @ 10AM-12PM on 8/21 Farm Stand at Learning Garden @ 1:30-3:30PM on 8/21

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23	24	25	26	27	28/29
Mobile Dress for Success @ Franklinton Library, 11AM-3PM	Gladden's Free Produce Market @ 10AM-1PM, Mount Carmel College		 CCS Students Back-to-School	Summer Concert Series @ Magic House Farms 7-9:30PM	Farm Stand at Learning Garden @ 1:30-3:30PM on 8/28

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Questions? Comments?
 Call us at 614-275-4988, or send us an email at info@franklinton.org.

