

FRANKLINTON NEWSLETTER

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Introduction



Happy March! We hope this month brings some warmer weather and signs of Spring. We have announcements, resource highlights, upcoming events, and a volunteer opportunity to share.

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

Announcement: Safe Routes to School

Columbus Safe Routes to School would like to remind students, families, and neighbors to review safety procedures and be prepared for winter walking and driving. Safety is everyone's responsibility! Use these tips to help keep our Columbus students safe for all seasons. Use these safety tips from Safe Routes to School when packing and planning for the journey to school this winter:

- Be visible (wear bright or reflective clothes).
- Avoid routes blocked by snow or ice.
- Walk with friends in a group.
- Pay attention (phone away, head up).

Visit the Safe Routes page for a map of your safe route to school (or the bus stop): <https://ccsoh.us/transportation>.



Announcement: Columbus Zoo Discount Programs

Have you heard about the **Culture Pass Program** at Columbus Metropolitan Libraries? Library cardholders can check out a one-time pass, which must be checked out in-person, to visit the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium for free! The Culture Pass is available now at participating libraries that allow library cardholders (free) to "check out" Zoo admission tickets for up to 6 adults and/or children (parking not included). Passes must be used within 2-days of check-out.

Passes available at: Franklinton, Hilltop, Barnett, Driving Park, Karl Rd, Linden, Main Library, Marion-Franklin, Martin Luther King, Northside, Parsons, Shepard, and Whitehall.

For more information, visit: <https://columbuslibrary.org/>.

In addition to this program, the Columbus Zoo & Aquarium offers a **Family Access Membership** for \$45/year for families enrolled in WIC, Ohio Direction and/or Medicaid, along with photo ID and proof of Ohio residency (like a utility bill). Benefits include free admission, parking, digital magazine, 10% discount at the gift shops, and discounted registration on education classes and summer camp, and discounts to Zoombezi Bay.

Learn more: <https://columbuszoo.org/home/visit/get-your-membership/become-a-member>.

Resource Highlight: Franklinton Forest



Franklinton Forest is neighbors working together to restore and strengthen Franklinton's tree canopy for the benefit of all. Our aim in 2022 is to **plant 250 trees in Franklinton**. But to do this, we need to get our neighbors on board. Are you interested in planting a tree in your backyard? We can provide up to 5 seedling trees to 50 - 75 households. Turn your backyard into a forest for centuries to come.

To request trees, submit this form: <https://franklintonforest.org/freetrees>.

Resource Highlight: Gladden Preschool

The Gladden Community House Preschool is licensed by the State of Ohio, is NAEYC-accredited, and was the first preschool in Franklin County to receive a top-ranked Three Star Award from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Service "Step up To Quality" program. Our preschool currently maintains 4 stars! The Preschool currently has openings for 4 year olds. For more information, call 614-227-1644.

Resource Highlight: Tax Time

Stressing about your taxes? **If you earned \$66,000 or less in 2021, you may be eligible for our FREE Tax Time services provided by a local IRS-certified volunteer.** Our volunteers will help you file quickly and easily - from the comfort of your home! The tax filing deadline is April 18th. Select one of the three ways to file below.

1. Schedule a free in-person tax preparation appointment with one of our Tax Time VITA sites by calling 2-1-1 to see if you are eligible.
2. Schedule a free virtual appointment with one of our Tax Time VITA volunteers via a smart phone or computer by going to <https://getyourrefund.org/UWCO>.
3. Don't want to wait? If your income was below \$66,000 in 2021, file now at <https://myfreetaxes.com>.



Volunteer Opportunity: Franklinton Area Commission



The Franklinton Area Commission serves as a liaison to connect neighborhood groups, property owners, residents, developers and city officials. FAC currently has 3 open Resident Seats that expire 12/31/2024. Interested candidates need to live in Franklinton and be able to attend the monthly FAC meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 6PM. Paperwork is available at the Franklinton branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library for residents who are interested. This involves collecting at least 25 signatures from voting age Franklinton residents, a short bio, and some information to read over and sign. All resident commissioners must complete this paperwork before being considered.

If you are interested in serving on the Commission, please contact Steve Pullen at spullen.fac@gmail.com. Learn more about FAC: <https://cbusareacommissions.org/franklinton/>.

Upcoming Virtual Event: The First People of Franklinton

The Burning Tree Mastodon and the first peoples of Franklinton: What was their relationship? Who were the first peoples, how did they get here, how long did they stay, what were their customs, and when and why did they seem to disappear?

Join the virtual presentation on Thursday, March 3rd at 6:30PM when Dr. Brad Lepper will provide a presentation designed to answer these questions. Dr. Lepper is an American archaeologist best known for his work on ancient earthworks and ice age peoples in Ohio. He is currently Senior Archaeologist of the World Heritage Program at the Ohio History Connection. Visit the Franklinton Historical Society website for details: <https://franklintonhistoricalsociety.org>.

This event is part of the Franklinterennial celebration. The planning team for Franklinterennial is looking to celebrate those outcomes and events that defined Franklinton's past, that are shaping its present, and that can help reveal its future. If you are planning an event for this celebration, please complete this form to add it to their list: <https://forms.gle/vFNvcRxKbzZuR7bk7>.

Upcoming Event: Resource Fair at Clean Turn

CleanTurn is hosting a Community Resource Fair on March 23rd from 1-4pm. The address is 1059 Cable Ave. This event is open to the public and will feature more than 20 community organizations offering a variety of services. We'll have giveaways, free food & coffee, and resources such as job-readiness, medical support, housing, parenting resources, a free legal clinic, COVID vaccine clinic, and many more! For more details, email ashoup@cleanturn.com.

Upcoming Events: Sundays at Wild Goose Creative



Wild Goose Creative is offering Free Family Sunday throughout the year! This creative arts program is great for children ages 5+, and children must be accompanied by an adult the whole time. Your RSVP determines how many snacks we provide, so please try your best to attend! This program is made possible by support from the Franklinton Arts District. **Program dates in 2022 are April 3rd, June 5th, August 7th, October 2nd and December 4th.** Wild Goose Creative is located at 188 McDowell St, 43215.

Learn more: <https://www.wildgoosecreative.com/events>.



Calendar of Events: March

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

	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
	1 FAC Zoning Committee @ 6PM, Facebook Live	2	3 The Burning Tree Mastodon & The First Peoples of Franklinton @ 6:30PM, Zoom	4	5/6
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
7	8 Franklinton Area Commission @ 6PM, Facebook Live	9	10 Free Produce Distribution @ 3-5PM, Dodge Rec Center	11 Franklinton Friday	12/13 Daylight Savings Time (Spring-forward) on 3/13
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day FBOT Luncheon @ 11:30AM-1PM	18	19/20
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
21	22	23 FAC Housing & Development Committee @ 5:30PM, Facebook Live	24	25	26/27
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Questions? Comments?
 Call us at 614-275-4988, or
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