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A Season of Growth

As we shake off the chill of winter and welcome the warmth of spring, we are gearing up for an exciting season of growth, connection, and progress! With summer just around the corner, we have a lineup of fantastic events, important construction updates, and new opportunities to bring our community together.

This spring, we're thrilled to reopen the Food Truck Park, located at 20 E. Fourth Street. This is a dedicated space for local and visiting food vendors to serve up amazing eats. Don't miss our Fourth Friday on Fourth Street series, featuring live music, delicious food trucks, and local shopping.

Several infrastructure projects are in motion, including road repairs and enhancements to public spaces. These efforts will ensure that Franklin remains a safe and welcoming place for residents and visitors alike. Stay alert for construction updates and detour information to help you navigate these improvements smoothly.

Spring is a time of renewal, and our city is thriving with progress and opportunities to connect. Thank you for being an active part of our growing community—we can't wait to experience this season together!

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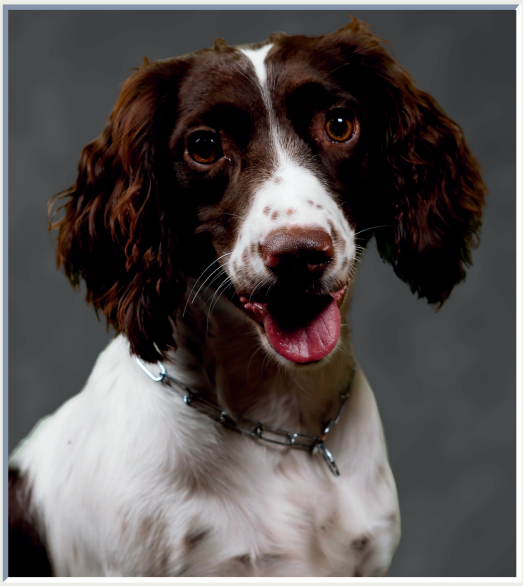
CANINE STAFF

Meet Franklin's dedicated four-legged heroes! **Asland, Liza, and Maggie** proudly serve with our police force, helping to protect and support our community. Maggie is specially certified in explosives and firearm detection and works alongside SRO Lacon to keep our schools safe. On the Fire & EMS side, **Demeter** serves as a mental health dog, offering comfort and support to our first responders. These incredible canines play a vital role in keeping Franklin safe and strong!

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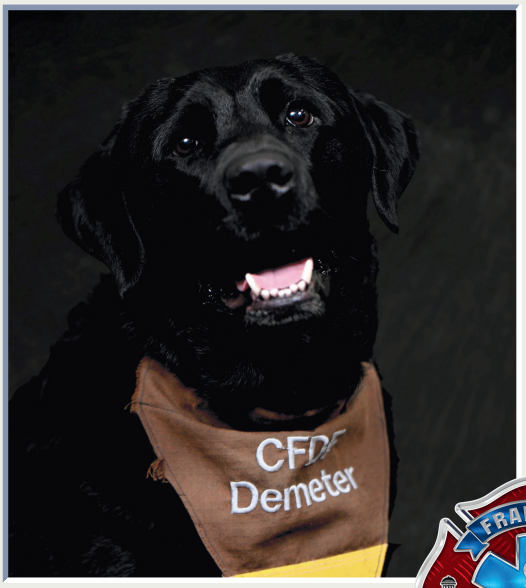
MAGGIE, DIVISION OF POLICE



LIZA, DIVISION OF POLICE



DEMETER, DIVISION OF FIRE & EMS



Small Business Spotlight

DISCOVER A LOCAL GEM:
MOORE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

This month, we're thrilled to highlight Moore Veterinary Hospital, a vital part of our Franklin community. Under the leadership of Dr. Nicole Moore, this full-service veterinary clinic has grown into a trusted source of compassionate and high-quality pet care.

Dr. Moore, a proud graduate of Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, completed her clinical training at The Ohio State University before earning her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) in 2013. She opened Moore Veterinary Hospital in Franklin in 2017, and thanks to her dedication and exceptional care, the clinic quickly flourished. Recognizing the need for expansion, she broke ground on renovations in September 2022, completing them in 2023. Her efforts were honored with the 2023 Thirkield Award for Property Renovation by the Northwest Warren County Chamber (formerly Chamber45005).





Beyond providing top-tier veterinary services, Dr. Moore is deeply invested in our local community. She proudly sponsors local schools, works with area rescues, and provides care for Demeter, our First Responder Mental Health K9.

Dr. Moore's passion for veterinary medicine goes beyond treatment—she values the relationships she builds with pets and their owners, striving to provide the best possible care so every pet can live a happy, healthy life. We are especially grateful to her and her team for taking such wonderful care of Demeter, our First Responder Mental Health Dog.

Moore Veterinary Hospital
PAWS & MOORE

Open Mon - Tues, Thurs-Fri 8:00am - 6:00pm,
& Sat 8:00am-12:00pm
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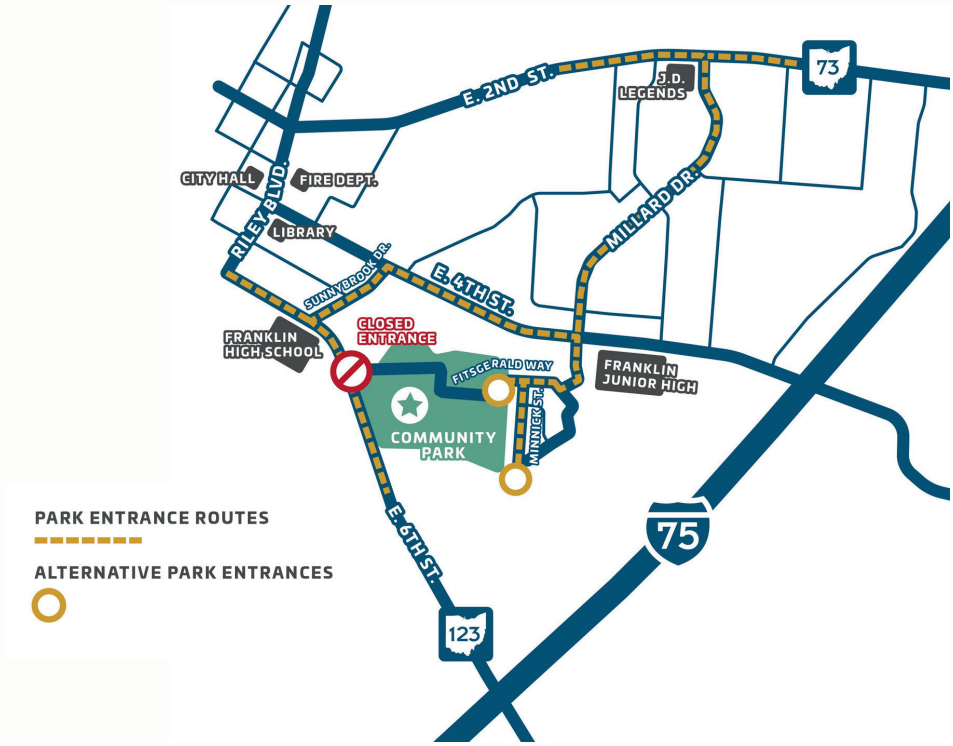
PARK ENTRANCE CLOSURE

During construction, the entrance to Community Park will be closed. The back gates will be open and accessible from Fitzgerald Way and Minnick Street.

Roundabout Construction

Contractors for the Ohio Department of Transportation are realigning the existing Community Park Drive with S.R. 123 to a 90-degree intersection opposite the new driveway to Franklin High School. The project also includes construction of a roundabout with crosswalks and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), as well as extension of the existing sidewalk on the south/west side of S.R. 123 to the new roundabout.

S.R. 123 will be closed between Tama Lane and Sunnybrook Drive for approximately 120 days from the start date of March 24. While the route is closed, motorists will be detoured by way of S.R. 73 (Riley Boulevard and E. 2nd Street), I-75 and S.R. 123. Access to businesses north of Community Park Drive will be maintained.



CONSTRUCTION UPDATES





Dial Park

Dial Park is currently closed as construction continues on the new **spray park and restroom.** We appreciate your patience and excitement as we work to bring this new feature to our community.

What is Dial Park? Dial Park is located at 5268 Tama Lane in Franklin, right off SR-123. It's designed to provide recreational opportunities for all ages. It will feature a variety of amenities, including a spray park, playground, multi-use fields, walking loops, fitness stations, and more.

Why is it called Dial Park? The park is named in honor of F.C. Dial. The F.C. Dial Trust Fund was created to support the maintenance and development of the City's parks and playgrounds for children, as outlined in F.C. Dial's will.

What amenities will be included in Dial Park? The park will be developed in phases and will eventually include:

- Spray Park (Phase 1 – Coming Summer 2025)
- Restroom (Phase 2 – Coming Summer 2025)
- Playground
- Walking Loops
- Fitness Stations
- Creek Access
- Sports Viewing Area
- Shelter
- Picnic Grove
- Shaded Seating





When will the Spray Park and other features be ready?

The spray park is funded (by the Dial Trust) and will be one of the first amenities completed. The addition of an Urben Blu smart restroom was approved at the February 3, 2025, Council meeting.
Both of these features are scheduled to be ready in early summer of 2025.
Other features will be added in phases as funding and resources allow.

FIRE & EMS LEVY, ISSUE 4

On Election Day, voters will decide on Issue 4, a proposed Fire & EMS Levy. This levy is designed to provide funding for essential emergency services, ensuring that firefighters and paramedics have the resources needed to respond quickly and effectively to emergencies in our community.

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Why is the Levy Needed?

- **Equipment & Maintenance:** Fire trucks, ambulances, and life-saving medical equipment require regular maintenance and replacement to stay in service.
- **Staffing & Training:** Well-trained personnel are critical for providing high-quality emergency response and keeping both responders and the public safe.
- **Community Growth**: As our population grows, so does the demand for fire and EMS services, making sustainable funding essential.

"You Shouldn't Need More Money Since My Property Value Has Increased!"

When property values increase, the amount you pay for an existing levy actually decreases.

This is because levies are designed to generate a fixed amount of revenue, not more money as property values rise.

As a result, local governments do not receive additional funds simply because property values go up.



If you have any questions about the fire levy, please contact us:
Chief Dan Stitzel – (937) 743-1601
City Manager Jonathan Westendorf – (937) 743-1101



ONGOING EVENTS

Join us for **Fourth Friday on Fourth Street** starting on May 23, for a vibrant community event in downtown Franklin! Enjoy live music, savor delicious offerings from food trucks, and explore unique shopping and dining experiences with our local businesses. It's the perfect way to spend a Friday evening with family and friends—don't miss out!

Join us every Tuesday from May 6th to October 14th for the **Ohio Valley Cruisers Downtown Franklin Cruise-In!** From 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, downtown Franklin transforms into a classic car lover's paradise. Enjoy 50/50 tickets, exciting door prizes, live music, and fun for all ages. Bring your friends, family, and a love for cool cars—don't miss out on this weekly tradition!

The **Downtown Franklin Farmers Market** is moving to 4th Street! Join us on May 24 for the start of our 12th season!

Franklin 2025 EVENTS

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MAY	23	FOURTH FRIDAY ON FOURTH ST
	26	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
JUN	27	FOURTH FRIDAY ON FOURTH ST
JUL	4	INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS
	25	FOURTH FRIDAY ON FOURTH ST
AUG	5	NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
	9	WARREN COUNTY KUSTOMS DOWNTOWN SATURDAY NITE
	22	FOURTH FRIDAY ON FOURTH ST
SEP	13	RIVER RIDE
	26	FOURTH FRIDAY ON FOURTH ST
OCT	9	FIRE & EMS OPEN HOUSE
	18	TRUNK-OR-TREAT
	24	FOURTH FRIDAY ON FOURTH ST
NOV	8	FURY 5K
	15	FRANKLIN IN LIGHTS

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