Meetings & Events

Nov 3 (Mon) 7:00 PM: *Criminal Court*

Nov 4 (Tues) *General Election Day*

Nov 12 (Wed) 6:30 PM: Town Board pays bills
7:00 PM: *Town Board Meeting & Budget Public Hearing*
(Rescheduled from Nov 11 (Veterans Day)
Nov 17 (Mon) 7:00 PM: *Traffic Court*

Nov 18 (Tues) 1:30 PM–4:00 PM: *VA Service Agency*
(by appointment)

Regular Weekly Office Hours

Assessor: Wednesdays, 12:30 PM–3:00 PM

Code Enforcement Officer: Saturdays, 8:00 AM–10:00 AM

Office Closures

Town Clerk's Office will be Closed:

Nov 7 & Nov 11 – *Veterans Day Observance*
Nov 27 & Nov 28 – *Thanksgiving Holiday*

Meeting Minutes

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF FRANKLINVILLE NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY BUDGET FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary 2026 Town Budget of the Town of Franklinville has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, located at 11 Park Square, Franklinville, New York, where it is

available for inspection by any interested persons during regular office hours. Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Franklinville will review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Town Hall, 11 Park Square, Franklinville, N.Y. at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

The salaries of the elected Town Officers are as follows:

Supervisor $10,070.00;
Councilman (4) $3,300.00 each;
Justice I $9,896.00;
Justice II $9,180.00;
Town Clerk $30,337.00;

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
Andrea Stanbro, RMC
Franklinville Town Clerk

DEC UPDATE: GREAT LAKE CHEESE - ISCHUA CREEK

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has announced that it has entered into an Order on Consent with Great Lakes Cheese to address the environmental damage to Ischua Creek. DEC states it is committed to holding the company fully accountable and ensuring a comprehensive restoration of this critical ecosystem.

Under the Order, Great Lakes Cheese must complete major corrective actions, including:

- Enhanced in-stream monitoring and improvements to its wastewater treatment operations
- System upgrades to detect and prevent future discharges
- Measures to eliminate hydrogen sulfide exceedances
- Oversight by independent third-party experts approved by DEC

The Order includes a $475,000 penalty, part of which will fund an environmental benefit project valued at $150,000. DEC also intends to pursue a Natural Resources Damage claim to restore the impacted section of the creek.

Violations of the Order or future environmental laws could result in additional enforcement actions.

For full details, click here to visit the DEC's Great Lakes Cheese – Ischua Creek webpage.

LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

Over the past two years, the Local Law Review Committee has been diligently working to update and create local laws—a process that requires time, care, and community collaboration. We're always grateful when residents join us for these workshops and share their input. While we're elected to make decisions that reflect the best interests of the entire community, your feedback is invaluable in helping us craft laws that are thoughtful, balanced, and reflective of the diverse needs across the Town.

During our October workshop, we just about wrapped up the discussions on the Short-Term Rental Law. We will be preparing to forward it to the County Planning Board for review. Once their feedback is received, we'll introduce the proposed law to residents and schedule a public hearing.

As the holiday season approaches, the Local Law Review Committee will take a short break from the Local Law Review Workshops during November and December. We plan to resume our sessions in January and look forward to continuing this important work together in the new year.

Residents can review all current Town of Franklinville local laws anytime by clicking on the Local Law button below. It's a great resource, although a little tricky to use.

Instructions to view our Local Laws:

Law Type - choose "Local Laws for all Municipalities"
Municipality Type - choose "Town**"**
Municipality Name (Town) - Type in Franklinville
Local Law Search Term(s) - here you can type in key words or you can leave it blank and it will pull up the local laws pertaining to the Town of Franklinville

Local Laws

CASE LAKE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Case Lake Park Committee is exploring the idea of adding a walking path around Case Lake, complete with natural-style exercise stations such as step-ups and pull-up bars.

The project is currently in the early information-gathering stage as the committee evaluates design options and community interest.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

As we prepare for the winter season, please remember that there is **no parking allowed on any Town roads from November 1 through April 1** to allow for safe and efficient snow plowing operations. Vehicles parked on the road during this period may be ticketed or towed to ensure our Highway Department can keep roads clear and safe for everyone.

In addition, New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1219 prohibits pushing, plowing, or blowing snow or any other dangerous substances into or across the roadway.

Snow left in the road can freeze, create hazardous conditions for drivers, and obstruct the work of our plow crews. Residents and private plow contractors are reminded to keep all snow within their own property boundaries and avoid placing it in the roadway or along the shoulders.

We also ask all drivers to use extra caution during winter weather:

- Slow down and give plows room to work. Never pass a snowplow on a slippery or snow-covered road.
- Be patient. Plow routes take time, and visibility can be limited for our operators.
- Plan ahead. Leave a few extra minutes for your travels and drive according to conditions.

Your cooperation helps keep our roads safe for all residents and allows our Highway Department to do their job effectively.

Thank you for your patience and support this winter season!

DOG CONTROL

DOG CENSUS UPDATE

Now that the Census deadline has passed, our Dog Control Officer will begin visiting a few residences to make sure the community-wide dog census is complete and accurate. This includes stops at homes that did not return their questionnaire, as well as a small random sampling of those who did.

These visits simply help us confirm that all dogs in the Town are counted and properly licensed, as required by New York State law.

If you haven't yet licensed your dog, you can still do so anytime through the Town Clerk's Office.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping keep our records up to date and our community safe!

ASSESSOR

Updates to the Enhanced STAR program and Enhanced STAR forms for 2026 Roll year

The 2025-2026 Enacted State Budget included several provisions to simplify the STAR program for NYS homeowners, including no longer requiring homeowners to apply to their assessor for the Enhanced STAR exemption. NYS and the assessor's office will be notifying these homeowners, if they

qualify for the Enhanced Star Exemption. Any questions should be directed to NYS Homeowners STAR credit line: (518)457-2036.

Note: Beginning in 2026, the Enhanced STAR income limit will be $110,750, but will apply only to the combined incomes of the owners and their spouses who primarily reside on the property, where previously the income limit applied to the combined incomes of all owners (residents and non-residents) and any owners spouse who resided at the property.

For more information:
Visit the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance STAR program page: https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/eligibility.htm

Hello Town of Franklinville,

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, I wanted to take a moment to share a recent experience that reflects the collaboration and community spirit that makes Franklinville such a special place to call home.

I recently attended a Village Board Meeting. When I arrived, they were in the middle of a workshop with their design team on the Park Square Improvement Project, so I decided to stay and take part in the discussion.

The design team shared concept photos and gathered feedback on potential features and enhancements for this central community space. Participants were even invited to jot down ideas in small groups, which led to some wonderful, creative suggestions. It was inspiring to see such collaboration and community spirit at work in shaping one of Franklinville's most recognizable areas.

Following the meeting, I reached out to Mayor Schumaker to ask about the next steps that I could share in our newsletter. This is a great opportunity for residents to be involved in the process, and I encourage everyone to take a few moments to share your thoughts. In the message below, you'll find a link to provide feedback—and be sure to watch for future updates on this exciting project.

As we wrap up this months update, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all of you. May your Thanksgiving be filled with gratitude, joy and good company and may the season ahead bring peace and continued progress for our community.

Sincerely,

Catie Campbell
Town Supervisor
Town of Franklinville

Message from the Village of Franklinville
(shared with permission from Mayor Schumaker)

Our village team is in the process of working with the community and Larson Design Group to create a Master Plan for the Park Square Historic District. We recognize the key role this space plays in the revitalization and sustained success for both the Village and Town of Franklinville.

Over the past several years, significant improvements have been made to water and wastewater infrastructure, including replacing and relining water and sewer mains in this key community space. The next step in this transformation is to develop a master plan that will serve as a strategic roadmap for implementing the community's top priorities while maintaining the village's charm and supporting economic growth. Our team has hired Larson Design Group (LDG) to complete this task.

In October, we published a survey and hosted a successful interactive workshop to get feedback from residents. If you would like to give your feedback, please click here to fill out the survey or request a paper copy at the Town Hall.

In November and December, village representatives will be working with LDG to narrow down the design our community prefers. Our goal is to have a final design plan by the end of the year. This plan will then be used in the future to seek funding through grants and private sources. Updates will be featured in the village newsletter and posted on their website.

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