

## SPECIAL THANK YOUS AND SHOUT OUTS

by Dot Brown, Supervisor

Thank you Richard Jarvis for your dedication and time given to the Town Board and community the last 4 years. Dick led the projects that included switching our streetlights over to LED and the Kiosks placed at the Town Hall and Kate Mt. Park. We appreciate all your hard work. Enjoy your retirement. Thank you to Gail Huston for your 2 years of dedication and time to the Town Board and Community. Gail helped with the Summer Youth Program and the Pump Track. We appreciate all your hard work. We have many local Seniors graduating this month. We wish each of you much success as you venture on your new journey. Congratulations!

Union Cemetery-The work being done at the cemetery is to control a weed that has taken over the grass. We contacted Franklin County Soil and Water and asked them how we should handle this project. Their solution is to dig it up, throw top soil down and reseed the area. It is a work in progress and we appreciate your patience. Kate Mt. Park-We are not opening up the bathrooms to the public. We have a Port a John on site. Please do not leave Dirty Diapers and other garbage at the park. Last summer there were many dirty diapers left by the Port a John on the ground. It's absolutely disgusting and inconsiderate of whomever thinks it is ok to do that. Please help us keep our park clean! Thank you!

## From the Supervisor's Desk

by Dot Brown, Supervisor

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. We are excited to share with you some exciting updates and projects going on in The Town of Franklin. The big project going on is the renovation of inside the town hall. As most of you already know, the town hall was a school house which many residents in our town attended. I have been told that many of you have wonderful memories of the events and social gatherings that took place back in the day. As time progressed the little old school house became the town hall. The last renovation done to this building was in the early '70's. Before I go into details about the project, I'm sure you

are all wondering how we can afford to do this. Well, when the Highway Garage burned down, we hired a Public Adjuster to help with the Insurance Claim. As you know, we built back the Highway Garage bigger and better with no cost to the taxpayers. When it was time to settle the claim, the insurance company still owed the town money. They had until a specific date to pay it and they failed to do so. On the advice of our public adjuster, we sued them for the rest of the money. A little over a year passed and instead of going to court, the insurance company offered us \$300,000.00 to settle the claim out of court. We accepted the offer and this is the money that we are using for the renovation of the town hall. The first project on our agenda was to provide a safe Justice Court for Judge Symonds. He had been holding court out of a small office with no exit door. We knew we could do better than this for Judge Symonds that has served our community for over 30 years. We knew we could not displace the weekly court proceedings so we closed off half the building and proceeded the work on the new court. The renovation work is being done by Joseph Arnold of Arnold Construction and Design. Joe came in and gutted the walls right down to the studs. We could see what was behind the old walls and we realized that it was in need of insulation and new wiring. Samuel Miller from North Country Construction, applied spray foam to the walls and ceiling. Morgan Harris Of Legend Electric ran all new wiring for the outlets and ceiling lights. Erik Stender form Smith and Stender is installing the Heat Pumps. Kurt & Jessica Stender from Stender Bros. Sign & Custom Woodwork Co. is presently building a Justice Court Bench for the court. With the guidance from Judge Symonds of the design and court regulations, the bench should be ready by the end of June. Joe has finished up the Justice Court project of the town hall with a new office for the Judge also. He is now working on the other half of the building with new offices for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Supervisor. We can't praise Joe enough for his talents and craftsmanship. He has also designed and made beautiful moulding to go around all the windows and doors. All the work he has done so far is beautiful and will last for many years. I'm sure you have also noticed

the parking lots at the Town Hall and Highway Garage have been paved. This was long overdue for the parking lot at the town hall. We are going to have lines painted and there will also be two Handicap parking spots. The Highway lot needed to be paved since the new garage was built. The trucks were driving through mud when it rained and dragging it into the garage. What a mess! Have a safe and fun summer! It is short season here in the "Adirondacks" but there is so much to explore and enjoy!

## SO MUCH TO CATCH UP ON

by Lauren LeFebvre, Town Clerk

### 1. Yes, there will be a Summer Youth Program.

July 8-August 9 9am-2pm at Kate Mountain Park—turn this page and you'll find the form to register. Feel free to make more copies for multiple children. Kids should bring a brown bag lunch daily. Must be 5yrs old by December 1, 2024 to attend. There is no registration fee. We are looking for unique talent to showcase. If you have a special skill or knowledge in a particular subject that would be fun and educational for kids 5-13—send an email to franklinclerk@roadrunner.com

### 2. What's Going On at the Town Hall?

Renovations Galore! Supervisor Brown will be discussing specifics in her portion of this newsletter. For me, you need to know I have no office at the Town Hall for the next 6-8 weeks. I mean there are no walls, no desk, no file cabinets, no shelves—there is nothing where my office was. It's just a few weeks and it will be worth it. Among other things—I will have a customer window just like a real Town Clerk! I'm working from home now. The best way to reach me is by email franklinclerk@roadrunner.com or text 518 637 7754. I'm also on Facebook. We made it through quarantine, we'll make this work, too. I make house calls, there is mail, there is email and there's still my drop box at the Town Hall.

### 3. We have a new website!

Same www.townoffranklin.com but a whole new look. Normally, transitioning website projects of this size are handled by a committee but this was a committee of me. Check out the site. There are a few bugs to work on.

You are welcome to let me know what changes need to be made AFTER the summer. I'm working on it daily and I'm very aware of what's not quite right yet.

### 4. Reserving the Pavilion at Kate Mountain Park is handled through the Town Clerk's office.

You must be a resident of the Town of Franklin to reserve the pavilion. If you are not a resident of the Town of Franklin, my advice is—find a resident to reserve it for you. I'm redesigning the form. It will be on the website soon. In the meantime, email me at franklinclerk@roadrunner.com

### 5. NYS Law requires dogs over 4 months of age be licensed by their owner in the municipality in which they live.

The form and pertinent information is on our website—click on Town Clerk. This form is for new licenses and renewals.

### 6. Future Fun—

There will be an Open House at the Town Hall in August, more to follow as it gets closer. Halloween—We're talking about a Haunted Pavilion. If you are a Halloween person and want to get involved, let me know. We love Halloween around here!

## MORE SAVINGS ARE COMING OUR WAY

by Richard Brandt, Council Member

The Town of Franklin has been designated a NYSEDA 'Clean Energy Community' through actions such as the solar-electric installation at Kate Mountain Park and our conversion to LED streetlights. More recently, we've released an energy benchmarking report for the town's buildings and an inventory of the town's vehicles. With these accomplishments in hand, NYSEDA has awarded us \$10,000 to help fund an efficient heat pump system for our town hall. Combined with a \$12,964 rebate from National Grid, almost half the cost of the heat pump system will be covered by NYSEDA and National Grid. Switching from oil heat to heat pumps at our town hall will save us over \$1000 a year and reduce our carbon footprint, a win-win for both taxpayers and the environment!

# Town of Franklin Summer Youth Park Program Registration

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering in Sept. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residency: \_\_\_\_\_ Town of Franklin                      \_\_\_\_\_ Town of Brighton  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Town of Santa Clara                    \_\_\_\_\_ Town of Harrietstown  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Town of St. Armand                      \_\_\_\_\_ Town of North Elba  
Other, please indicate: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # During Park hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (if parent/guardian cannot be reached at above numbers):

Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Special Conditions child has that we should be aware of (such as seizures, bee stings, asthma, or food allergies): \_\_\_\_\_

Use of Neosporin Ointment, as needed.... \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Person, or Persons, having permission to deliver and pick up my child (other than parents/guardians), include phone #'s: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the hours of this Program will be from 9:00am-2:00pm. I will let the Director know in advance, if special arrangements need to be made in regards to my child being dropped off or picked up. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Franklin from any and all claims or demands by myself, my family and any third party accruing or arising out of use of said Town property and equipment during the summer recreation program.

Signature & Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Relationship to Child) \_\_\_\_\_

**DROP THIS FORM IN THE DROP BOX ON THE PORCH OF THE TOWN HALL BEFORE 7/1 OR MAIL TO TOWN OF FRANKLIN PO BOX 209 VERMONTVILLE, NY 12989 OR EMAIL FRANKLINCLERK@ROADRUNNER.COM**

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### Cemetery Custodian

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### Code Enforcement Officer

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### Hours:

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

*Building permits are available  
on the porch of the Franklin  
Town Hall*

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