

# FRANKLINTON NEWSLETTER

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## Introduction



Happy February! We are ready to start the new year with our ninth issue and the first issue of 2021. As a reminder, the Stay-at-Home Advisory by Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health has been extended until at least February 6th. We have a few announcements and resource highlights in this issue. This newsletter is another way to expand our reach in the community and highlight resources and events on the Westside. As always, check Franklinton.org for updated information.

## Announcement: Funds Available to People with COVID-19

Household Size	Max Annual Income	Max Monthly Income
1	\$23,606	\$1,967
2	\$31,894	\$2,658
3	\$40,182	\$3,349
4	\$48,470	\$4,039
5	\$56,758	\$4,730
6	\$65,046	\$5,421
7	\$73,334	\$6,111
8	\$81,622	\$6,802
Each additional person, add	\$8,288	\$692

Have you recently been diagnosed with COVID-19? Through Columbus Urban League, the Right to Recover program provides up to \$1,200 to cover the time off work needed to isolate, recover, or care for a minor child recovering from COVID-19. The Right to Recover initiative is designed to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and has been extended to March 1st.

To qualify, you must be a resident of Columbus; recently tested positive with COVID-19 or caring for minor child who has; have been employed at least 20 hours a week prior to diagnosis; earn under 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (seen on the chart to the left); and commit to isolate for 14 days after the diagnosis.

Call 614-484-9111 (and select Right to Recover) to learn more, or go online at: <https://www.cul.org/right-to-recover/>.



## Announcement: COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Columbus Public Health continues to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine to those outlined in Phase 1A & 1B under the Ohio Department of Health guidelines. 1A includes health care workers, EMS responders, and staff and residents at long-term care facilities. 1B includes individuals over 65 years old, K-12 school employees, and people with severe health conditions. Scheduling is open by phone only at 614-645-1519.

As safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines become more widely available, the general public will be able to get vaccinated as well. The timeframe for general public distribution will be determined by vaccine availability and Ohio Department of Health guidelines. Continue to follow state guidelines of mask-wearing, social distancing, and avoiding large groups to stop the spread.

Please check this page for updates: <https://www.columbus.gov/publichealth/Coronavirus-Portal/>.

## Announcement: Recycling Update from Rumpke



The City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities and Rumpke Waste & Recycling are thrilled to announce the expansion of our acceptable recycling items list. The existing recycling program expands to include a wide variety of plastic tubs such as butter, cottage cheese, and sour cream tubs, fruit, pudding, and applesauce cups and all yogurt containers. All of these items will find new life through our recycling service partners Rumpke Waste & Recycling and SWACO Recycling enhanced recycling program.

## Announcement: New Leadership at Gladden & FAD

A new year brings new leadership for Gladden Community House with the hiring of President/CEO Nick Bankston. Nick joins Gladden after the retirement of former President, Joy Chivers, who stepped down in September after 15 years of service. He most recently served as the City's Project Manager of Neighborhood Transformation Strategies, where he oversaw neighborhood revitalization planning and implementation efforts in Linden and the Hilltop.

The Franklinton Arts District is pleased to welcome Johnny Riddle as its first-ever Executive Director, effective February 1. Johnny was the volunteer Executive Director at 934 Gallery, a not-for-profit art gallery in Milo-Grogan. Johnny brings a holistic approach to arts management through his extensive professional experience as a fundraiser, arts administrator, event planner, and neighborhood advocate.

## Resource Highlight: Westside Warming Center

Jordan's Crossing (342 N Hague Ave) is open from 9AM-3PM on Monday-Friday as a warming center during colder weather until Friday, April 2, 2021. Social distancing will be practiced.

Questions? Contact Keith McCormish from Columbus Coalition for the Homeless at 614-625-2162 or [kmccormish@gmail.com](mailto:kmccormish@gmail.com).



## Resource Highlight: Home Weatherization Program

SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD	MAXIMUM ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$18,735
2	\$25,365
3	\$31,995
4	\$38,625
5	\$45,255
6	\$51,885
7	\$58,515
8	\$65,145

Are you spending too much on home energy bills? MORPC’s home weatherization services will help you and your loved ones be safer and more comfortable in your home at no cost to you! Free services may include: Furnace tune-up or replacement, wall and attic insulation, refrigerator replacement, and light bulb replacement. Qualifications: Your household income is at or below the requirements shown in the chart to the left, you reside in Franklin County, you are a Columbia Gas of Ohio customer.

This program is open to renters and homeowners of up to 4-units. Call 614-621-1171 to learn more!

## Upcoming Event: Westside Virtual Office-less Hours

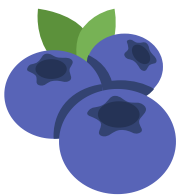
Westside liaisons from city departments and programs will be holding monthly Virtual Office (-less) Hours on the first Thursday of the month from 10-11:30AM via WebEx. Programs/ departments that will be represented will include: Code Enforcement, Police, Refuse, Celebrate One, Columbus City Council – Community Engagement, Columbus City Attorney’s Office, Department of Neighborhoods. If there is a specific issue that you’re dealing with related to any of the above departments and you want to talk directly to a City employee about it, feel free to log on and join us. Questions about neighborhood-specific issues are answered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Join from the meeting link: <https://cocmeetings.webex.com/cocmeetings/j.php?MTID=m2881768d9f817f20906d98efbc260535>.

Join by meeting number: Access Code: 180 267 4591 / Meeting password: 12345

Call-in toll number (US/Canada) to join by phone 1-650-479-3207

## Upcoming Events: Dodge Rec Center Produce Distribution



Dodge Rec Center is providing FREE fresh produce from 3-5PM (or until food runs out) on select Thursdays. First come, first serve and the event is rain or shine. Please do not get out of your car – staff will bring the food to you. ID required. **2021 Dates:** February 11th, March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 15th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, and December 9th.

## Upcoming Events: Regional Mobility Plan Virtual Meeting

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is working with 9 Central Ohio counties to develop a transit coordinated plan for the ODOT Human Service Transportation Coordination Region 6 – called the Regional Mobility Plan. The Regional Mobility Plan will identify local transportation needs of people with disabilities, older adults, and those with low incomes. The plan will only be successful with your input! Join us for this virtual public meeting.

Public meetings will take place virtually on: February 2nd at 12:30PM; February 2nd at 7PM; February 4th at 6PM; and February 10th at 12PM.

For more information on the plan and public input opportunities, visit [www.morpc.org/mobilityplan](http://www.morpc.org/mobilityplan).



# Calendar of Events: February

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

M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SUN
1	2 Regional Mobility Plan Virtual Meeting @ 12:30PM & 7PM Virtual FAC Zoning Committee @ 6PM	3	4 Westside Virtual Office- less Hours @ 10-11:30AM Regional Mobility Plan Virtual Meeting @ 6PM	5	6/7
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
8	9 Virtual Safe Sleep Ambassador Training @ 10AM Virtual Franklinton Area Commission @ 6PM	10 Regional Mobility Plan Virtual Meeting @ 12PM Celebrate One Stroller Social @ 6:30	11 Dodge Rec Center Produce Giveaway @ 3-5PM	12 Franklinton Friday @ 6-10PM	13/14  Valentine's Day on 2/14
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
15 Presidents Day	16	17	18	19 Virtual Safe Sleep Ambassador Training @ 10:30AM	20/21
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
22 Virtual Safe Sleep Ambassador Training @ 1PM	23	24 Virtual FAC Housing & Development Committee @ 5:30PM	25	26	27/28

**Questions? Comments?**  
 Call us at 614-275-4988, or send us an email at  
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