

FRANKLINTON NEWSLETTER

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Introduction



Happy April! The COVID-19 vaccine was opened to Ohioans ages 16 and up on March 29th, which brings us one step closer to a new normal. To schedule with Columbus Public Health, call 614-645-1519. Lower Lights Christian Health Center is also scheduling appointments and you can sign up online at <https://lowerlightshealth.org/covid19vac/>. Earth Day is on April 22nd and you can "like" the Franklinton Litter League on Facebook to find out information on clean-ups on the westside.

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

Announcement: ACA Health Insurance Enrollment

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the healthcare insurance Marketplace has been reopened from February 15 to May 15, 2021. This will allow many Americans the opportunity to purchase or change their Marketplace plan.

- Many of our Marketplace members qualify for help in the form of a government-funded subsidy
- A family of four with a household income of \$106,000 qualifies for help!
- Many people don't have ANY health insurance

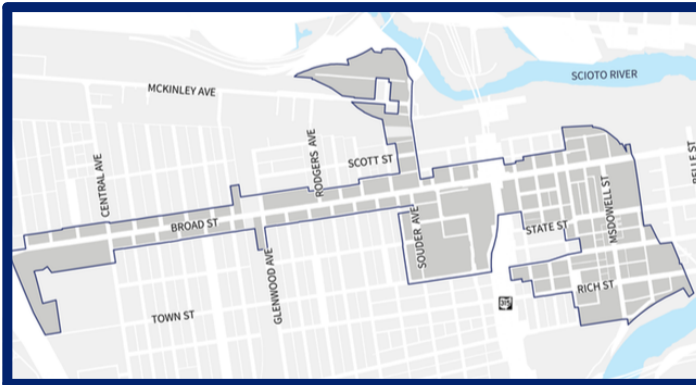
CareSource is here to partner with you and the consumers you serve to help navigate all government programs – Medicaid, Marketplace and Medicare. Visit caresource.com or contact James Reed at 614-202-4978 or james.reed1@caresource.com.



Announcement: Franklinton Special Improvement District

Franklinton Board of Trade (FBOT) started the process in 2018 to establish a Special Improvement District (SID) for Franklinton. The goal was to create boundaries that would address cleanliness and safety to revitalize the West Broad business corridor, the developments and new businesses of East Franklinton, the reimagined Mount Carmel West campus, the Souder Avenue connection to McKinley Ave., and Franklinton Square Shopping Plaza.

After nearly three full years the Franklinton Special Improvement District of Columbus (FSID) will begin services in the early to mid-June 2021 time frame. Franklinton Board of Trade (FBOT) has a management agreement with FSID to coordinate the services and handle the back-end part of the FSID.



FBOT will partner with The Refuge to supply cleaning ambassadors and we are working through the arrangements for safety services. You will see the ambassadors out picking up trash, pulling weeds and generally looking after the appearance of the area on a full-time, consistent, and predictable basis. But beyond their “task at hand” they are going to be ambassadors for the neighborhood and should be looked at as people who can help when and if it is needed.

The FSID is funded through special assessments on the property owners within the defined boundaries as they derive the benefits of the added, improved, and expanded services being delivered.

A map of the FSID boundary is below and if there are any questions you can call Trent Smith at Franklinton Board of Trade: (614) 398-2435 or via e-mail: trent@franklintonbot.org

Announcement: Weekly Harvest Pack



Registration is open for the weekly harvest pack from Franklinton Farms! Farm veggies and herbs with free recipes delivered to your door weekly from April 9th-June 11th.

Small Pack (5 items): \$3.75 SNAP/EBT or \$7.50 half price or \$15 full price
Large Pack (7 items): \$5 SNAP/EBT or \$10 half price or \$20 full price

Sign up by texting 614-233-1887 or visit <https://franklintonfarms.org/whp>.

Resource Highlight: Parenting Classes at Gladden

Gladden Community House is hosting parenting classes led by the Center for Family Resolution. Classes started on Wednesday, March 24th and go until Wednesday, May 15th. Classes are held from 1-3:00 every Wednesday, and it is open enrollment. Call 614-227-1600 if you have any questions about the classes.



Job Opportunities: Franklinton Farms

Help wanted at Franklinton Farms through 2021 AmeriCorp VISTA! Email info@franklintonfarms.org for more info, and apply here: <https://tinyurl.com/2wb8259b>.

VISTA Summer Associate (June 7 – August 15, 2021):

Urban Farmer Summer Associate (5 positions available) will join a team of urban farmers and learn to cultivate and distribute fruits and vegetables through sustainable urban agriculture on 12 scattered lots across 1.5 acres in the center of Franklinton. Together, we will sow seeds for community health, enjoyment, resilience, and food security!

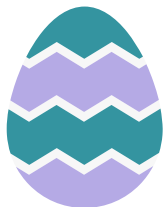
Garden Education and Community Outreach Summer Associate (1 position available) will support garden education for Franklinton neighbors at the Learning Garden and through our Home Victory Gardening Program. They will support canvassing to ensure we reach everyone in our neighborhood and spread the word about our food access and garden programs!

Year-Long VISTA (1 position available, June 7, 2021 – June 6, 2022)

Year-Long VISTA Member duties will include: Coordinate an outreach plan to reach every household in Franklinton; mobilize volunteers to support customer needs; curate culturally-informed recipes to include with produce donations; advance education program evaluations; plan Farms Community Festivals; support fundraising (event, donor relations, and grant writing).

Upcoming Events: Easter Celebrations

Dodge Rec Center (667 Sullivant Ave) is hosting a Bunny Grab & Go Bag giveaway for Easter on Saturday, April 3rd at 10AM. This year our Easter Egg Hunt will be a grab and go drive-thru. Each child in attendance will get a goodie bag with plastic eggs and candy inside. Make sure you are in line at 10:00 A.M SHARP. First come, first serve. Please remain in your car at all times. Please call 614-724-8151 with questions. All Columbus Recreation Centers are hosting a bunny grab & go event on April 3rd at 10AM.



Crossroads World Outreach Ministries is hosting an Easter celebration, which includes a community dinner and egg hunt on Sunday, April 4th. Easter Dinner will begin at 3PM and the egg hunt (ages 1-14) will begin at 7PM. All children will receive candy. Please wear masks and practice social distancing. If you'd like to provide donations of candy and eggs, please contact Brenda at: brenda88058319@gmail.com.

Upcoming Event: FCW Community Rides

Learn how to ride your bike on city streets with confidence! In this class, you'll learn how to ride your bike on city streets with confidence. We'll talk about the rights you have as a cyclist, the law pertaining to cyclists, and how to stay safe and visible. This class is a 5 to 7 mile bike ride with lots of stops to talk about the traffic conditions and built infrastructure we encounter. Participants should be comfortable riding a bike. We ask that you bring your own bike, helmet, and light set, or call ahead to arrange the provision of a bike. We also request that you wear bright comfortable clothing. The class is free, but we're happy to accept donations.

Upcoming rides on May 15th, June 15th, and July 15th from 6:30-8PM.



Registration is available on Eventbrite. More info here:

[https://www.facebook.com/FranklintonCycleworks/events/.](https://www.facebook.com/FranklintonCycleworks/events/)



Calendar of Events: April

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

			TH	F	SA/SUN
			1 Westside Virtual Office-less Hours @ 10-11:30AM	2	3/4  Easter on 4/4
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
5	6 Virtual FAC Zoning Committee @ 6PM	7	8 Dodge Rec Center Produce Giveaway @ 3-5PM	9 Franklinton Friday @ 6-10PM	10/11
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
12 Yard Waste & Recycling Pick-up	13 Virtual Franklinton Area Commission @ 6PM	14 Celebrate One Stroller Social @ 6:30	15	16	17/18
M	TU	W	TH	F	SA/SU
19	20	21	22  Earth Day	23	24/25
M	TU	W	TH	F	
26 Yard Waste & Recycling Pick-up	27	28 Virtual FAC Housing & Development Committee @ 5:30PM	29	30	

Questions? Comments?
 Call us at 614-275-4988, or send us an email at info@franklinton.org.

