

FRANKLINTON NEWSLETTER

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Introduction



Happy December! The final month of 2021 is here - what a year! We plan to skip January, so our next Newsletter will be released in February 2022. If you haven't heard, COVID-19 shots are now available for kids ages 5-11. Booster shots for Moderna & Pfizer are available for those 18 and up who have had at least 6 months from the second dose. Get vaccinated to enjoy the holidays safely.

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

Announcement: Columbus Promise for CCS Seniors

The City of Columbus, Columbus State Community College, I Know I Can, and Columbus City Schools developed the Columbus Promise based on a national model used in other cities and states. Students who graduate from Columbus City Schools during phase one of the program (classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024), complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and an application to Columbus State can attend Columbus State full-time or part-time for up to six semesters to complete a two-year degree or shorter certificate program.

Once in college, students receive free tuition as long as they maintain federal aid standards for satisfactory academic progress. In addition to covered tuition and fees, Columbus Promise Scholars will receive up to \$1,000 annually for transportation, books, and other life expenses. Columbus State Community College will implement a robust set of wraparound career, academic, and financial supports to help more students.

To learn more about the Columbus Promise, visit <https://cbuspromise.com>.



Announcement: Property Tax Assistance Program

The Property Tax Assistance Program (PTAP) will accept applications from low-income elderly homeowners who need help paying their 2021 first half property taxes. The PTAP provides emergency one-time property tax assistance to low-income homeowners age 60 or older and is a nonprofit entity funded solely through donations. The Auditor's office has administered the program since November 2019.

You may contact the Franklin County Auditor's Office at 614-525-HOME or download an application online at www.franklincountyauditor.com, under "Real Estate." You may submit a signed application or submit an application over the phone or by email to PTAP@franklincountyohio.gov. You can apply until December 20th for the 1st half tax collection.

Resource Highlight: New Directions Career Center

New Directions Career Center (NDCC) has worked to improve the Franklin County community by providing career counseling to assist individuals, especially women, to achieve financial stability. Licensed Career Counselors and a team of knowledgeable staff deliver holistic programming addressing the needs of each individual. NDCC offers a variety of group programs and workshops, as well as individual career counseling designed to assist people in their job search and set attainable career goals.

NDCC offer YES (Your Employment Success), an online career development course, and have registration open for a class from January 25–February 17. Participants are given support to identify their employment needs and develop a customized career plan that works for them. The holistic curriculum focuses on four components: goal setting, career exploration, self-marketing, and self-compassion - all in a supportive and affirming small-group environment. There is no cost and all classes are online via Zoom.

To register: <https://newdirectionscc.org/program-services/virtual-portal/>.

Resource Highlight: Franklinton Welcome Packet



Are you or do you know a new Franklinton resident? Read the Franklinton Welcome Packet provided in partnership with Franklinton Area Commission and Franklinton Development Association. Learn about the history of Franklinton, local services, and area non-profits. Local services include information about 311 and refuse services, Westside Pride Center, Franklin County Board of Elections, post office, Dodge Community Center, and more.

Read it here: <https://tinyurl.com/franklintonwelcomepacket>

Resource Highlight: Celebrate One Westside Connector

CelebrateOne is a community effort to help more babies celebrate their first birthdays in Columbus. We do this by connecting pregnant women and families of infants under 1 year old, with community resources. We help make sure parents are prepared to support their babies by providing information on where to find assistance for food, rent, utilities, prenatal care, and parenting support. Additionally, we can connect families with diaper, crib, car seat, and transportation resources. Please contact Mailli Robinett, the Connector for Franklinton and Hilltop at 614-715-6207 or mjrobinett@columbus.gov.



Upcoming Events

Holiday Giveaways at Dodge

Come celebrate the holiday season with Dodge Community Center! Drive-thru toy giveaway at on Wednesday, December 15th from 5:30-6:30PM. Free grab-n-go hot meal on Wednesday, December 22nd from 3-6PM. First come, first serve and no reservation required at 667 Sullivant Ave, 43215.

Songs on Sullivant

Help spread peace, love & joy on Sullivant Avenue this holiday season by joining us on Friday, December 17th for the 2nd Annual Songs on Sullivant: An Evening of Caroling and Community. This event is brought to you by many community partners, including: The City of Columbus - Department of Neighborhoods, the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Corday's Golden Heart, Cover My Meds, Franklinton Arts District, Franklinton Board of Trade, Franklinton Development Association, Mid-Ohio Food Collective, The Refuge, Summer Jam West, and We Amplify Voices (WAV).



This year, Songs on Sullivant is returning bigger and better than ever. This family-friendly evening of fun and festivities will include:

- Kids (under 18) will be eligible to take home a GIFT* from Santa Claus and make a HOLIDAY ORNAMENT* with Santa's Elves.
- Sing along with our LIVE BAND as we celebrate the love and sense of community that makes the West Side so special.
- While you're singing, warm up with some COOKIES*, a cup of HOT COCOA* and even take home DINNER TO-GO*

*while supplies last

We will meet at Dodge Recreation Center around 5:30pm to distribute song books and carpool to our 2 holiday caroling locations along Sullivant Avenue. Meet us at Dodge to participate in the caravan, or join us at either of our two locations at the below times.

We also have sign-up available for bus seating. Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations will be required in order to board the bus. You can reserve your seat today here: <https://bit.ly/3BDL0xE>.

Virtual Strength & Mobility Class

Mount Carmel Healthy Living Center is hosting a Healthy Living At Home Virtual session on Strength and Mobility. This series will focus on strengthening muscles and increasing your range of motion for daily life activities. Participants will use fitness bands, a small fitness ball and other daily household objects to perform these exercises. Many exercises will be done seated in a chair or using a chair for support. All skill levels are encouraged to participate!

This series will include a free fitness band and ball to registered participants. If you do not already have these items, we will provide them for you! Information about supplies pick up will be emailed to participants prior to program start date.

Registration is required! To register, please email healthylivingcenter@mchs.com or visit <http://www.mountcarmelhealth.com/hlc>.



Calendar of Events: December


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

| W | TH | F | SA/SU |
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| 1 FAC Executive Committee @ 6PM, West Park UMC | 2 | 3 | 4/5 |

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| 6 Mobile Dress for Success @ Franklinton Library, 11AM-3PM | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Franklinton Friday | 11/12 |

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| 13 Mobile Dress for Success @ Franklinton Library, 11AM-3PM | 14 | 15 Toy-Giveaway @ Dodge Community Center, 5:30-6:30PM | 16 | 17 Songs on Sullivant | 18/19 |

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| 20 Mobile Dress for Success @ Franklinton Library, 11AM-3PM | 21 | 22 Holiday Giveaway @ Dodge Community Center, 3-6PM | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve | 25/26  Christmas Day on 12/25 |

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| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  New Years Eve |

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

