

FRANKLINTON NEWSLETTER

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Happy December! Check [Franklinton.org](http://franklinton.org) for updated information. Our next issue will be released February 2025. Future issues can be found online at <http://franklinton.org/newsletter/>.

Free Westside Holiday Events & Meals

- Hilltop Library (511 S. Hague Ave, 43204):
 - **Thursday, December 5th from 7-8:30PM:** Visit & take a photo with Santa
 - **Saturday, December 7th from 3-5PM:** Celebrate the holidays with special crafts, games, and winter treats. There will be activities for Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice, and wintertime joy
- Franklinton Library (1061 W. Town St, 43222) on **Tuesday, December 10th from 4:30-6PM:** Santa's visiting the library! Enjoy games and fun activities for the whole family.
- Westgate Community Center (455 S. Westgate Ave, 43204) on **Friday December 13th 6-8PM:** Winter Holiday Party
- Lower Lights Child Enrichment Center (2323 Sullivant Ave, 43204) on **Saturday, December 14th from 4:30-6PM:** Songs on Sullivant includes free family festivities including a gift from Santa, caroling, crafts, and more.
- Dodge Community Center (667 Sullivant Ave, 43215) on **Thursday, December 19th from 1-3PM:** Free Holiday Meal Giveaway
- Sullivant Gardens Community Center (755 Renick St, 43223) on **Friday, December 20th at 5PM:** Winter Dinner with fun, cookie decorating, and a toy giveaway



Free Services at the Hilltop Library

Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio (LASCO) will be at the Hilltop Library (511 S. Hague Ave, 43204) the following Mondays from 4-6PM to answer questions. First come, first served. To receive free advice, you must have a gross household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Please be prepared to show proof of immigration status (if a non-citizen). Attorneys are available to answer questions only, and they will not attend court with you. If you have any upcoming court deadlines, you should contact Legal Aid Intake at 614-241-2001.

- **Monday, December 2nd – Landlord/Tenant** (problems with housing conditions, eviction discrimination, retaliation)
- **Monday, December 9th – Family/Education Law** (problems with IEP, enrollment, school removal, divorce, custody, child support, civil protection orders)

The Hilltop branch has multiple community partners offering additional **social services** at the branch, including:

- Southeast's Certified Healthcare Navigators offer free, unbiased help with enrolling and renewing Medicaid and Marketplace health insurance on **Tuesdays from 12:30-4PM**
- The Mid-Ohio Food Collective benefits team can help you apply for SNAP, Medicaid, and other health insurance benefits on the **second and fourth Wednesdays from 1-3PM**.
- The Columbus Financial Empowerment Center offers free 1-on-1 financial counseling on **Tuesdays from 1-6PM**.

Leasing for Starling Yard

Starling Yard, an affordable and high-quality apartment community with 1-3 bedroom units at 120 S Central Ave in Franklinton. Starling Yard offers a wide range of amenities, including on-site maintenance, a fitness center, and a community room, as well as a Business Center and controlled access to the building. With nearby public transportation as well as the convenience of housing vouchers being welcomed, Starling Yard is the perfect place to call home.

Contact Woda Cooper Companies at (614) 905-1477 or email starlingyard@wodagroup.com to schedule a tour and learn more about available units. In-person applications can be completed at Wheatland Crossing (174 N Wheatland Ave, Columbus, OH 43223).

Learn more: <https://starlingyard.wodagroup.com/>.

Mount Carmel Healthy Living Center Holiday Open House

Join Mount Carmel Healthy Living Center for their Holiday Open House on **Tuesday, December 17th from 11AM-1PM**. Join them for food, games, and fun at 777 W State St, Building 2, 43222. Register online by Thursday, December 12th:

https://mchs.formstack.com/forms/healthy_living_center_class_registration.



LINC Academy Open House

Join LINC Academy on **Saturday, December 7th from 11AM-2PM** for an Open House at 33 N Grubb St, 43215. Explore our newly renovated facility, learn about our educational offerings, and discover how to enroll your child. LINC Academy serves Grades K-2 for the 2024-2025 School Year with plans to grow to serve Grades K-5. Through a partnership with several local organizations, LINC Academy will have **free winter coats, hats gloves and blankets available for TANF Eligible Families!** Sizes available: 2T to Y10/12.

Winter Crisis Program

The emergency Winter Crisis Program is accepting applications for assistance until March 1st, 2025. The program provides assistance once per heating season to eligible individuals/families. Emergency HEAP can also help pay for heating system repairs (furnace repair) up to \$1,500 in certain cases. To make your appointment, please call: 380-213-1444 or visit them online at: www.breathingassociation.org.

Upcoming Programs at We Amplify Voices

Join WAV for their **Community Creatures: Free Collage Workshop on December 6th & 20th from 3-5PM!** Craft your unique collage creature, connect with your community, and share love around the westside.

WAV Club is an after-school drop-in program for 4th-8th graders on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5:30 PM. Activities include freestyle, dance, music, and art. No registration required.

WAV workshops and programs are open to the public at no cost, and participants are encouraged to come as they are with no art skill required. These workshops are held at their office (1327 Sullivant Ave, 43223). Learn more: www.weamplifyvoices.org/

Harm Reduction Pop-up

Netcare will host a Harm Reduction Pop Up event in their parking lot (199 S. Central Ave, 43222) from **1-4PM on Friday, December 20th**. Supplies that will be available include: Narcan, fentanyl test strips, sterile use kits, hygiene supplies, condoms, first aid kits, clothing, snacks and other items to assist our neighbors in need. Representatives from Equitas Health, Community Medical Services, and Central Ohio Harm Reduction will also be present.

Financial LifeSkills Program

Get paid to learn money management! The 12-hour program is broken up into 6 classes:



**Financial LifeSkills
PROGRAM**










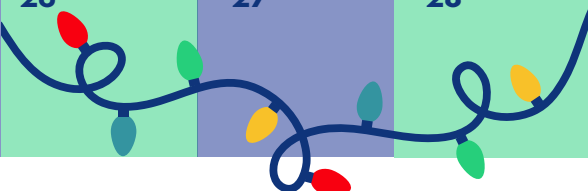
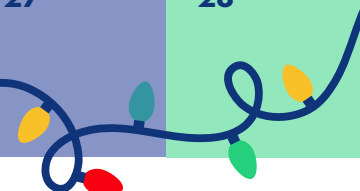
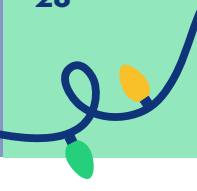



1. Your Relationship with Money
2. Budgeting
3. Banks & Credit
4. Loan & Debt management
5. Job-training & Entrepreneurship
6. Taxes & Risk Management

Upon completion, graduates receive an incentive of \$252 and a certificate. Please register online for our interest list: <https://franklintondevelopment.org/flsp>.



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

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| 1  | 2 Free Legal Office Hours (Landlord/Tenant) @ 4-6PM, Hilltop Library | 3  | 4  | 5 Winter Holiday Celebration @ 7-8:30PM, Hilltop Library | 6 Collage Workshop @ 3-5PM, We Amplify Voices | 7 Open House @ 11AM-2PM, LINC Academy |
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| 8  | 9 Free Legal Office Hours (Family, Education Law) @ 4-6PM, Hilltop Library | 10 Festive Fun @ 4:30-6PM, Franklinton Library Franklinton Area Commission @ 6PM, Mount Carmel Healthy Living Center | 11 Free Produce @ 4:30, Oakley Full Gospel Baptist Church Housing for All Workshop @ 6:30-8:30PM, Hilltop Library | 12 Free Yoga Flow @ 5:30-6:15PM, Lower Lights Health Center | 13 Winter Holiday Party @ 6-8PM, Westgate Community Center | 14 Songs on Sullivant @ 4:30-6PM, Lower Lights Child Enrichment Center |
| SU | M | TU | W | TH | F | SA |
| 15  | 16  | 17 Holiday Open House @ 11AM-1PM, Mount Carmel HLC | 18 Free Produce @ 4PM, Hilltop YMCA | 19 Holiday Meal Giveaway @ 1-3PM, Dodge Community Center | 20 Harm Reduction Pop-Up @ 1-4PM, Netcare Parking Lot Winter Holiday Dinner @ 5PM, Sullivant Gardens Community Center | 21  Winter Solstice |
| SU | M | TU | W | TH | F | SA |
| 22  | 23  | 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas Day Hanukkah Begins | 26  | 27  | 28  |
| SU | M | TU | | | | |
| 29  | 30  | 31  New Years' Eve | | | | |

Questions? Comments? Call us at
 614-636-3644, or send us an email at
info@franklinton.org.