

Betterment

The product of progress.

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 01/05/2025

We are seekers. It's that quiet yet constant flame from someplace deep within us. Life is quite literally a fire that has no flame. Is it a 'burning desire'? No. It's in the background of our consciousness, smoldering. Subtle, but smoldering nonetheless.

In November we seek to embrace gratitude and be thankful. In December we seek the peace of the season. As days wane, these are months for emotional reckoning. A mental settling of accounts. Settling in.

In January, we tend to seek a bit more. What lies forward?

How to frame January? Hope becomes restless. What do we seek? Is it direction? Is it progress? There is a somewhat technical term that insurance companies often cite - 'betterment'.

Betterment refers to items (and their value) that the insured attempts to include in a loss claim that were not a direct or consequent loss resulting from the loss event. In plain English, if you were in a minor fender-bender and tried to include your worn brakes in a claim, that's betterment. You seek a better outcome from a loss. Earned or not, we seek to tip the scales in our favor.

So here we are in January. Post-holiday doldrums. Restless. Hope against shapeless dread?. Seeking. Impatient? Some might say we're, 'antsy.' We want to get things moving somehow. (Even as we strive to retrain our muscle memory to write '2025' instead of '2024'.)

Last week I quipped about my ersatz holiday - **PUTTER DAY**. Even in jest, it serves a purpose. It reminds us that the desultory doing of things - puttering - is a way to engage - to move from stasis - to shift from seeking to starting. If you're unsure about what to do, just do something, no matter how simple.

Our lives are filled with gains and losses. On January first, **PUTTER DAY** is not just about that one day. It's a start. It's our way forward - to some form of earned betterment.

And - as always -

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Monday:

9 AM 12 PM and 6 PM **Talkin' the Blues** - Jim Derick & Nick Remissong
Awesome blues music, info, interviews

11 AM 2 PM and 8 PM **Frank's Music** - with Frank Falvey

Tuesday:

9:00a/12:00p/6:00p **Jazz Journey** - with Pamela Hines
An insightful tour of Jazz Greats in a golden era

11 AM 2 PM and 8 PM **Safe Radio** - Dr. Anne Bergen and Jim Derick examine
treatments, coping strategies and recovery from
substance use disorder and mental illness.

Wednesday:

9:00a/12:00p/6:00p **Franklin Matters Radio** - Steve Sherlock
Our local officials, services and events

10:00a/1:00p/7:00p **The Wonderful World of Wine** - Mark Lenzi, Kim Simone
All about wine, its culture, lore and finer points

11:00a/2:00p/8:00p **Franklin Matters Radio** - Steve Sherlock
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Thursday:

9:00a/12:00p/6:00p **Turntable** - with Dave (Vibe) Butler & Paul (G) Guarino
Our 2-hour deep dive into the great albums

11:00a/2:00p/8:00pm **Frank Presents** - Notable Local Conversations

Friday:

9:00a/12:00p/6:00p **Chapters** - Jim Derick
Insightful, life-affirming stories and interviews

10:00a/1:00p/7:00p **Music to Lift the Spirit** - Frank Falvey & Jim Derick

11:00a/2:00p/8:00pm **Senior Story Hour** - Senior Center Scribblers Group

Weekdays:

3:00p **Swingin' Music** of the Big Band Era

4:00p **Starlight Songs** from the Great American Songbook

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SATURDAY

- 7:30 am Franklin Art Association: Vincent Crotty
- 9:00 am Cooking Thyme: Candy Apples
- 9:30 am Candlepin New Generation: Show 7
- 10:00 am Joe Landry: The Railroad in Franklin
- 11:30 am Veterans' Call: SHINE
- 1:00 pm Winning Ways with the MIAA: Pete Smith
- 2:00 pm Mental Health: Raeleen Sullivan
- 3:00 pm Fallen Heroes Pt 9
- 3:30 pm Santa on the Common 2024
- 4:00 pm Parish of St. Mary Christmas Pageant 2019
- 5:30 pm FPAC: The Nutcracker 2024
- 8:30 pm Circle of Friends: Heather Pierson Trio

SUNDAY

- 7:00 am Let There Be Light: In True Freedom Pt 3
- 8:00 am Mrs. Claus Storytime
- 8:30 am Franklin Art Association: Vincent Crotty
- 10:00 am Fallen Heroes Pt 9
- 10:30 am Veterans' Call: SHINE
- 11:30 am Senior Connection: Traditions
- 12:30 pm FUMC: Cathy Cargill Koch
- 2:00 pm Joe Landry: The Railroad in Franklin
- 3:30 pm Extended Play Sessions: Season 10 Show 3 - Hipnotics
- 4:30 pm Pack 92 Pinewood Derby 2022
- 6:00 pm SAFE Coalition: Michelle Palladini
- 7:00 pm Riffin' on Main Street: James McLaughlin
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 8:00 am SAFE Coalition: Michelle Palladini
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 12:00 pm Brook'n'Cookin: Scones
 12:30 pm Cooking with Linda: Salmon
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 1:30 pm Pizzapalooza: White Pizza
 2:00 pm New England Candlepins: Summer 2018 Show 7
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 4:00 pm Second Sunday Speaker Series: Twisted Sisters
 5:30 pm Winning Ways with the MIAA: Referee Shortage Pt1
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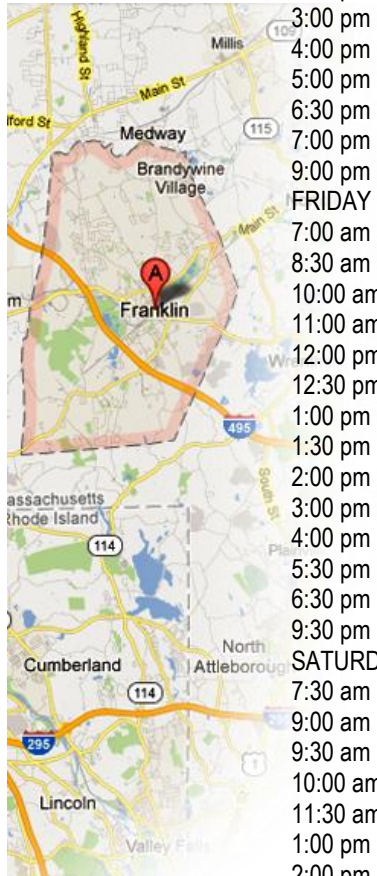
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10:30 am Mental Health: Raeleen Sullivan
12:00 pm FHS Boys Varsity Basketball v Dartmouth High School 12-23-24
3:30 pm SAFE Coalition: The Hamlins
4:30 pm Varsity Football: Franklin v King Philip 11-28-24
7:30 pm FHS Girls Varsity Hockey v Stoughton 12-18-24
9:30 pm Universe of Adolescent Sleep

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11:30 am Public School Concert: Horace Mann Winter Music 2022
2:00 pm FHS Girls Varsity Basketball v Taunton 01-03-25
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MONDAY

8:00 am FHS Girls Varsity Basketball v Taunton 01-03-25
 10:30 am Cultural Council: BT ALC Big Band
 12:00 pm Public School Event: Annie Sullivan Winter Music 2022
 1:30 pm Winning Ways with the MIAA: Referee Shortage Pt1
 3:30 pm Public School Concert: MICCA Showcase Pt. 2 03-14-18
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Note: 3rd Floor meetings are on Comcast8/Verizon28 and our Franklin Pride YouTube channel.

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SATURDAY

- 10:00 am Planning Board 12-16-24
- 2:00 pm Zoning Board of Appeals 11-21-24
- 5:00 pm Conservation Commission 12-12-24

SUNDAY

- 8:00 am School Committee 12-10-24
- 12:00 pm Economic Development 12-18-24
- 3:00 pm Town Council 12-18-24

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- 6:00 pm Joint Budget Subcommittee 12-17-24

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- 8:00 am Town Council 12-18-24
- 2:00 pm Town Council 12-18-24
- 6:00 pm Joint Budget Subcommittee 12-17-24
- 5:45 pm **Economic Development Subcommittee CHAMBERS 890 5052 3175**
- 7:00 pm **Town Council CHAMBERS 832 8682 5178**

THURSDAY

- 8:00 am Conservation Commission 12-12-24
- 12:00 pm Community Preservation 12-18-24
- 2:00 pm Conservation Commission 12-12-24
- 7:00 pm **Conservation Commission CHAMBERS 931 6530 1638**

FRIDAY

- 8:00 am Zoning Board of Appeals 01-02-25
- 12:00 pm Community Preservation 12-18-24
- 2:00 pm Zoning Board of Appeals 01-02-25

SATURDAY

- 10:00 am Planning Board 12-16-24
- 2:00 pm Zoning Board of Appeals 01-02-25
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