



INFORMATION ON MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Borough of Franklin Lakes welcomes engaged citizens and active citizen participation at meetings! We hope that the information below will help you voice your opinions on the issues that matter to you.

The Borough of Franklin Lakes Mayor and Council generally meet at 7:30 PM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. For 2020, meetings will be held on the following dates:

January 2, Sine Die, Reorganization, and Special/Work Session
January 21 Regular
February 4 and 18
March 3 and 17
April 7 and 21
May 5 and 19
June 2 and 16
July 9 and 21
August 4 and 18
September 1 and 15
October 6 and 20
November 5 and 10
December 1 and 15

Residents May Attend Remotely

Please refer to the meeting agenda for participation information.

Comments from the Public

The Time for Public Comment period is an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, raise issues, and provide information to elected officials. Comments presented during this segment should be on municipality-related issues and not ordinances that are scheduled for a public hearing on the same evening's agenda (there will be a separate opportunity for public comment for an ordinance with a public hearing).

During the meeting, there will be a time when the public will be asked for comment. On the agenda, it will say "Time for Public Comment." The Time for Public Comment is near the beginning of the meeting.

If you have a comment, please raise your hand, then you will be called on and given the opportunity to speak. You should then state your name and address before providing your comments.

Public Hearings

The Public Hearing provides citizens with an opportunity to express opinions, raise issues, and provide information to elected officials about a specific item scheduled on the agenda. Public hearings are scheduled when ordinances are scheduled for adoption. Ordinances are first introduced at one meeting and then, at a subsequent meeting, they are scheduled for public hearing and adoption. There are sometimes public hearing on other matters aside from ordinances.

Prior to adoption of an ordinance and when other matters provide for a public hearing, the meeting will be opened to the public for comment.

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Tips for Successful Comments

- Meetings run best when everyone respects common courtesy and decorum.
- Be open and honest.
- Keep your comments clear and focused.
- The chair has the right to cut off discussion that is too personal, too loud, or too crude.
- Respect the views of others.
- Allow others to finish speaking before commenting.

Thank you for your involvement!

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OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

There are several ways your voice can be heard:

In Person

The Borough of Franklin Lakes offices are open between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. When possible, please make an appointment in advance.

By Mail

Comments can be mailed to the following address:

Borough of Franklin Lakes ATTN: [Mayor and Council or a Borough official]
480 DeKorte Drive
Franklin Lakes, New Jersey 07417

Via Email

You can reach elected officials at the following email address(es):

Mayor Frank Bivona, mayor@franklinlakes.org
Councilman Joseph Cadicina, jcadicina@franklinlakes.org
Councilman Charles J.X. Kahwaty, ckahwaty@franklinlakes.org
Councilman Joseph F. Kelly, jkelly@franklinlakes.org
Councilman Thomas G. Lambrix, tlambrix@franklinlakes.org
Council President Paulette Ramsey, pramsey@franklinlakes.org
Councilwoman Ann Swist, aswist@franklinlakes.org

By Fax

The Borough of Franklin Lakes fax number is (201) 848-9453.

Social Media

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Follow us on Instagram: www.instagram.com/franklinlakes.borough

Calendar

If you want to stay informed of meetings, hearings, and other events, look at the online calendar found at <http://franklinlakes.evanced.info/signup/calendar>.

Eblast List

Through our E-Blast Update service, you can receive periodic e-mails from the Borough with Borough News, emergency alerts, information on special events and upcoming meetings. Sign up for our eblast list on the homepage of the Borough's website at <http://www.franklinlakes.org> – see Join Our Eblast List on the right hand column of the homepage.

Volunteer

If you want to volunteer for a Borough board, commission or committee, send an email to the Borough Administrator, Greg Hart, at GHart@franklinlakes.org.