

**Old Franklin Day 2025**  
**Institute Street at Main Street/State Highway 357**  
**Franklin, NY 13775**

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**OLD FRANKLIN DAY IS HAPPENING SATURDAY, AUGUST 23rd**

*Shop local, boogie with the bands and have fun!*

**July 15, 2025– Franklin, New York** – Get ready to party on Old Franklin Day! Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 23rd from 9 am to 3 pm, on Institute Street off Main Street. Franklin’s traditional summerfest features 2 popular local bands, kids’ activities, a free pancake breakfast, an array of great food, St. Paul’s famous pie sale and local artisans and crafters. There’s a Franklin Central School all-class reunion after the event, too.

“The welcome mat is out for all on Old Franklin Day”, said Connie Martin, Old Franklin Day Coordinator. “We had a big crowd at the festival last year, and we are looking forward to another great time this year. So come out and join the fun!” John Wilson, Old Franklin Day Coordinator, said, “Old Franklin Day is a longstanding Village tradition. Whether you want to shop, eat, play, dance in the street, learn more about the community, or just meet up with friends, we have it for you.”

Here are 10 good reasons to come celebrate Old Franklin Day:

**1. Yep, the Free Pancake Breakfast is Back!**

The Community Bible Church at 89 Center Street is cooking up a free pancake breakfast starting at 7 am! Thirsty later? They’ll have free root beer floats for you in the afternoon, too.

**2. Shop Local**

Finished breakfast at the church? Old Franklin Day festivities are just a short 2-block walk away. To date, we have over 30 local artisans, crafters and vendors

participating. Shop for vintage and antique items, restored tools, pottery, artisanal glass, woodcraft, home décor, clothing, jewelry, accessories and more. Delicious locally made maple syrup products, jams, handcrafted chocolates and other treats will be available for sale.

### **3. Party with the Bands**

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Tom Morgan and Erna Morgan McReynolds, there will be great live music:

- Off the Record Band will be performing rock and country classics from 10 am to noon.
- Dirt Road Express will play country western and country rock music in the afternoon.

### **4. Bring Kiddos to Enjoy Activities**

We will have our popular Bounce House, face painting, balloon art, glitter tattoos, and games for the kids. Stop by the Utica Zoo table and meet some furry and flying friends!

### **5. Get Yum Eats**

You won't go hungry at our food court in the Fire Department lot on Main Street. The Ty's Taco-Ria food truck will be on site with a choice of scrumptious menu items. AJ's Smokin' BBQ will have pulled pork, brisket, mac n' cheese and more. Catskill Momos will have an array of delicious Asian dumplings. The American Legion will be selling their famous barbecued chicken halves. The Open Doors Methodist Church is cooking up their signature hot dogs. King's Café and the Tulip and the Rose restaurant on Main Street will be open. Good Taste Epicurean Market at 438 Main Street is hosting a complimentary wine and cheese tasting. There is seating at the Fire Department lot, in the Legion hall, at King's and in front of Franklin Stage Company and Franklin Central School. Enjoy a great lunch or snack on site or get your goodies to go!

### **6. Come Early to St. Paul's Famous Pie Sale**

The pie bakers at St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be baking homemade apple, cherry, blueberry, peach, strawberry rhubarb, cream pies, and more for the traditional pie sale fundraiser. The sale starts under the big tent on the church lawn at 9 am. Meet friends and neighbors and have a slice with a cuppa joe! Grab

some pies to take home for the weekend. Last year, the St. Paul's pie bakers baked and sold over 250 pies. Go early -- pies sell out quickly!

### **7. Learn More About Community Organizations**

Visit the Franklin Rotary Club table to learn more about Rotary's youth exchange and leadership, educational and environmental programs and how you can get involved. Learn more about the Franklin Community Education Foundation's programs over homemade lemonade. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the Greater Franklin Food Pantry will have information on community programs and resources. The Ouleout Valley Cemetery will be fundraising with T-shirt sales and other items. Check out the Franklin-Treadwell Community Conversation table to learn more about their community activities.

### **8. Don't Miss the Library Book Sale**

The Franklin Free Library on Main Street is having their annual pop-up book sale – a great opportunity to bag your summer and fall reads!

### **9. Get Deals at Town-Wide Lawn Sales**

Check out the lawn sales around town -- you may find the deal of a lifetime! Maps will be available on Facebook and at the event.

### **10. Walk Around the Village**

The Village of Franklin is on the National Register of Historic Places, with many lovely homes from the Victorian and Edwardian eras and 3 beautiful churches. Take a stroll in the Village to enjoy the architecture and visit our local shops. The Franklin Railroad and Community Museum will be open with historical exhibits and activities in their parking lot.

### **Franklin Central School All-Class Reunion**

Franklin Central School alumni from any graduating year, along with guests, are invited to party under the tent on the St. Paul's Church lawn, 371 Main Street, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Enjoy a delicious reunion dinner and catch up with classmates! BYOB on premises. Contact kljohns@citlink.net or 607-434-7120 to reserve by mid-August.

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**Participate as a Vendor**

We have a few vendor slots left, but they're filling up fast! Contact Connie Martin at [candjmartin@fastmail.com](mailto:candjmartin@fastmail.com) or 201-414-1684 to participate as a vendor. Watch Facebook and [franklinny.org/ofd25](http://franklinny.org/ofd25) for updates.

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