

The Franklin Creek Chronicle

What a long, strange year it's been. We weren't able to open the Grist Mill until nearly July this year due to COVID-19 and we haven't been able to grind any corn this year due to water issues at the mill. But nonetheless, our volunteers have been hard at work.

Volunteers put together a completely online Trivia Night, the panels and posts for the Larry Dunphy Memorial Storybook Trail are complete, the Rock River Trail and Horseman Association held their annual endurance race, there have been people out exploring new areas of Franklin Creek nearly everyday (if you haven't been to the Norwegian Hills area—you should go explore), DNR and MRCP (a local conservation group dedicated to protecting habitat) got a huge section of invasive trees removed and cleaned up, FCCA has been collecting native seeds to add to the plantings at 1480 and removing honeysuckle and old fencing, once we opened the mill—we had so many new people visiting and getting to learn about local history, Bison, and our natural areas! A **BIG THANK YOU** to all of you who have donated, either financially or with your time, this year would not have been possible without your love and support of Franklin Creek!



Movies in the Parks  
Brought to you by The Dixon Park District & Franklin Creek Conservation Association

A Bug's Life
Friday October 2nd
at Lowell Park in Dixon IL
All Movies will Start at Dusk ~ 7:00 pm



The Lion King
Friday October 16th
at The Grist Mill in Franklin Grove IL
Admission Is Free
Seating is Limited to the first 50 people
Covid-19 Regulations Must be followed at all Times

Movie at the Mill

FCCA and Dixon Park District have partnered to bring you Movies in the Parks. If you missed the first couple of movies, don't worry! Tell your friends and get here early because **seating is limited to the first 50 people**.

Join us for Movies in the Parks in October:

October 2nd, Movie at Lowell Park, *A Bugs Life*

October 16th, Movie at Franklin Creek Grist Mill, *Lion King*

Take time for what's important!

Franklin Creek Conservation Association

Hoodie Pre Order

Order and payment due by 10/2/2020.

Pick up 10/31 or 11/1, noon-4 at the Grist Mill.

Name:	Date:
Email address:	Phone Number:



Pullover Hoodie

Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	2X	Total

Zip Up Hoodie

Small	Medium	Large	X-Large	2X	Total

Total # of hoodies _____ x \$38 each = _____

Payment:

Cash: _____ **Check** (payable to FCCA): _____ check # _____

PayPal (treasurer@franklincreekconservation.org): _____

Credit Card:

Name on Credit Card: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Signature: _____

Mail to or drop off at FCCA, 1893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove, IL 61031 **OR** email a picture of your completed form to engage@franklincreekconservation.org

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Project 1480

The stairs up to the living area are finished! We're excited to move on to the next project at 1480 which will be working to frame the bathroom in the main level, landscaping, and installing backsplash for the commercial kitchen if you are able to help with this or know of a talented framing carpenter willing to volunteer some time—send them our way!



Executive Director Position at FCCA

Are you inspired by volunteer efforts and local initiatives? Do you like the challenge of accomplishing a lot with a little? Are you organized and good with people? Yes?! Then this is a golden opportunity for you to help us by coordinating our work to protect this precious community asset today and for tomorrow.

The Executive Director will oversee the development and implementation of organizational development, management, and program activities—especially its capacity building strategies. They will report to the executive board but will work with and assist many board members.

You can find the full posting on our homepage at www.FranklinCreekConservation.org.

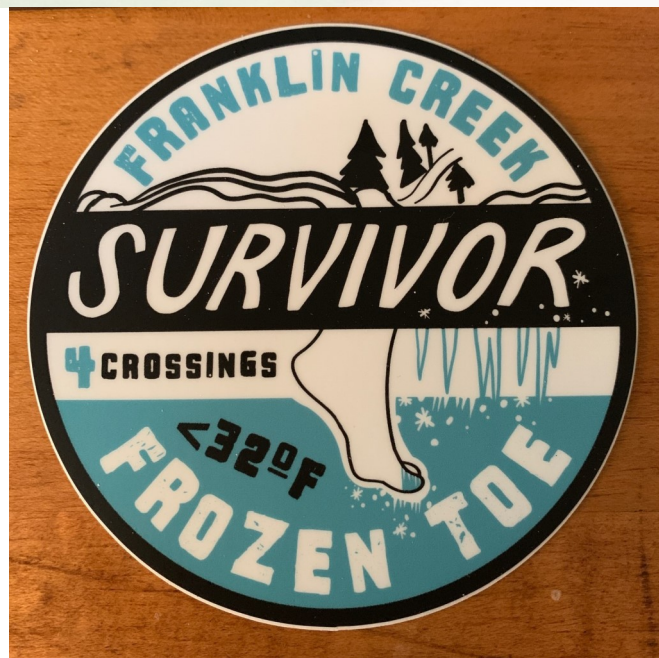


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Franklin Creek Frozen Toe

The Franklin Creek Frozen Toe is designed to be a winter running challenge that can be completed on your own time. The rules are as follows: complete a 10k loop at Franklin Creek State Natural Area, cross the creek 4 times, and the temperature has to be $<32^{\circ}$ F. You can start your loop at Sunday's Shelter, cross the creek to Whipple's cave, then at the Hausen-Knox Shelter turn around and trace your way back to the start. Make sure to track your run with your Garmin, Fitbit, or other device. After completing the challenge you can pick up your sticker at Stonebridge Running in Dixon or at the Grist Mill during normal hours.



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Fall Colors Photography Workshop

On **October 10th** join **Jeff Schlesinger** at **4 p.m.** for a hike at Franklin Creek to photograph the changing of the seasons. Please bring your own camera or smartphone to take pictures. Meet at the Grist Mill. Masks are required at all programs due to COVID-19. Programs are limited to 10 people. Please **RSVP** at **(815)456-2718**.

