



First Quarter 2023



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FEBRUARY 9
FOR A
Celebration!

**2023 CHAMBER
ANNUAL MEETING**

Featuring
Mayor Steve Barnett's
State of the City
Address
and noteworthy awards*

- ★ Community Service Award
- ★ Business Hall of Fame
- ★ Community Impact Award



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THE LINK

2023: A Bicentennial Year

Johnson County and Franklin to celebrate

*By David Pfeiffer – Director,
Johnson County Museum of History*

Happy Birthday City of Franklin and Johnson County!

On December 31, 1822, Indiana Governor William Hendricks signed a bill creating Johnson County. On March 8, 1823, the first county election took place, officially creating the government of the county. The landscape looked quite different then, with the northern part of the county a swamp and most of the rest of the county covered by dense forest. Pioneers had to deal with bears, panthers, and rattlesnakes!

Franklin celebrates its founding in 1823 as well. George King donated the land that became the future county seat. At the time, the entire population of the county only numbered in the hundreds. We have come so far since then! The year 2023 will be very exciting for the community.



How is a Bicentennial celebrated? First, and something we do well around here, we get the whole community involved! Among the celebrations, there will be a kick-off event for the county on March 8 and the Johnson County Museum of History will be opening an exhibit celebrating Franklin's Bicentennial on April 13. September 30 will see the Bicentennial Celebration for the whole county,

built around Franklin's Fall Festival right here in the county seat. It's no secret that historians love anniversaries and we at the Johnson County Museum of History hope you can join us at all of these great events!

What's planned?

Find the latest at
facebook.com/JohnsonCo200

- ➔ **MARCH 8** – Kick-off event for the county celebrations
- ➔ **APRIL 13** – Exhibit celebrating Franklin's Bicentennial opens at Johnson County Museum of History
- ➔ **SEPTEMBER 30** – Bicentennial Celebration for the whole county at Franklin's Fall Festival

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

from the Chamber board and staff



DIRECTOR'S NOTES
Rosie Chambers,
executive director

The Franklin Chamber's success in 2022 was made possible by you – a remarkable and committed group of business owners,

company leaders, local government officials, nonprofit partners and volunteers. You enabled us to fulfill our mission of advancing economic growth and quality of life for our members and our community.

As we reflect on this past year, we thank you for your continued support of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. Our events and programs helped our members navigate a unique set of business opportunities and challenges. Your involvement also provided the networking and resources necessary for Franklin area businesses to prosper.

We play a unique role in our community. We not only serve more

than 400-member businesses and organizations, but we work for the betterment of the greater Franklin area. It is amazing who we bring to the table – including committed and talented people from family-owned service and retail businesses, large manufacturing companies, national retailers, healthcare providers, nonprofit organizations and area educators.

Now, there is more work ahead. **Our leadership team has determined ways we can serve you best in 2023.**

We believe the upcoming year will be exciting and pivotal for the Franklin area business community.

We pledge to be hyper-focused on the best interests of Franklin's economy and to be your voice in important local decisions. The Franklin Chamber stands ready and committed to serving you – just like we have since 1910.

The new year is a good time for everyone to assess opportunities and determine a path going forward. We have done that. In 2023, our Chamber leaders and staff resolve to:



- remain your independent, local chamber of commerce;
- serve the Franklin area economic community;
- be an information and marketing resource for Franklin area businesses and community;
- and collaborate with organizations who share our mission of advancing Franklin's economic growth and quality of life.

We have a lot of exciting plans in 2023 and are eager to share them with you. Stay in touch through our website and on social media. Register for our events and programs to connect and learn.

Thank you for **believing** in the Franklin Chamber as we work to make our community a special place to live, work, play and **belong**.

Wishing you a healthy, happy and prosperous new year,

**Franklin Chamber
Board of Directors and Staff**



↑ *The Bicentennial Alley Art Installation
south of the Historic Artcraft Theatre*

**Find event details
and updates by
scanning the QR
code or
by visiting
franklincoc.org/calendar.**



View Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Date: February 9, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., doors
open at 11:00 a.m., program begins
at 11:30 a.m.

Location: Garment Factory Events,
101 E Wayne Street, Franklin

Program: State of the City Address

Tickets: \$30 per person

MARCH

CHAMBER LUNCHEON*

Date: March 9, 2023

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: Garment Factory Events,
101 E. Wayne St., Franklin

Program: City and County
Bicentennial



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

CHAMBER OFFICE IS CLOSED:

- Presidents' Day – February 20
- Good Friday – April 7



MEMBER BENEFITS DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Chamber website has jobs posting board to which Chamber members can submit their open positions (and search for jobs)? Head to franklincoc.org to submit your hiring opportunities today! This is a benefit of membership and at no additional cost.

APRIL

CHAMBER LUNCHEON*

Date: April 13, 2022

Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

Program: 2024 Total Solar Eclipse

* For all monthly luncheons, please RSVP by the Monday prior to the event. Lunch is \$25.

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DECEMBER

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welcome



Board and staff photo: Seated L-R: Amy Richardson, Anya McConnell, Rosie Chambers, Tina Stinson and Todd Shuck. Standing L-R: Sally Wells, Betsy Schmidt, Aleks Davis, Lezlie Richards, Eric Leugers, Steve Berkhouse, David Pfeiffer, Dr. David Clendening, Krista Linke and Lisa Jones. Not pictured: Kristen Loy and Andy Moorman.

Active Leadership ↑

The Franklin Chamber is led by a dedicated, volunteer board of directors. Three new members were welcomed for 2023:

- ➔ Steve Berkhouse, Johnson Memorial Health
- ➔ Lisa Jones, Jones and Anderson CPA Group
- ➔ Krista Linke, City of Franklin



Berkhouse



Jones



Linke

CHAMBER BOARD AND STAFF

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Amy Richardson

Vice President

Todd Shuck

Treasurer

Krista Linke

Past President

Kristen Loy

At Large Member

Dr. David Clendening

Steve Berkhouse

Aleks Davis

Lisa Jones

Eric Leugers

Andy Moorman

David Pfeiffer

Lezlie Richards

Betsy Schmidt

Sally Wells

Executive Director

Rosie Chambers

Assistant Director

Anya McConnell

Event Coordinator

Tina Stinson

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Special thanks to our dedicated partners who support the Chamber and our mission.



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