



# Village Voice



## FRANKLIN PARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER 11, 2009 2ND ANNUAL 5K FOUNDATION RUN/WALK

From 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. All ages are welcome! You must register by October 10th, either in person or over the phone. For more information contact the Park District at (847)-455-2852.

### OCTOBER 11, 2009 FALL PARADE & PUMPKIN FEST

The parade is from 1 PM - 2:00 PM. The parade kicks off from Scott and Grand and ends at North Park where there will be a large pumpkin patch just waiting to be picked! For more information please contact the Park District at (847)-455-2852.

### NOVEMBER 11, 2009 VETERAN'S DAY

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The Village of Franklin Park and the American Legion (Post 974) will be honoring Veterans from all our Nation's conflicts. The Ceremony will take place at the Veteran's Memorial located next to the Village Hall parking lot, located at 9500 W. Belmont Ave. For more information contact Village Hall at (847)-671-4800.

### Meet your local officials

## Village to Host First Town Hall Meeting

The town hall meeting will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 7 PM - 9 PM in the Maple room at the Park District of Franklin Park Community Center, located at 9560 Franklin Avenue.

This is your opportunity to meet your local officials, and have an open and honest discussion about your community. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is an open forum where you ask the questions and share ideas about Franklin Park. If you have any questions, please contact Village Hall at (847)-671-8250.

### Some changes you need to know

#### In Need of a Passport?

Do you have a passport that is going to expire soon? Have you been thinking about getting a passport? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then now is the time to act. The Department of State has announced there will be an increase in passport fees at the beginning of 2010, but did not mention how much the increase will be. Visit the Clerk's office to apply for your first passport or obtain information on renewal. Fees for applying for a first time passport for people ages 16 and over is \$75 to the Department of State (only check or money order) and \$25 Village processing fee. Children under age 16 are \$60 (only check or money order) and \$25 Village processing fee. Passport photos are available for \$10.00. If you are applying for a passport for the first time, you will need; proof of citizenship, a valid government ID card or drivers license, and two passport pictures. Passport processing is taking from 4-6 weeks. Applications for a new passport or renewal are available at the Clerk's office or you can go to [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) to fill out an application before you come in. Please feel free to call the Clerk's office at

(847)-671-8242 or visit the previously listed website for a complete list of requirements to obtain a passport.

### Be prepared for the flu season

#### What you need to know this flu season

The flu season is usually between the months of October and April and is known as the "seasonal flu." This past April we saw a new flu virus known as the H1N1. This virus has affected more people under the age of 25 and fewer people over the age of 64.

We need everyone's help to keep the flu germ from spreading.

#### Be Aware:

Stay informed. Websites such as [www.cookcountypublichealth.org](http://www.cookcountypublichealth.org) and [www.cdc.org](http://www.cdc.org)

If you have flu symptoms - stay home if you have 100 degree fever or higher AND any of the following: cough, sore throat, stuffy/runny nose, body aches, chills, fatigue or diarrhea / vomiting.

Keep your distance from others as much as possible until you are well.

Drink plenty of fluids.

Get enough sleep / rest.

#### Get prepared:

Get vaccinated for the seasonal flu. Check with your physician, Walgreens and Osco are also offering the flu vaccine.

As for the H1N1 vaccine the public health department has recommended certain groups who are most vulnerable to this virus receive the vaccine.

We will be distributing more information as it becomes available to keep you informed this coming flu season. If you have any additional health questions, please contact the Health Department at (847)-671-8240.



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## Senior program update

### Senior Snow Removal Program Information

It is soon going to be that time of year where we all have to begin to think about the snow falling. The Village Board recently voted to continue, as it has in previous years, with our very helpful Senior Snow Removal Program. An important reminder, if you are a resident previously enrolled in the program, you must enroll again before the spaces are filled.

#### Qualifications for the program:

\*Resident(s) must be disabled, handicapped and/or have a severe health problem, and there is no one else in the household that can shovel the snow.

\*Each household resident must obtain a medical verification note from their physician stating that they are unable to shovel the snow. This will stay on file at the Village Hall.

#### Guidelines of the program:

An application must be completed and signed on an annual basis, to enroll in the program.

\*The Health Department will review the application and accompanying documentation and determine if the applicant qualifies for the program. If the applicant qualifies for the program, the application will be forwarded to the Street Division of the Utility Department. The Street Division may complete a pre-inspection of your property.

\*The following services are being done by an independent contractor hired by the Village. Snow plowing of driveways & shoveling of sidewalks will occur after 2 inches of snow have fallen. If you choose only to have the sidewalks shoveled, they will be shoveled after 2 inches of snow have fallen, and the plowing of driveways has been completed. The Street Department Supervisor will determine when the contractor is to be called to begin the plowing of driveways.

The resident shall pay the following for the services requested:

\*Snow plow the driveway. (\$15.00 per plow)

\*Shovel/snow blow a path from the house to the street or the driveway or alley. (\$15.00 per removal)

\*Shovel/snow blow the public sidewalk in front of your home (If it is a corner lot there will be an additional charge.) (\$15.00 per removal, \$25.00 corner lot)

The snow removal program does not include the spreading of salt or other snow / ice melting chemical.

**For more information on the Senior Snow Removal program or to request an application for the program, please contact the Village Health Department at 847.671.8240**

#### Fall Reminder

The leaves will be falling soon and they need to be placed in the brown biodegradable bags. Allied Waste will be unable to pick them up if they are placed in plastic bags. Please remember to put the bags out on garbage day with your garbage and recycling. Allied Waste will continue to pickup yard waste and leaves until December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, please do not place leaves in the street, the Village does not have the equipment to pick them up.

#### Village of Franklin Park:

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Franklin Park, IL 60131

Phone: (847) - 671 - 4800

Website: [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com)

Email: [villagevoice@vofp.com](mailto:villagevoice@vofp.com)

Police (Non-Emergency)

(847) - 671 - 8270

Fire (Non-Emergency)

(847) - 678 - 2400

Village Hall Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wed. 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. - noon

We would like to give a special thanks to those who help put the finishing touches on the newsletter:

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**“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”**

**-Leo Buscaglia**