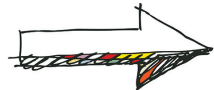


# GARAGE SALE



## Village-Wide Garage Sale – July 17-19

Do you love garage sales? It's time to go shopping at the Village-wide Garage Sale on July 17, 18 and 19 from 8AM to 7PM daily. If you would like to host a sale, register with the Clerk's Office at 847-671-8242 or at [clerk@vofp.com](mailto:clerk@vofp.com). A list of addresses of homes participating in the sale will be available at Village Hall or on the website a few days before the sale. Go to [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com) for the listing.

## Relay for Life – July 17

Franklin Park's annual Relay for Life event will be held on Friday, July 17 from 6 PM to Midnight at the Gazebo to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. Put together a team to walk or come out and cheer on your family and friends. The event will include music, contests, raffles and MORE! For more information, call 847-913-2864.



## Open House with Illinois Tollway Authority – July 17

The Village of Franklin Park's Western Industrial Corridor will experience significant improvements as a part of the \$3.4 billion regional Elgin O'Hare Western Access (EOWA) project. The Village will host an Open House with the Illinois Tollway Authority on Friday, July 17 at 9 AM to update businesses and residents on the project improvements and timelines and provide an opportunity for questions about the project. The meeting will be held in the Community Room of the Police Station at 9451 Belmont Ave. Please call the Community Development and Zoning Department at 847-671-8278 for more information.

## Comprehensive Plan Kick-off Meeting – August 4

The Village is excited to begin work with the Chicago Metropolitan Planning Agency (CMAP) to develop a new comprehensive plan for Franklin Park. The Comprehensive Plan will serve as a guide for future development and decision-making in our Village. Residents are encouraged to attend the public kick-off meeting to learn more about the planning process and participate in the discussion on Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room of the Franklin Park Police Station. Please call the Department of Community Development and Zoning at 847-671-8278 for more information.

## Railroad Daze 2015 Visitor Survey

Thank you to everyone who ventured out for the 20th Annual Railroad Daze festival. Please share your opinions and comments on the event by completing a brief Railroad Daze Visitor Survey on the Homepage of our website at [vofp.com](http://vofp.com). We appreciate your input and look forward to seeing you next year!

The Park District of Franklin Park & The Village of Franklin Park presents

# 24th Annual Street Dance and Car Show

Friday, July 24  
6:00–11:00 p.m.  
Downtown Franklin Park

### Great Music - The lineup goes as follows:

- Miss Jamie from the Farm: 6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Ginger Road: 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- Johnny Amato Band: 7:35-8:50 p.m.
- Jaktripper: 9:10-11:00 p.m.

### A Variety of Local Food Vendors

### Classic Car Show

**Children's Area** featuring: kid's inflatables, balloon animal artist, children's entertainer and face painting



For more information, call 847-455-2852 or visit [www.fpparks.org](http://www.fpparks.org)



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

JULY, 2015



Mayor's Desk

FROM MAYOR BARRETT F. PEDERSEN

### The Village of FRANKLIN PARK

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## Our Village Moved Quickly In Response To Extreme Weather

The Chicago region has suffered some extreme weather over the last few years. We have been especially hard hit with torrential rains and severe summer storms. In fact, due to flooding emergencies, Illinois has declared a state of emergency 12 times since 2000. In 2011, 19 counties in Illinois experienced over 25 broken records for rainfall.

On Monday, June 15th, Franklin Park experienced another incident of extreme weather. Over 4 1/2 inches of rain fell in just a few hours. The volatility and frequency of these torrential rains make it difficult to plan ahead.

And though we cannot control the weather, we can manage our reaction. That is why this month's column is dedicated to thanking Village of Franklin Park staff for their quick, tireless and concerted efforts to assist residents in the aftermath of the storm.

### Staff Assists Residents in Aftermath of Storm

Working around the clock, our Police and Fire personnel worked in tandem with staff from Streets, Water and Sewer Division to curb the flooding, safeguard the public, clean streets, clear sewer openings and remove debris.

Our staff also walked door to door in the hardest hit areas to determine the level of damage. They advised residents to take pictures and document damage for their insurance companies. They assisted residents who had water logged furnaces or water heaters. If it was not possible to quickly dry out the equipment, they connected them to local plumbers who could provide help.



Public Works staff shows that cleaning up after big storms is a dirty job.



When a tree collapsed in front of the Podkul home on Hawthorne Street in May, the Village's Public Works staff and Police Department were quickly on the scene to provide assistance.

The flooding also required sanitary clean-up. Cleaning up this type of back-up is an issue of public safety. Our staff contacted a professional company that assisted residents in cleaning the damaged property to adhere to health safety requirements.

This incident happened on the Monday after our Annual Railroad Daze festival. The majority of our staff had worked over-time and / or volunteered throughout the weekend to make the festival a success. But not one staff member hesitated to pitch in and work together with their colleagues, neighbors and friends to deal with the aftermath of the storm.

Extreme weather will continue. The only thing we can count on is its unpredictability. That is why we continue to dedicate our efforts to restoring and enhancing our Franklin Park infrastructure. We are





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undergoing roadway construction, replacement of water mains, installing new storm sewers and rehabilitating existing sanitary sewers.

That is why the 2014 passage of the non-Home Rule sales tax was so important to our Village. That is why the Board and I continue to seek grant opportunities at all levels of government, so we can maximize our infrastructure while limiting the burden on the taxpayer.

I am proud of our efforts in that regard. But I am especially proud of the fine men and women I get to work with every day. We share a vision for the future of our great Village and a concern for our residents and neighborhoods.

They demonstrated their commitment and concern after these last storms. They are what make our Village a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Thank you to all.

I hope we all enjoy the rest of our summer – flood free!

**BARRETT F. PEDERSEN**  
MAYOR

Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Clerk Tommy Thomson, and Village Trustees James Caporusso, John Johnson, Andy Ybarra and Karen Special attended a ribbon cutting to welcome Paula's Cafe & Catering to our Village. The restaurant offers Italian comfort food and is located at 9400 Grand Avenue.



◀ Shelby's recently celebrated its grand opening at 2735 Mannheim Road in Franklin Park. Mayor Pedersen and Village Trustees John Johnson and Bill Ruhl welcomed the business which offers dining and video gaming in a comfortable environment.

**Village Announces 2015 Street Improvement Project**

In 2014, Franklin Park residents approved a referendum to enact a 1% non-home rule sales tax in Franklin Park. These funds are dedicated solely to the repair and maintenance of Village streets. Construction will begin in July and run through September. Notices will be sent to residents in the affected area soon. Be aware that construction could cause traffic delays in the area. For more information, please visit the Village's website at [vofp.com](http://vofp.com) and follow us on Facebook.

The Street Improvement Project will include:

**Belmont Avenue from Mannheim to Ruby** - Remove and replace failed asphalt areas, replace sections of failed curb and gutter and replace failed concrete alley aprons.

**Calwagner Avenue from Grand to Chestnut** - Remove and replace failed asphalt areas, surface recycling, asphalt overlay and replace sections of failed curb and gutter.

**Lonnquist Drive from Ruby to Calwagner / Iona Lane from Ruby to Lonnquist / Dodge Lane from Lonnquist to Calwagner / LaSalle Court and Desoto Court** - Remove existing asphalt (entire roadway), stabilize failed paved areas and resurface streets. Remove and replace all concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter. All aprons will be removed and replaced with concrete.

**Nevada Avenue from George to Scott / Dora Street from Nevada to Sarah / Sarah Street from Nevada to Fullerton** - Remove existing asphalt (entire roadway), stabilize failed paved areas and resurface with asphalt.

**Silver Creek Channel Improvements Project to Begin**

The Village will begin a project to help alleviate and prevent potential future flooding in the Silver Creek area. The project area is located along Parker Ave. from Scott St. (the easterly limit) to the Big Lots parking lot, just west of Riverside Dr. It will include opening the channel to remove a failing storm sewer and replacing it with precast concrete to fortify the channel opening and to ease flow. Underground utilities will also be removed and replaced and the existing 4" to 6" water main will be replaced with an 8" water main. Roadway paving on each side of Parker Street will be replaced with asphalt along with all concrete curb and sidewalk. The project is expected to be completed in mid 2016.

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**Thank you to our 2015 Railroad Daze sponsors!**

*The Village of Franklin Park's Annual*  
**CAR SHOW**

Featuring all types of antique, classic, custom, muscle and modified cars competing for trophies!

**Friday, July 24, 2015**  
**5:00 PM - 11:00 PM**  
**Downtown Franklin Park**



The Car Show will take place during the Park District of Franklin Park's Street Dance, featuring live music and food vendors.

Admission is free!

\$10 fee to register a car payable upon arrival.  
Franklin Ave. between 25th and Ruby will be closed to traffic during event.

For more information, call (847) 671-4800 or visit [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com)

