

SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE EVENT

Sponsored by
Mayor Barrett Pedersen

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October 21, 2022
10 AM - 2 PM

Community Room of the Franklin Park Police Station | 9451 Belmont Ave.

- Renewal and Correction of Driver's License (Vision testing available but not written exam)
- New, Renewal and Correction of State ID (Seniors age 65 and older, no charge for State ID)
- License Plate Renewal Stickers
- Voter Registration and Organ Donation Registration (with renewal of License or State ID)
- Services open to ALL adults and proper identification required. NO Real IDs will be issued
- Payment by check, credit or debit card, or money order – NO CASH
- Seniors age 75 and older must go to a Secretary of State facility to renew a Drivers License

Vaccine Clinic *and more!*

During the event, the Village will host a **FREE vaccine clinic**. No appointment is necessary.

- Flu and pneumonia vaccines (bring your Medicare card or insurance information)
- COVID-19 Booster vaccines (bring your CDC vaccination card)

I-Cash Unclaimed Property Team

Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerich's office will conduct searches for unclaimed property.

Visit with the **Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza's office, Leyden Family Services, Leyden Township, PACE, and other area agencies and healthcare providers.**

The Police Department will **collect unused and expired medications** for safe disposal! Sign up for a **Knox Box** with the Fire Department.

For more information, go to vofp.com.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

October 2022

Mayor's Desk

October



Village Will Host a Health and Resource Fair

The Village will host a special Resource Fair on Friday, October 21, from 10 AM until 2 PM in the Community Room of the Police Station. Plan to take advantage of this one-stop shop that will provide residents with access to key services, all at one convenient location.

Need to renew your driver's license, state ID or license plate sticker? The Secretary of State's Mobile Unit will assist you with these services during the event. Vision testing will be available but if you need a written test or are older than 75, then you will need to go to a Secretary of State facility.

The Village is partnering with our local Osco Drugs to host a vaccine clinic as part of the event too. They will have COVID-19 boosters and pneumonia and seasonal flu vaccines available. You will also learn about the many services available from area providers and government agencies including Leyden Family Services and Greater Family Health Center, now open in Franklin Park. This is a good opportunity to get immunized as we move into the flu season.

You may also bring unused or expired prescriptions and over the counter medications to the event for safe disposal. The Fire Department will be there to discuss their Knox Box program. Sign-up to obtain a Knox box that holds your house keys, allowing firefighters quick access to your home in an emergency. Also, the Clerk's Office will be on site to register you to vote.

Page 4 of this newsletter has more information about the event. Please check our website and Facebook page which will be updated regularly to include new vendors who sign-on to participate.

Fire Prevention Month

Every October, our country observes Fire Protection Month, which memorializes the devastating Great Chicago Fire that left over 100,000 homeless. Seven Americans die in home fires every day, more than any other natural disasters. It is important to know your home's risks and how to improve your home's safety.

This year's theme is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape" reinforcing the critical importance of developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly. Smoke and fire spread very rapidly so knowing how to escape is vitally important.

Take these critical steps to protect your home and family. Test your smoke detectors regularly. It is recommended that you have a detector on every floor. Replace the batteries in your alarms, or upgrade to sealed battery alarms. There should also be a working fire extinguisher on every floor and everyone in the household should know how to operate it. Most importantly, discuss fire safety with your family and develop and practice your family escape plan.

A great opportunity to learn more about

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The Village has established the hours of 3 to 7 PM for Trick-or-Treating on Halloween



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home fire safety and prevention is at the Franklin Park Fire Department's Open House, Saturday, October 15. It will be an informative and fun event that helps you learn about ways to keep your home and family safe. Complete details can be found on this page.

Hope to see you at these community events. Stay safe and stay healthy!

Barrett F. Pedersen



Veterans Day Event – November 11

The Village of Franklin Park and the American Legion Post 974 will host their annual Veterans Day observance on Friday, November 11 at 11 AM at the Village's Veterans Memorial, located west of Village Hall. The program will pay tribute to military veterans who have served our country and will include recognition of the new names to be added to the Monument. Everyone is invited to attend.

Village Hall to Host Early Voting

Early Voting for the November 8, Gubernatorial Election will take place on October 24 through November 7 at Village Hall. Please enter the building through the door in the parking lot of Village Hall located at 9500 West Belmont Avenue. Hours for early voting are:

- Monday through Friday: October 24 - 28 and October 31 – November 4 from 9 AM – 5 PM
- Monday, November 7 from 9 AM – 5 PM
- Saturday: October 29 and November 5 from 9 AM – 5 PM
- Sunday: October 30 and November 6 from 10 AM – 4 PM

For information about serving as an election judge or technician, email Elect.Judge@cookcountyil.gov, call (312) 603-0965, or sign-up at cookcountyclerk.com/work.

Library to Host Electronic Recycling – October 15

The Franklin Park Library will host an electronics recycling event on Saturday, October 15 from 10 AM until 2 PM at 10311 W. Grand Avenue in the south lot. Some items including TVs and microwaves require a fee to be accepted. To learn more, go to fppld.org.

Village Seeks Snow Removal Contractors

The Village is seeking snow removal companies to allow us to continue to provide services for the Senior Snow Removal Program from November 2022 through April 2023. Companies must be licensed and provide proof of insurance. References required. Please call (847) 671-8240 to apply.

Fire Department Open House - October 15

The Franklin Park Fire Department will host its annual Open House event on Saturday, October 15 from 11 am until 2 pm at Fire Station #2 located at 10001 Addison Street. This informative and fun event that will feature fire protection techniques, tours of the facility, and equipment demonstrations. Bring the family to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon which will also include a bouncy house for kids, games, and free refreshments.

Last Call for Names to Be Added to Veterans Monument

Please submit the name of a veteran by October 15 to ensure it will be engraved on the Village's Veterans Monument in time for this year's event. To qualify, the veteran must have lived in Franklin Park, and you must provide a copy of their DD-214 form (Honorable Discharge Papers) to the Clerk's Office. For more information, call (847) 671-8242.

Village Adopts New Zoning Ordinance

The Village's newly adopted Zoning Ordinance took effect on September 1, 2022. This comprehensive zoning update will help make Franklin Park a more sustainable, livable, and business-friendly community and create new opportunities for economic development.

The previous zoning code was written in 1974 and amended countless times, creating a need to provide a comprehensive update. The Village worked with the firm Camiros to assist in the thorough review and update of our zoning standards and procedures and to incorporate input and feedback from community stakeholders. The updated zoning code is more user-friendly and includes well-organized tables, detailed illustrations, and definitions to ensure that it is easier to understand for residents, businesses, and contractors that are working to improve their properties.

Shaped by the vision and goals outlined in the Village's Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Zoning Code, and O'Hare Industrial Plan, the update will help to facilitate modern redevelopment that encourages emerging industries, direct investment to targeted areas, promote sustainable practices, and revitalize commercial corridors while respecting existing conditions in the Village. For more information, visit franklinparkzoning.com or contact the Community Development Department at (847) 671-8278.

Board of Review Property Tax Workshop – October 27

Mayor Barrett Pedersen invites residents to attend a workshop to learn how to appeal your property tax assessment on Thursday, October 27 at 6 PM. Officials from Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Mike Cabonargi's Office will discuss the process, answer questions, and help with filing an appeal. Bring your tax bill and your PIN number. The workshop will take place at the Police Station in the Community Room.

Leaf Pickup and Yard Waste Removal Information

Leaf and yard waste removal service will continue through the first week of December. Leaves must be placed in brown biodegradable bags or in your yard waste bin and put near your trash and recycling for pickup. Leaves will not be removed if they are in plastic bags or placed in the street. Bags can be purchased at local grocery and hardware stores.

Do not blow leaves into the street because it damages street sweeper equipment and can clog sewers causing street flooding. Burning leaves is not permitted. Instead of raking leaves, you can mulch them! Simply mow over the leaves a few times and let them sit on your lawn. The mulched leaves provide nutrients and protection from winter weather. Also, sprinkle over your plants and shrubs to help retain water during winter months.

The Department of Public Works will sweep curbs through late November. Check signs on your block for parking restrictions. For more information, call (847) 671-8252.

Keeping Our Community Clean – Everyone's Help is Needed

We need your help to eliminate sources of food and hiding places for rodents and other pests on and around your property. Securely fasten trash can lids and keep the area around your trash cans free of trash, food scraps, and spills. **If you would like to rent an additional trash can from Republic Services, please call the Village for more information at (847) 671-8258.**

Eliminate clutter around your home and in your yard. Remove fruit that has fallen from trees and pick ripe vegetables immediately. Clean-up after your pet on walks and IMMEDIATELY in your own backyard. Do not leave pet food or water bowls outside. Do not feed birds or any other wildlife. Regularly mow your lawn and eliminate the weeds in alleys and areas behind homes to eliminate hiding and breeding places for rodents and mosquitoes.

Please DO NOT tamper with Orkin's bait boxes in the alley or move them into your backyard. DO NOT throw the bait boxes in the trash. If you are disabled or elderly and need assistance complying, please call (847) 671-4800.