

# Health and Resource Fair

Sponsored by Mayor Barrett Pedersen & **ATHLETICO**  
PHYSICAL THERAPY



**Friday, October 20, 2023**  
**9 AM until 1 PM**

**Community Room of the Franklin Park Police Station | 9451 Belmont Avenue**

Take advantage of the services available to you all in one convenient location!

**Vaccine Clinic Provided by Osco Drugs**

**Get your flu, pneumonia and Covid booster vaccines!**

No appointment is necessary! But remember to bring your Medicare card or insurance information and your CDC vaccination card. Covid booster shots are free with Medicare and most private insurance but are no longer free to the uninsured.

The Franklin Park Manila Lions Club will host a mobile van on site that will provide **free vision and hearing tests from 9 AM until 11 AM only.**

**Athletico will provide** fall prevention, posture, and exercise information. They will also provide **physical therapy assessments if you show your commercial PPO insurance card.** (PT assessments are not covered by Medicare or Medicaid).

Bring unused and expired medications for safe disposal.

Free blood pressure checks.

Register to vote.

**Area elected officials, Leyden Family Services, Leyden Township, and other local agencies including the Cook County Sheriff's Office and healthcare providers** will also have staff available to answer your questions and provide information about services and programs that are specifically designed to help older adults.

For more information, go to [vofp.com](http://vofp.com) or call (847) 671-8282.

# Village News

## Mayor's Desk



### Help Keep Franklin Park A Family-Focused Community

Did you know that companies in other states like New York are buying homes in Franklin Park and renting them to tenants? When homes come up for sale here, there are often multiple buyers in the first week. These out-of-state companies offer a low purchase price and then offer to pay the seller's closing costs. The seller ends up with less money after the sale is complete. At the same time, families that are looking for homes in Franklin Park are not able to find one for purchase.

Families want to make their home in our Village. If you are thinking of selling your home, please sell it to a family that is committed to our community and not a company offering quick cash to get your home for a bargain.

### Make Health Your Priority

I hope you can attend our annual Health and Resource Fair to be held on Friday, October 20 from 9 AM until 1 PM. It's a great opportunity to speak with staff from local agencies and healthcare providers who will have information about services and programs to help you live a healthy lifestyle. There will also be free blood pressure checks, and hearing and vision tests, (from 9 AM until 11 AM). You can get your flu, pneumonia, and COVID-19 booster shots at the Fair too. Thank you to Athletico for co-sponsoring this event and providing fall prevention, posture, and exercise information as well as physical therapy assessments at the Fair. Please see Page 4 for all the details.

**National Fire Prevention Week**  
**October 8-14**

Every October, our country observes Fire Protection Week, which memorializes the devastating Great Chicago Fire that left over 100,000 homeless. This is the oldest public health observance in the US. This year's theme emphasizes the need to practice cooking safety in your kitchen:

- Stay in the kitchen when cooking and use a timer to monitor cooking times carefully.
- Keep the cooking area free of flammable items and remove dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels out of the area.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Create a "child and pet free zone" of at least three feet around the cooking area and anywhere hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

You can learn more about how to protect your home and family at the **Franklin Park Fire Department's Open House, Saturday, October 14 from 11 AM until 2PM at Fire Station #2, 10001 Addison Street.**

The Health and Resource Fair and the Fire Department Open House are always well attended. These events are an important aspect of the Village's efforts to keep all in our community safe and healthy.

I hope to see you at both.

**Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen**



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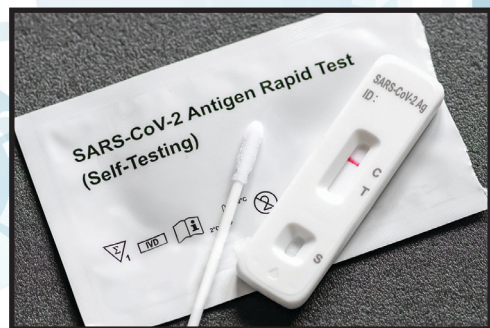
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The federal government has again made COVID-19 rapid tests available to every household. Place an order to receive four free tests delivered directly to your home. Go to [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).



### Fire Department Open House - October 14

The Franklin Park Fire Department will host its annual Open House event on Saturday, October 14 from 11 am until 2 pm at Fire Station #2 located at 10001 Addison Street. Meet our firefighters, learn fire protection techniques, tour the facility, and watch live equipment demonstrations. Learning about safety and protection should include the entire family so bring all your family and enjoy a fun-filled afternoon, including activities and games for kids, and free refreshments.

### 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 2023 through April 2024. Companies must be licensed and provide proof of insurance. References required. Please call (847) 671-8240 to apply.

### Last Call for Names to Be Added to Veterans Monument

Please submit the name of a veteran by October 13 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.



### 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.



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen attended the ribbon cutting for Ferrero's Innovation Center and North America R&D Labs at 24 E Washington, in the Historic Marshall Field and Company Building. The company manufactures Butterfinger and Baby Ruth products at its plant in Franklin Park.



### 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 the Yard Waste container from Republic Services. Put your container or biodegradable bags out for pickup on Tuesdays. 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.



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

#### Have a Scary Good Time at the Library

Join your friends and neighbors at the Franklin Park Public Library to get in the Halloween spirit. The Library has a variety of programs to celebrate the season. The Library is located at 10311 Grand Avenue. For more information about any or these programs, please call (847) 455-6016.



#### Creative Cosplay: Halloween Edition – October 13

Teens can plan to attend the Creative Cosplay event on Friday, October 13 at 3:30 PM to finalize their Halloween costumes and accessories.

#### Incredible Bats – October 23

Bats really are incredible, and this is your chance to meet them in person. Children are invited to visit the Library on Monday, October 23 at 5 PM to get an up-close look.



#### Zombie Escape Room – October 25

Children in third grade or older are invited to participate in the Library's Zombie Escape Room event on Wednesday, October 25 at 3 PM at the Library. Can you make the zombie antidote in time?



#### Haunted House – October 25

Halloween isn't complete without some spooky fun! Walk through the Library's haunted house and complete the scavenger hunt for a sweet treat. But will you be brave enough? Join the fun on Wednesday, October 25 from 5 until 6 PM. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Open to all ages.

