



HAPPY EARTH DAY

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News



April 2024



Summer Jobs Are Available with the Village

The Village of Franklin Park is accepting applications for our part-time Summer Youth Program. Office and laborer positions are available. The program begins May 1 and ends September 30. The salary is \$12 per hour if you are under the age of 18 and \$15 per hour if you are 18 years or older. For more information on qualifications for employment and to obtain an application, go to vofp.com.



Clean-up After Your Pets

For the safety and enjoyment of everyone, please keep your furry friend on a leash and always clean-up after them, even on your own property. Dog waste is full of more disease-causing bacteria and parasites than other types of waste and can be harmful to humans and spread disease to other dogs. Remember to carry extra waste bags with you wherever you go with your dog. Your neighbors thank you for your consideration!

April Events at the Franklin Park Library

Friends of the Library Book Sale - April 13

Stop by the Library's in-house expanded book sale on Saturday, April 13 from 11 AM until 2 PM for great deals on new or gently used books, CDs, and DVDs. Reusable Friends tote bags full of materials will be available for \$5!



High Tea - April 13

You are cordially invited to the Franklin Park Public Library for high tea beginning promptly at noon on Saturday, April 13. Iced tea, assorted finger sandwiches, and tea cakes will be provided, everyone will make a hat to wear. Come dressed in your best fancy attire for a fun afternoon! This event is for children ages 5-11 with a caregiver.



▲ Cook County's 16th District Annual Women's POWER Brunch was held in Franklin Park and highlighted the positive impact women have had on our community. Village Clerk April Arellano, an event organizer, spoke at the event and the Village's Director of Health and Human Resources Lisa Anthony was a panelist. Also attending from the Village was Veronica Duenas, Sandra Alarcon, Sarah Guevarra, and Trustees Karen Special and Irene Avitia.

Celebrating Earth Day



Celebrate Earth Day at the Library on Monday, April 22 from 5 until 6 PM. You'll be able to plant your very own plant and participate in other fun activities. This event is for children K-5.

Mayor's Desk

New Grant Funding Awarded To Franklin Park

Last month, the Village of Franklin Park was honored to be the recipient of two grants from the Federal Community Funding Project.

lines will be replaced along the street between Belmont and King Avenues.

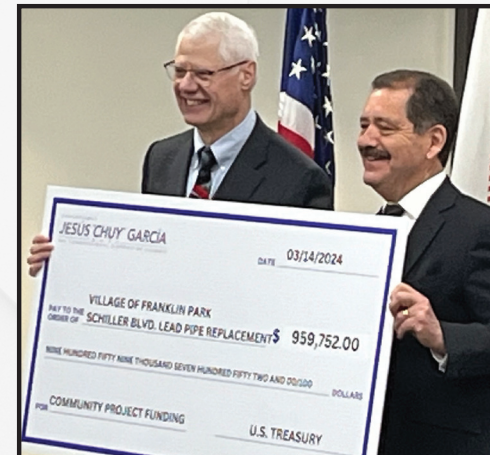
Congressman Chuy Garcia awarded the Village \$959,752 to support the Schiller Boulevard Reconstruction Project. This grant will fund the replacement of substandard water mains with new ductile iron pipes and replacement of all the lead services in this area. This effort is part of this year's annual residential roadway improvements from Scott Street to Rose Street which will provide new asphalt, curbs, and sidewalks.

Replacing the existing lead pipes and water mains will provide more families with access to cleaner, safer water. Upgrading our infrastructure and roadways along these corridors will provide a safer, more inviting, landscaped environment. These funds are available because of President Biden's Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Act.

In addition, Congresswoman Delia Ramirez awarded the Village with \$601,439 to support the Washington Street Improvements Plan. Substandard water mains and 20 residential lead service

Congressman Garcia and Congresswoman Ramirez have been true champions for the families of Franklin Park. On behalf of our residents, we thank you both for this funding that will improve the lives of so many.

We look forward to working with you for many years to come.



▲ Congressman Chuy Garcia presented Mayor Pedersen with a grant to support replacing existing lead pipes and water mains as part of the Schiller Blvd. Reconstruction Project.



▲ Congresswoman Delia Ramirez awarded funding to Village Clerk April Arellano and Nick Walny, the Village's Director of Community Development. Funds will support infrastructure improvements that will provide access to cleaner, safer water.



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Franklin Park Celebrates Earth Day

The Village will once again participate in the Park District's Earth Day celebration. Join us, Saturday, April 20, from Noon until 2 PM at the Centre at North Park to plant a tree, visit interactive kiosks, learn more about sustainable ways to nourish your gardens, and enjoy games, crafts, and prizes. Also, it's a good opportunity to have documents shredded, to recycle electronics, and turn in unused or expired medications for proper disposal.

Please read the information below outlining the Global Goals for Earth Day 2024. Join us in becoming a champion for Mother Earth and lead us all to a greener future.

Congratulations Franklin Park

The Village has been designated a Gold Level Water Ambassador for our work to raise awareness about the water industry and to increase efforts to conserve this valuable resource. Also, our Village has earned a Growth Award for going above and beyond the standards set by Tree City USA. Less than 15% of Tree Cities have earned this recognition.

Make everyday Earth Day!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

EARTH DAY 2024 Goal is to Eliminate Plastic

In Franklin Park, we treat every day like Earth Day, protecting our planet, increasing our sustainability, and respecting the earth's resources.

On Earth Day, the world pauses to focus on environmental education, awareness, and action. This year's focus is to work to eliminate plastic usage and contamination through shopping sustainably, participating in cleanups, and practicing climate literacy.

Plastic breaks down into microplastics and releases toxins that pollute the air and water. Plastic destroys environments, greatly impacts species survival, increases global warming, and impacts human health. Studies reveal that unless we mitigate the use of plastic, cancers and cardio vascular disease will rise. But we can be a part of solutions that will mitigate plastic pollution:

Be aware of packaging when shopping and do not buy single use plastics. Support products that are packed in recyclable or reusable materials.

STOP - just stop - using plastic shopping bags. There are reusable cloth bags and recyclable paper bags available.

Do not drink from plastic disposable water and beverage containers. Purchase and use environmentally conscious, reusable containers.

Encourage your friends, family, colleagues, and employers to drastically reduce their plastic usage.

RECYCLE! Visit our updated, comprehensive recycling guide on our website at vofp.com.



Historic Steam Locomotive to Stop in Franklin Park – May 8



Canadian Pacific Kansas City's (CPKC) historic Final Spike Anniversary Tour will stop in Franklin Park on Wednesday, May 8 from 3 until 8 PM. This will be the last opportunity to view "The Empress", the restored 1930 Steam Locomotive as it makes its final run through North America. The public will be able to view the exterior of the train and learn more about the locomotive and its history. Visitors will not be allowed to board the train.

Bring the family and enjoy a fun-filled celebration of our country's railroad heritage including the "Museum on Wheels". Children can also ride the Puffer Belly Express mini train and participate in crafting projects. There will also be

vendors and displays including Operation LifeSaver. Don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to see this majestic steam locomotive in our community.

As a reminder, the Village's Railroad Day will take place during our annual Fest on Saturday, June 8 from 10 AM until 3 PM. Go to vofp.com for more.

Building Permits Required for Most Home Improvements

The Village requires building permits for most projects at your home or business. If in doubt, contact the Village's Building Department first at (847) 671- 8245. A building permit is usually required for most projects including the following (but not limited to):

- New buildings and room additions
- Residential work to build or repair decks, stairs, garages, fences, sheds, pools, hot tubs, patios (including paver bricks), pergolas, gazebos, driveways, etc.
- Renovations on garages, basements, kitchens, bathrooms, soffit/fascia, siding, tuckpointing, reroofing
- HVAC (heating, water heaters, boilers, ventilation, duct work, and air conditioning systems)
- Electrical and plumbing systems and repairs
- Natural gas expansion (adding new natural gas supply components) *
- Tree Removal

Permits and Contractor Registration can be applied for on our website through the online portal or can be printed out using our fillable forms. For more information, go to vofp.com under the Building Department heading.



Utility Work Underway Around the Town

Throughout the year you may see routine utility work around town including in Village streets and parkways. This work could be related to fiber optic lines for cable, including AT&T, Comcast, and other phone providers, ComEd, and Nicor. If the parkway is disrupted, the landscaping will be replaced when the work is complete. If you have questions or concerns, please call (847) 671-8245.

▶ Mayor Pedersen was named Lions' Club Citizen of the Year. He was recognized for his dedication to improving the quality of life of our residents including co-hosting the annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner and annual Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year event and sponsoring an annual Health Fair and Vaccine Clinic. The Mayor was also recognized for his passion for preserving our environment.

EARTH DAY!
Celebration

FREE

ALL AGES

Join Honee the Bee and plant a tree at our annual Earth Day Celebration! We will explore the nature garden at North Park and learn how to keep our earth clean. This is a family-oriented community event featuring District 84 students, interactive booths, vendors, nature, crafts, games, and prizes.

Day	Date	Time
Sa	Apr 20	12-2 pm

Location: North Park

Shred truck provided by:

Park District
of FRANKLIN PARK