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& Calwagner Street
(9700 Franklin Ave.)**



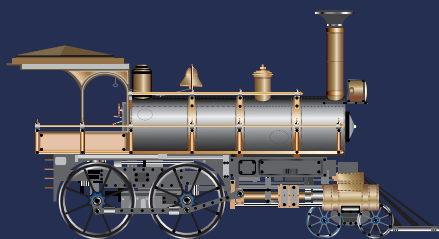
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DAILY CARNIVAL OPENS

June 6 & 7 • 6 PM
June 8 & 9 • 1 PM

RAILROAD DAY

Saturday, June 8
10 AM – 3 PM



Walk on and view interiors!

Face Painting and Petting Zoo – 10 AM – 2 PM

★ BEER & WINE GARDEN – FOOD VENDORS

NO Bikes | NO Dogs | NO Skateboards
For more information: (847) 671-4800 or vofp.com

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

May 2024



Mayor's Desk

Don't Let Severe Weather Take You By Surprise

Last July, the western suburbs were overwhelmed with nine inches of rain in a short period of time resulting in over 10,000 basements being flooded. Fortunately, Franklin Park was spared from this storm, but only by a very short distance.

Climatologists predict that these types of super storms that produce intense downpours with little warning are becoming more prevalent. That means it is likely that a storm of this magnitude will hit Franklin Park soon, causing millions of dollars of damage for homeowners as it did last July.

There is no amount of storm water management that will protect us from storms of this magnitude. The best defense is to prepare your home now before these super storms arrive. Remove rugs and carpeting from the basement floor. Pick up anything you have on the floor of your basement and place the items on shelves. Relocate valuables to another floor of your home. Industry experts advise that sump pumps and emergency power flood control systems should be changed every 7 to 10 years so check to see how old your system is and determine if it is in good working condition. Regularly clean your gutters and downspouts.

It is not a matter of "if" we will experience a massive storm that floods

our basements, it is matter of "when." We cannot control the weather, but we can act now to prepare for a super storm, starting with removing things from the basement floor.

2024 Street Repaving Program Announced

This summer, work will take place to upgrade and improve our Village streets, curbs, and gutters. Street improvements, whether it is on your block, or across town, will positively impact home values throughout the entire community. Well-maintained streets are important to the safety and quality of life of our residents and are essential to a business' ability to operate in our Village.

Like most mature communities, many of Franklin Park's streets need renovation. The Village's 2024 Street Program prioritized streets identified as the most in need of repair:

Lincoln St. from Minneapolis Ave. to Schiller Blvd.
Ernst St. from Franklin Ave. to Grand Ave.
Dora St. from Franklin Ave. to Grand Ave.
Intersection of Scott St. and Belmont Ave.
Schiller Blvd. from Scott St. to Rose St.

Please see the map on page 2 that includes the Village's five-year plan for streets to be repaved.

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Free Live Entertainment

Thursday, June 6

6:30-7:45 PM
Rosie & The Rivets (Early Rock and Roll)

8:30-10:30 PM
Rocks Off (The Rolling Stones Concert)

Friday, June 7

6:30-7:45 PM
Generation (Beatles, Stones, Bowie, Led Zeppelin, Aretha, & Sly Stone)

8:30-10:30 PM
Anthem (Styx, Bon Jovi, Journey, REO, Queen, Aerosmith, and more)

Saturday, June 8

11 AM-12:30 PM
The StingRays (Rockabilly, 60's and 70's)

1:15-2:45 PM
Strung Out (Chicago's Ultimate 70's Musical Experience)

3:30-5 PM
One Of The Boyzz (Rock & Soul)

5:45-7:45 PM
The Gingers: Redheads That Rock (70's & 80's Rock)

8:30-10:30 PM
Hello Weekend (Gaga, Bruno Mars, Pink & more)

Sunday, June 9

2-4 PM
American English (Authentic Beatles Tribute Show)



Barrett F. Pedersen
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Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. Garbage and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28 and yard waste will be picked up on Wednesday May 29.

She's Back!

I am pleased to announce that Dafne Henriquez has joined the Village as the Assistant Village Engineer. Dafne served as my Assistant for several years while attending school to study civil engineering. She left the Village in 2022 to attend school full time at the University of Illinois at Chicago where she graduated with a BS in Engineering late last year. Dafne is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and commitment pay off. We are all happy to have her back with the Village.



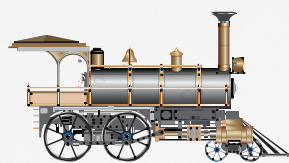
I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fest on June 6 – 9. Please see the flyer on the back of this newsletter for details and the lineup of musical entertainment.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen congratulated Sergeant Dan Morys on his promotion to Police Commander and Officer Carlos Lazcano on his promotion to Sergeant. The Mayor also welcomed new Firefighter Roberto Zurita after he was sworn in.

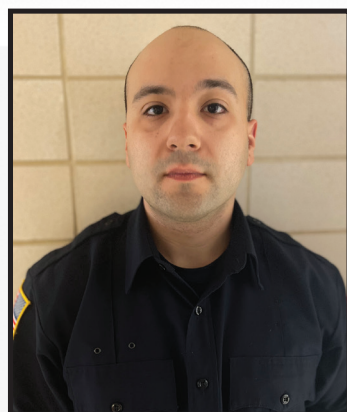
Volunteers Needed on Railroad Day – June 8



Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 8 from 10 AM to 3 PM to help with Railroad Day events. Join us and you will receive a tee shirt and a free meal on Saturday! Call us at 847-671-8236.

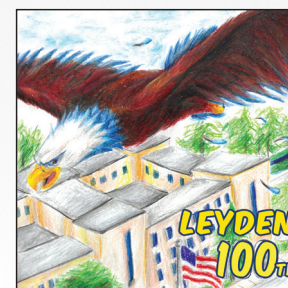
Village Will Host Memorial Day Event – May 27

Please plan to attend the Village's annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 27 at 11 AM at the Veterans Monument, west of Village Hall. The event, co-sponsored with the American Legion Post 974, will pay tribute to our deceased Franklin Park veterans from all branches of service and will feature an honor guard, a ceremonial presentation of the memorial wreath, and more. For information, contact the Mayor's Office at (847) 671-8236. Watch for updates about a location change in case of inclement weather.



▲ Loyola Medical Center commended the service of Firefighters / Paramedics Vincent Sandoval and John Buczkowski. Their quick evaluation and decisive action taken during a call for assistance resulted in a positive outcome for the resident.

It's Time to Renew Your Vehicle Sticker



Renewal applications for the Village's 2024-25 vehicle sticker will be mailed at the end of May. Every vehicle (including cars, trucks, and motorcycles) that is owned by or registered to a Franklin Park resident is required to have a valid vehicle sticker to operate or store the vehicle. Passenger car stickers cost \$30.

A valid vehicle sticker allows you to park on most Village streets, but you still must obey parking restrictions posted on signs. For example, having a Village vehicle sticker does not mean you can park on streets that indicate "Resident Parking Only" because that means only residents who live on that street can park there.

Seniors receive one free vehicle sticker per household. Also, active-duty service members of the U.S. Armed Forces receive one free vehicle sticker per household. Veterans pay a reduced rate of \$15 for one vehicle sticker per household. Owners of electric vehicles receive a free vehicle sticker and hybrid vehicles pay a reduced rate of \$15.

Renew your stickers via mail, online, or by using the Village Hall parking lot drop box to avoid long lines to purchase stickers at Village Hall. Renew early to avoid a processing back-up causing a long wait to receive your sticker. If you have questions, call (847) 671-4800.

This year's vehicle stickers celebrate the 100th anniversary of Leyden High Schools District 212. The design on the left was drawn by Noelly Delgado and the design on the right was drawn by Jonathan Gonzalez, two talented art students at East Leyden.

Pollinator Day Event - May 18

The Village of Franklin Park will host its first annual Pollinator Day on Saturday, May 18, from 11 AM until 1:30 PM at the Gazebo on Belmont. Bring the family and learn how to help pollinators thrive in your garden and enjoy honey samples and informational displays. Sponsored by the Village of Franklin Park Tree Preservation Board and the Bee Committee Village of Franklin Park, a Bee City USA. For more information, go to vofp.com.

