



Franklin Park Newsletter

Vol. 16 No. 2

April 2009

Mayor's Corner

History will repeat itself later this year at Grand Avenue and Mannheim Road. During the era of the 1950s and '60s, a local landmark stood at this intersection. Dave's Hamburgers was a popular drive-in restaurant that attracted patrons from all over the area. The restaurant incorporated the convenient concept of ordering food from a car and then picking it up at a cashier's window 30 years before chains like McDonald's and Wendy's began offering this service. The menu at Dave's Hamburgers included items such as "Thick Burgers", "Thick Milkshakes", "Mile-long Hot Dogs", and delicious pork tenderloin sandwiches. Dave Brooke sold the drive-in in 1976, and it was soon replaced by a 1970s-era shopping center.

Three new businesses are slated to be built at the Grand/Mannheim site this coming summer, including a **Sonic Drive-In**. Sonic is the nation's leading chain of drive-in restaurants, and is among the fastest-growing franchises in America today. Sonic: America's Drive-In is celebrated for its vast variety of food/beverage items including "Sonic Burgers" and "SuperSonic Burgers", Coney Dogs, signature "Toaster Sandwiches", Tots, different breakfast selections, "Sonic Blasts", Java Chillers, classic Slushes, and signature "Limeades".

The entire menu is made to order all day. Currently, the Sonic located closest to Franklin Park is in Aurora. Since its grand opening, the Aurora Sonic has experienced record sales. Upon examining the newly-cleared site at Grand and Mannheim, and considering this location's retail history, the Sonic franchise is enthusiastically pursuing its opportunity to build here. Commitments from **CVS Pharmacy** and **Chase Bank** (and now from **Sonic**) have generated much interest in this desirable Franklin Park location. The plan for the entire Grand/Mannheim site allows for many out lots, as well as for an eventual "big box" user.

As a result of the significant downturn in the national housing market, condominium construction has halted on both Franklin and Grand Avenue. The open site at Franklin Avenue and Rose Street will be leveled off and made available for Village-sponsored events and uses until the condominium market improves. Vacant, unsold condominium structures in neighboring communities have proven themselves dangerous and expensive to maintain. Careful use of valuable parcels like the one at Franklin and Rose is prudent during these difficult economic times.

The upcoming Railroad Daze celebration will take place on May 15th & 16th. I look forward to seeing you there!

Daniel B. Pritchett



Flood Solution Update

The Village of Franklin Park continues to find different ways to alleviate flooding and assist residents when emergency conditions present themselves. Because of record-breaking rainfall this winter, complicated by the frozen ground, many residents have requested sandbags for their own use. The Village recently purchased storage containers to fill with sandbags, and is now placing these storage containers in some of the more flood-prone areas in town. The first container was positioned adjacent to the Jack B. Williams Reservoir pumping station. Sandbags will be stored inside this container, which will be kept unlocked during flood emergencies.

On February 4th, Village representatives held a meeting with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The primary topic of discussion at this meeting was the necessity of additional storm water

retention. Potential site locations for retention basins were discussed. Concerns were expressed regarding the Village's field observations of Silver Creek during a rain occurrence. As the creek leaves Franklin Park and enters Melrose Park, it flows underground into three different culverts located behind Alberto Culver and underneath the railroad near North Avenue. The Village suspects that there may be blockage in some of these culverts, and has requested that all three be inspected. The Village will continue to pursue this issue until we are convinced that the culverts are all clear.

Construction will soon begin on the next phase of the Crystal Creek project. Currently in design, this new phase includes the removal of the Schiller Park "restrictor" near the Tollway Oasis, and the construction of an actual channel along Panoramic Drive.



New sandbag storage container, located adjacent to the Jack B. Williams Reservoir pumping station



New sandbag storage container, located at Lee & Belmont



Joe Thomas inspects the Schiller Park restrictor on Crystal Creek



Silver Creek, south of Armitage Avenue in Melrose Park



B-12 Tower

The old Railroad Tower B-12 recently became a classroom for the fifth graders of Franklin Park. Each year, Village President Dan Pritchett conducts a course in local history at this location. The students are presented with more than 100 photographs in a PowerPoint presentation that traces our village's history, beginning with famous Native American Indians who inhabited this area and concluding with the completion of the Grand Avenue Underpass.

Besides being used as an occasional classroom, the B-12 tower is also the centerpiece of Franklin Park's annual Railroad Daze festival. This historic tower was moved to its present location in 1997. Full restoration of the structure, as well as completion of the park surrounding it, was performed wholly by volunteers and Franklin Park businesses.

Martial Arts School



Four years ago, Franklin Park residents Jim and Marcy Wade opened a taekwondo martial arts school at 10125 Grand Avenue. Marcy, an East Leyden graduate, was formerly a pediatric dental assistant, while her husband, Jim, was a police officer in LaGrange Park. The couple decided to open their martial arts school in the 3,000-square-foot store adjacent to Dunkin' Donuts. Jim's prior experience as a Dare Program instructor convinced him that a martial arts program, emphasizing discipline and respect, would create a great opportunity for the children in our community. The 170 students now enrolled at the Wades' school are taught by eight volunteer instructors, all of whom are serving three-year, 300-hour internships.

On March 14th, Jim and Marcy's school sponsored a "Board Break-A-Thon" fundraiser to benefit St. Jude's Hospital. Mayor Dan Pritchett was invited to attend the event, where he successfully broke the variety of boards set before him. You may contact Jim and Marcy @ (847) 455-3478 for further information about their martial arts school.

Fullerton Avenue

The Village has received numerous phone calls recently regarding Fullerton Avenue between Mannheim Road and Rose Street. Fullerton Avenue is owned by the State of Illinois and is under its maintenance jurisdiction. Four of the major roads that run through Franklin Park: Belmont Avenue, Fullerton Avenue, Mannheim Road, and Rose Street (25th Avenue) are owned by either the State of Illinois or Cook County. The Village of Franklin Park, in coordination with the Village of River Grove, has agreed to take over the jurisdiction of Fullerton Avenue east of the Canadian National Railroad *after* the roadway is totally rehabilitated. The western portion of the Fullerton Avenue roadway, especially immediately east of Mannheim Road, is in need of complete reconstruction. The Village of Franklin Park would require total reconstruction of this roadway before any jurisdictional transfer could take place. We have notified our State Representative about the road's badly deteriorated condition, and also urge our residents to contact the State Rep.'s office and IDOT directly to request serious restoration of this arterial street.

Angelo "Skip" Saviano
State Representative, 77th District:
District Office: 8153 W. Grand Avenue
River Grove, IL 60171
Phone # (708) 453-7547

Don Harmon
State Senator
Office: 6933 W. North Avenue
Oak Park, IL 60126
Phone # (708) 848-2002

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT):
2300 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL 62764
Phone # (217) 782-7820
Website – dot.state.il.us

Student Government Day



Leyden students during a simulated Board Meeting



Students viewing portraits of Franklin Park Mayors



Police Chief Tom Wolfe explains the 911 equipment to students

Franklin Park Receives Funding from Washington



Mayor Dan Pritchett spent March 4th, 5th, and 6th in Washington D.C. Three requests for project funding were submitted to Senators Durbin and Burris. The first of these three requests was in the amount of \$500,000 for sewer improvements on **Westbrook Drive**. This would cover the cost of Phase III of the Silver Creek Basin project. To date, this project has included the completion of sewers on **Silver Creek Drive, Elder Lane, and Scott Street**, as well as the completion of a new sewer lift station. The second request was in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the construction of a pedestrian overpass that would connect Franklin Park's downtown area to the Metra railroad station. The completion of this overpass would ensure the safety of students and other pedestrians as they travel to local schools, parks, shopping areas, or the train station. The final request was in the amount of \$1,000,000 to go toward the reconstruction of Franklin Avenue between downtown Franklin Park and Bensenville. This reconstruction project has been estimated to cost between seven and ten million dollars. Additional funding sources are also being pursued.

Coincidentally, the Village has just been given word that **Franklin Park will receive \$950,000 for street repairs**, from a previous request, through Congressman Rahm Emanuel's Congressional District Spending, or "earmark". The efforts of our congressmen are always appreciated, and the Village wishes Rahm Emanuel much success in his new position as Chief of Staff to President Obama.

Mayor Pritchett's other mission on his recent trip to Washington was to pursue the designation of the Franklin Towers as a "Senior Citizens Only" building. Cook County sent an amended request for this designation to Washington in late February. Mayor Pritchett met with several officials from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on March 5th and 6th. Outstanding issues and questions pertaining to the designation were resolved. The request has now been submitted to the Fair Housing Department of HUD for final approval.

FREE PERMITS

In an effort to help residents, the Department of Inspectional Services has issued more than 300 "No Charge" permits during the last two years. All single-family homes in a residentially-zoned district may take advantage of our annual "free permit" program. As much as \$1,000 in permit fees (per household) may be waived for home repairs annually. Upon approval, these free permits are granted, and ordinary inspections take place. Our inspectors are qualified professionals who are happy to answer any questions you may have. It is always our ultimate goal to obtain a safe, well-constructed finished product. It is as a result of the inspection process we have in place that the number of residential fires and accidents in our community has greatly diminished. With the current state of the economy in mind, the Village of Franklin Park continues to assist residents with the construction, maintenance, and repair of their homes.



9500 Belmont Avenue · Franklin Park, Illinois 60131 (847) 671-8245, FAX # (847) 671-8790

NO CHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION

(UNDER \$1000.00 JOB COST)

DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED: _____ PERMIT NUMBER: 09BP-_____

REAL ESTATE TAX NUMBER: 12- - - - - -0000 PLANS ATTACHED: YES NO

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: _____

PROP. OWNERS NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

PROPERTY OWNER'S ADDRESS: (IF NOT SAME AS ABOVE) _____

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: _____

JOB COST: _____ FLOOD ZONE: YES NO CHECK ONE (SEE NOTE BELOW)

IF RESIDENTIAL, WORK PERFORMED AT: HOUSE GARAGE BOTH YARD

#OF AREAS & USE: Room # 1 _____ Room # 2 _____ Room # 3 _____

Room # 4 _____ Room # 5 _____ Room # 6 _____

SEE PLANS SUBMITTED _____

USE GROUP _____ TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION _____

STRUCTURE: (MUST CHECK ONE BELOW)

Residential # of UNITS _____ Number of Occupants _____ Industrial Commercial

SQ. FT. TOTAL BUILDING: _____ SQ. FT. SPECIFIED REMODELING: _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

PRINT NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER TO CALL WHEN PERMIT IS READY _____

Update: Northwest Corner of Grand Avenue and Mannheim Road



Redevelopment of the Franklin Mall, at the northwest corner of Grand Avenue and Mannheim Road, is progressing, although construction has not yet commenced. Bradford

Real Estate, this project's developer, has appeared before Franklin Park's Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals several times with its Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the project, ensuring that the proposed development has been thoroughly reviewed.

A PUD provides a master plan for a commercial project and addresses such issues as the overall style of the development, specific construction materials that will be used to ensure uniformity within the development, allowed landscaping materials for the development, required detention, and the type and style of lighting and signage to be used in the development. A PUD guarantees that no single parcel or structure within a development will be out of sync with any other portion of the development. Completion of the PUD review for the Franklin Mall, and subsequent approval of the project, is expected by spring. Construction is anticipated to begin in late summer or early fall.

Completion of the units for those businesses presently committed to the site is projected for spring 2010.

Currently, the Franklin Mall has tenancy commitments from three businesses: **Chase Bank, CVS Pharmacy, and Sonic Drive-In.** These businesses are pursuing their required approvals to ensure that they will be able to take tenancy and conduct business immediately after their respective parcels within the development are completed.

Spirits are lifted higher as each milestone toward development is achieved. Staff is looking forward to the passing of Bradford Real Estate's PUD and progression onto the next step of development: permitting. We are pleased and motivated by our ability to introduce a viable, attractive development to Franklin Park, and especially to the Grand/Mannheim corridor. Projects of this magnitude require a great deal of time, commitment, and attention to detail. Although the northwest corner of Grand and Mannheim has sat vacant for some time now, the blighted, unproductive shopping center that once stood at this location will be replaced by a clean, unified, convenient commercial development that will serve consumers for decades to come.



Tips for Keeping Your Basement Dry

Keeping water out of your basement during a rainstorm is not always difficult or expensive. Here are a few simple steps homeowners can take to prevent water from seeping into their basements:

- Make sure that the ground surrounding your house is pitched away from the exterior walls of the house. If you find that water is accumulating around your house, then the grade of the ground must be repaired so that the pitch will keep water out with the effect of gravity. The grade level, however, should not be higher than the top of the house's foundation.
- Make sure to clean your gutters twice per year. If the rain gutters on your house are clogged, then large amounts of water will be dumped directly alongside your house. Installing "gutter guards" to keep leaves and other debris out of your gutters is also recommended.
- Make sure that your downspouts are in good condition, and that the drain is at least 6' from your house (12' is even better, if possible). Also, make sure that water drains down slope, away from your house.
- Keep a high-quality dehumidifier in your basement (65 pints per day capacity or better), and run it 24/7 from May thru October. Purchase a model with an optional hose connection: this will allow water to run directly into a floor drain, saving you the hassle of constantly having to empty your dehumidifier when it's full. Even if you don't experience seepage problems, you may still have high levels of moisture and humidity in your basement. The use of a dehumidifier can help keep your air conditioning bill down since dry air feels cooler than humid air does.

**SCHRADER
PAINTING**



Interior • Exterior

847-678-6375

Tod

What is the Community Rating System (CRS)?

The National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities. Flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect reduced flood risks that result in a community that carries out the three goals of the CRS:

- 1.) Reduce flood losses
- 2.) Facilitate accurate insurance rating
- 3.) Promote the awareness of flood insurance

Failure to participate in the CRS program prevents new homebuyers in a community from being able to obtain FEMA-backed flood insurance, which is **mandated by banks and most lending institutions**. Not participating also prevents a community from receiving federal funds for cleanup and repairs after flood damage occurs.

The Village of Franklin Park enrolled in the CRS program in 2002 for the sole purpose of providing flood insurance premium relief to residents. Premium rates are discounted in increments of 5% to CRS-participating communities. A rating scale is used that ranges from one (1) to nine (9), with a 1 having the highest rating and receiving a 45% discount. A community with a rating of 9 receives a 5% discount. The following is a list of requirements for any community that wishes to begin participation in the CRS program:

- 1.) The municipality must have a Community Assessment Visit (CAV) with no deficiencies noted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The CAV identifies any areas that must be addressed by the community's floodplain management. (It is rare that an initial CAV identifies no areas in need of attention.)
- 2.) The community must be in good standing with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).
- 3.) The community must submit an application to the CRS program via the Insurance Services Office/Community Rating System (ISO/CRS) Coordinator.

During Franklin Park's first CAV in 2002, many troublesome areas were cited. Many of these areas had existed for decades, but were required to be addressed. Typically, new troublesome areas were identified on subsequent visits. Walking, driving, and aerial inspections are completed by the IDNR and FEMA. If any addition or modification to a property is identified during an inspection, and no approved permit exists for that alteration, then this becomes an issue that must be addressed before a rating is assigned to our community by the CRS. This is precisely the reason why potential work of any type planned to be completed in a flood zone must be reviewed by the Village Engineer before a permit is granted. This practice is mandated by the IDNR and FEMA. After the last series of flooding in our community, the Village of Franklin Park granted "No Charge" permits to residents whose properties suffered flood damage.

The Village is currently awaiting a rating of 8 from the CRS. This rating would award our residents who live in a flood plain a 10% reduction in their flood insurance premium. It would be very difficult and expensive to obtain a rating of 1, especially in a 117-year-old community like ours. Only a handful of communities across the nation have achieved a rating of 1, and these are younger municipalities that were actually able to plan around the guidelines set forth by the CRS program. The Village of Franklin Park is working diligently to achieve its goal of receiving the rating of 8, and will continue to do so.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND
THE AMERICAN LEGION PRESENT...

A MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2009

VETERANS MEMORIAL ON
BELMONT AVENUE

11 o'clock in the morning

*Join us as we remember and pay homage to those veterans who
have passed away since the last Memorial Day.*

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

For further information contact
Eugene Piltaver at 847-671-8250

AbbyGail's Tea Shop & Antiques

One Free Pot of Tea

*Open for
parties on
the weekends



Gail and Karyn
(847) 340-5279

Hours: Mon - Fri
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
9710 Franklin Ave.

Franklin Park, IL
cougardan67@sbcglobal.net

Clerk's Corner

GARAGE/YARD SALES REGISTRATION

Thinking of having a garage/yard sale this spring? There are no fees involved, but you do need to register through the Clerk's Office. You can come directly to the Clerk's Office at Village Hall (9500 W. Belmont Avenue) to register, or you can simply call us @ (847) 671-8242. Online registration is also available: just log onto the Village's website @ www.vofp.com, click on the "Departments" tab, and then click on "Clerk's Department" and scroll down to the "Online Garage Sale Registration Form". Registration should be completed at least one week prior to your garage/yard sale.

Residents are allowed two garage/yard sales per year. The maximum duration of any sale shall be 30 hours

within a 3-day period. No sale shall commence prior to 8:00am, or conclude later than 7:00pm. Any signs created to advertise a sale may only be displayed on the property where the sale is to take place. Failure to comply with any of these stipulations could result in a citation.

Should you have any questions/concerns, please contact the Clerk's Office @ (847) 671-8242.

Susan K. Szymanski
Village Clerk



Having Difficulty Paying Your Utility Bills?

The Proviso-Leyden Council for Community Action (PLCCA) is still accepting applications for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Applications are collected at the Village Hall (9500 W. Belmont Avenue) each Tuesday from 9:00am – 12:00 noon. A representative from the PLCCA is at Village Hall each week. The LIHEAP provides energy assistance for ComEd and Nicor Gas bills. The following requirements are needed to fill out an application:

- Social Security/SSI (Monthly) Benefit Letter for 2008
- Pension Letter (last 30 days)
- Photo ID
- Social Security Cards (from all members of the household)
- TANF (you must bring their "Medical Card")
- Proof of income for the last 30 days (household members 18 years and older)
- Current ComEd Bill (current bill and disconnect notices must be included if you are applying)
- Current Nicor Gas Bill (current bill and disconnect notices must be included if you are applying)
- People residing in the household
- Gross income for the last 30 days

Please contact us with any questions @ (847) 671-8240.



AARP MATURE DRIVING CLASS

AARP Classes are instructed by Bob Marshall and are held at the Carl Fiorito Senior Center (2601 N. Mannheim Road) in Franklin Park

This course is an innovative classroom driver retraining program to help drivers 50 and older improve their driving skills.

Participants must attend both sessions.

Upon completion, participants will be presented with a certificate which may entitle them to a discount on their auto insurance.

Pre-registration is required and classes are limited to 25 persons.

Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non members and must be paid by check or money order.

For further information on upcoming dates and to register, call Jamie at (847)455-8616 ext. 5140.

REMINDER

Keep your telephone numbers current in our Code Red emergency notification database. We use the Code Red system to notify residents of any emergency situations within our community. If your phone number has changed, or if you would like to add another number to the database, visit our website @ www.vofp.com, and click on the Code Red link to enter a number.

VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK 2009
GRASS CUTTING APPLICATION FORM

The Village of Franklin Park will offer grass cutting services to property owners who are disabled, handicapped and/ or have severe health problems and have no one else in the household or has no one who can cut the lawn. The charge will be \$7.00 per cut.

Those interested in the grass-cutting program must complete this application. Medical verification from your doctor must be enclosed.

ATTENTION:

The Village may limit the number of participants in the program. Space in the program will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. **The last day to sign up is May 15, 2009**

Please bring or mail this form along with your physician's verification note to:

Village of Franklin Park
Attn: Health & Human Resources
9500 West Belmont Avenue
Franklin Park, IL. 60131

The grass-cutting program will be in operation from the third week in May until the third week in August, or such other time as the Village determines the program should run. The cost is \$7.00 per cut.

Number of people residing in the residence _____

In addition to the applicant, please list the individuals residing in residence.

Name

Checklist:

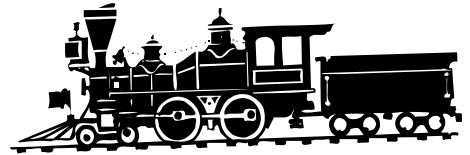
- [] Neither myself, nor a family member is able to cut my grass.
- [] I agree to, and have signed the attached guidelines and terms.
- [] The medical verification from the physician is enclosed for **each member of the household.**
- [] Medical verification is already on file (from previous year or snow program)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

FRANKLIN PARK'S



RAILROAD DAZE

FRIDAY, SATURDAY

MAY 15th & 16th

FREE ADMISSION

CALWAGNER AND THE RR TRACKS

LIVE MUSIC - INCLUDING A SPECIAL APPEARANCE FRIDAY, MAY 15TH Featuring

SLIPPERY WHEN WET

(From Atlanta - USA #1 Bon Jovi Tribute Band)

WALK ON SPECIAL & UNIQUE TRAIN DISPLAYS

WIDE VARIETY OF FOOD VENDORS

CARNIVAL RIDES & GAMES

MINI TRAIN RIDES

MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY - SAT. (Weather Permitting)

LIVE PERFORMANCES

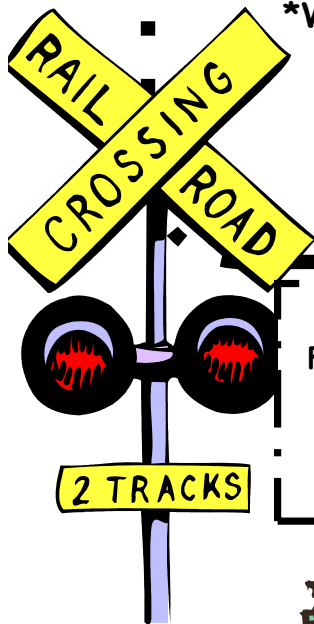
FRIDAY - SLIPPERY WHEN WET (BON JOVI TRIBUTE BAND) 9:00PM

JAK TRIPPER (CLASSIC ROCK) 6:30PM

SATURDAY - DICK HOLLIDAY & THE BAMBOO GANG 9:00PM

NICOLE JAMROSE ("NASHVILLE STAR" TV SHOW) 6:30PM

For Information call 847-671-8258



**The Village of Franklin Park and Mayor Dan Pritchett
Present...**

Musical Tuesday Nights In Franklin Park

**SUMMER
2009**

**HAMMILL SQUARE
GAZEBO**

**Located at 9500
Belmont Avenue
and Edgington**

JUNE 23rd THE HILINE BAND

**6 PIECE BAND FEATURING MOTOWN,
70'S & 80'S DANCE HITS & MORE!**

JULY 14th THE RAGTOPS

**ROCK & ROLL FABULOUS 50'S AND
60'S REVIEW, BUDDY HOLLY, RICKY
NELSON AND MORE!**

**JULY 28th JONATHAN DEVIN AND
NEW COUNTRY**

**FAVORITE COUNTRY HITS FROM
GARTH BROOKS TO NEIL MCCOY,
"BOOT SCOOTIN FUN!"**

AUGUST 11th BOPOLOGY

**TOP SWING BAND IN CHICAGO
AREA. UPBEAT MUSIC WITH FRANK
SINATRA STYLE VOCALS.**

**AUGUST 25th CHICAGO SKYLINERS
SWING COMBO**

**SIX PIECE BAND WITH FEMALE
VOCALIST FEATURING MUSIC FROM
THE 40'S AND 50'S. A REAL
NOSTALGIA TRIP**

**ENJOY AN EVENING OF FAMILY
FUN & ENTERTAINMENT!**

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS
AND/OR BLANKETS.**

**TUESDAY
CONCERTS
BEGIN AT
6:30 PM**

For further information, please call Eugene Piltaver 847-671-8250

Electronics Collection



Plug into Recycling

April 24th & 25th

9:00am - 3:00pm

Triton College

2000 Fifth Avenue, Northwest Student Parking Lot
River Grove, Illinois 60171

Items Accepted:

Computer Equipment
Printers
Telephones
Answering Machines
Cellular Phones
Fax Machines
TVs and VCRs
Stereo Equipment
Software
Disks, CDs, and Tapes

Items NOT Accepted:

Refrigerators
Stoves
Dishwashers
Washing Machines
Dryers
Air Conditioners
Microwaves
Oversized Copiers



For more details contact:

West Cook County Solid Waste Agency

@ (708) 453-9100 www.westcook.org, or MRK Group @ www.mrkgroup.com

Sponsored By the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Keep West Cook Beautiful Triton College *Rhodes School District 84.5*

There is a small CO-PAY of \$5.00 for each television and monitor.

If you ride a bicycle or a motorcycle, mark your calendars!!

The Police Department is planning a Spring Safety Day for Saturday May 2, 2009. This event will occur at the Police Department, 9545 West Belmont Avenue, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Belmont Avenue will be blocked off between Rose (25th Avenue) and Edgington for safety during this event. In years past, this event has been strictly for bicycle riders, but this year we are expanding to include motorcycles too. Our purpose is to stress riding safety for all two-wheel riders, and to provide safety checks for bikes and motorcycles.

The use of two-wheel transportation has increased as a result of the economic impact of fuel prices. It is important that we are safety conscious and observe the rules of the road when riding. Motorists are not always keen to observe two-wheel enthusiasts, so it is even more important that we have all the necessary safety equipment operational when we ride. Checking tire tread depth, lights and brakes should be a routine before ever hitting the road.

Our new Law Enforcement Explorer Post 95 will be assisting in this event with the Bicycle Rodeo for the younger riders. There will be hot dogs and drinks for attendees. We will have safety materials to hand out, as well as prize drawings for the kids.

Our Police Department has begun a Police Chaplain program this year, and Police Chaplains will be on hand to perform our first-ever annual *Bike Blessing* for all two-wheel operators. Safe riding to all of you!!



Pre-Sorted
Standard Mail
U.S. Postage
PAID
Franklin Park, IL
Permit No. 188

WS-CAR-RT SORT

POSTAL PATRON

Village President

Daniel B. Pritchett

Village Clerk

Susan K. Szymanski

Village Trustees

Juan Acevedo

Paul D. Bellendir

Gregory P. Fisher

Louis F. Georgetta

John C. Johnson

Cheryl L. McLean