

Village Voice



FRANKLIN PARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2009 COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

From 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM. In conjunction with Life Source and Kiwanis, the Village of Franklin Park is sponsoring a blood drive. It will take place at the Franklin Park Community Center. For more information contact Village Hall at (847)-671-8240.

October 3, 2009 TRITON COLLEGE FALL FAMILY FUN FEST AND CRAFT SHOW

From 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Triton College will be hosting a day of entertainment, food, and fun in the Triton College Botanical Gardens. For more information, please call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3220.

October 10, 2009 FRANKLIN PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

From 10:00 AM - 1 PM. The Fire Department will hold their annual open house at Station #2 located at the corner of Addison and Scott Street. There will be games for the kids, demonstrations and food for all ages. For more information contact the Franklin Park Fire Department at (847)-678-2400.

Community takes first steps towards working together

Governing Districts Meet



On August 20th at the Centre at North Park, members from the local governing entities took the first steps in working together to begin helping the community.

This is the first meeting of its kind to take place in Franklin Park and it was a good opportunity to have an open discussion with everyone sitting at the same table.

Representatives in attendance included those from the Village Board, School Districts 84, 83, and 81 along with the Franklin Park Library Board, the Park District of Franklin Park and Veterans Park District.

One central concern was the overlapping of events, such as last year when Railroad Daze overlapped with the Park District of Franklin Park's Ice Show.

Those in attendance agreed that additional meetings are a good idea and should continue in the future.



First ever town hall meeting Village to Host First Ever Town Hall Meeting

On October 21st from 7 PM - 9 PM the location is yet to be determined, please check your water bill next month for the exact location. This is your opportunity to meet your local officials, and have an open and honest discussion about your community. It is important for everyone to be involved in their government and let their voice be heard. Everyone is welcome to attend; this is an open forum where you ask the questions and share ideas about Franklin Park. If you have any questions please contact Village Hall at (847)-671-8250.

Fall road repairs Village Road Projects

Franklin Park is continuing with road repairs going into this fall season with the long awaited resurfacing of 25th Avenue from Addison to Belmont Avenue following Labor Day; thanks to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Another project being completed this fall involves reconstruction of Cherry Street from Birch Street to Maple Street. Additionally, Cherry Street will be milled and resurfaced from Maple Street to Elm Street. Birch Street improvements will include complete reconstruction between Chestnut Street and Cherry Street. This project will be funded with the Village's allocation of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds and is scheduled for letting in 2009. These repairs are much needed and will be a welcome improvement to the Village roadways.



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OCTOBER 11, 2009

2ND ANNUAL 5K

FOUNDATION RUN/WALK

From 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM. All ages are welcome! You must register by October 10th, either in person or over the phone. For more information contact the Park District at (847)-455-2852.

OCTOBER 11, 2009

FALL PARADE & PUMPKIN FEST

From 1 PM - 2:00 PM. The parade kicks off from Scott and Grand and ends at North Park where there will be a large pumpkin patch just waiting to be picked! For more information please contact the Park District at (847)-455-2852.

October 21, 2009

VILLAGE TOWN HALL MEETING

From 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Please check next month's water bill for the exact location.

NOVEMBER 11, 2009

VETERAN'S DAY

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. The Village of Franklin Park and the American Legion (Post 974) will be honoring veterans from all our Nation's conflicts. The Ceremony will take place at the Veterans Memorial located next to the Village Hall parking lot, located at 9500 W. Belmont Ave. For more information contact Village Hall at (847)-671-4800.

Low income energy program

Home Energy Assistance Program

Starting September 1st income eligible seniors may file for help with winter home heating bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Applications are being taken at Leyden Senior Services, 10001 Grand Avenue in Franklin Park.

Seniors must be 60 or older on the day of application. Also, they must bring the following documents in order to file for benefits: their Social Security card, a photo ID card, current NICOR bill, current COM ED bill, proof of gross income for 30 days, including their 2009 Social Security letter.

LIHEAP provides a one-time payment to the utility companies on behalf of the recipient.

In addition to seniors, LIHEAP is open to persons and/or households with disabled members who receive SSI and SSDI benefits.

In reference to the applications, please call (847)-455-3929 for more details.

Program starts November 2, 2009 for the general population

Income Guidelines

Family Size	150% 30-Day Income
1	\$1,354
2	\$1,821
3	\$2,289
4	\$2,756
5	\$3,224
6	\$3,691
7	\$4,159
8	\$4,626
9	\$5,094
10	\$5,561



FRANKLIN PARK EXPLORERS POST #95

AT THE STREET DANCE

The Franklin Park Explorers program is new to Franklin Park. It started this past January and has grown to 20-25 high school students from the community. The program is geared toward giving students the opportunity to experience the area of law enforcement. The students go through classes and participate in fundraising events and various outings that take place throughout the year.

At the Franklin Park Street Dance and Car Show on July 24th, the Explorers were able to raise \$100 in donations! This will help them as they go on field trips and potentially go to Explorer competitions. They all did a great job at the event and we would like to thank all of the citizens that donated to the Explorers.

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Village Hall Hours:

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.

8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Wed. 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. - noon

Officer gives up his vacation time Officer Volunteers to Repair Homes

Officer Norm Carli, a 19-year veteran of the Police Department spent his recent vacation time not relaxing on a beach, but volunteering his time to help fix homes for those less fortunate.

He took a trip to McCreary County located in southeastern Kentucky, in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains. This once was a thriving coal-mining region, in the 1900s the coal-mines closed down, and left those communities built by the coal mining industry without a source of income. Today, McCreary County is one of the poorest counties in the United States.

The idea for this trip did not come from Carli himself but rather from his two sons, Robert 19 and Kevin 17. They both went to a meeting at Oak Brook Community Church about a ministry in McCreary County called Hills and Hollers.

The cost of the trip was about \$225 per person; this did not include money for the building materials. He spread the word about the trip, and received donations from the Fraternal Order of Police in Franklin Park, as well as the

Franklin Park Fire Department, which they both donated \$250.

During the time Carli and his two sons spent in McCreary, they worked on a trailer home and addition by hanging drywall, insulating the walls, and replacing the old flooring and installing a metal roof on the trailer. They worked five days from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the home.

After a week of volunteering his time, Officer Carli went back to being a police officer. Both Carli and his two sons would like to return to McCreary in the future to continue the work they started.

Street sweeping in progress Reminder Street Sweeping Until December 5th

On occasion, we receive feedback from residents being ticketed for having their car parked on the street during street sweeping days. We would like to remind residents to take the time to check the day and time street sweeping occurs on your block and please keep your vehicle off the street at those designated times to avoid receiving a ticket. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.