

Village Voice



FRANKLIN PARK CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 4, 2009 CHRISTMAS AT HAMMILL SQUARE

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM.

The Village of Franklin Park invites everyone to come out and enjoy the Village's annual tree lighting and winter fest! Children will be able to meet Santa! and have their pictures taken with him. There will be a craft table for the kids to enjoy and hot chocolate served by the Board of Trustees and as always the hot chocolate is free!

VILLAGE HALL HOURS OVER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY:

**Wednesday November 25th:
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Thursday November 26th:
Village Hall Closed**

**Friday November 27th:
Village Hall Closed**

**Saturday November 28th:
Village Hall Closed**

Mayor's Desk

Dear Neighbor,

For at least six of the last seven years, your village has spent more money than it has received in revenues. Given the current economic challenges and the difficulties many homeowners are experiencing in making mortgage payments and paying real estate taxes, it would be unfair to raise taxes. Your village has to learn to live within its means as you do with your family budget.

Over the next weeks and months, your village is going to make significant reductions in operating expenses. These reductions should be accomplished with your input. After all, they are your tax dollars. Please send us your suggestions for reductions in expenditures. Your ideas will be considered, we hope to implement as many as are practicable and reasonable.

There are some things you can do to help which are easy and obvious. Recycle more of your garbage. Paper, cardboard, glass bottles or jars, plastic, aluminum cans, mail, six and twelve pack rings, newspaper, magazines, telephone directories, brown paper bags, paperboard and chipboard (cereal boxes), and wet strength cardboard (beverage cartons) that you put into your recycling bin, reduces the village costs for putting your garbage into a land fill. Due to escalating landfill costs, the village is \$1 million dollars over budget on waste removal. If you recycle everything but your food garbage, you reduce costs to the village and reduce your own costs.

I will be providing more news on cost savings and reductions in upcoming newsletters.

Working together, our goal is to reduce the \$8.7 million debt we have been left with. I hope I can count on your help.

Barrett F. Pedersen
Mayor

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Preparing for Winter

Helpful Reminders this winter season

The upcoming winter season will soon be upon us and Village would like to pass along some very helpful winter tips and reminders to make your holiday season an enjoyable one.

Fall leaf pickup

It is important to remember as the leaves fall they need to be placed in the brown biodegradable bags. Allied Waste will be unable to pickup the leaves if they are placed in plastic garbage bags. Please remember to place your bags out on garbage day with your garbage and recycling. Allied Waste will continue to pickup yard waste and leaves until December 2nd. In addition, the Street Department would like to remind residents not to place leaves in the street, as the leaves will block storm sewers and prevent rain water from running off.

Snow plowing

Once the snow begins to fall, our plow trucks will be on the road making our streets safe for travel. To make their jobs and your travel easier, we are asking that all residents follow the parking instructions on the blue snow route signs. This will allow our plow trucks to clean the streets quickly and avoid receiving a ticket for snow route parking violations.

Street sweeping continues

With the cold weather, leaves falling, and even some snow, it is easy to forget street sweeping continues through December 4th. We ask that all residents continue to follow the street sweeping route signs for parking on the streets until street sweeping operations have ended for the year.

Annual tree lighting ceremony

Christmas at Hammill Square

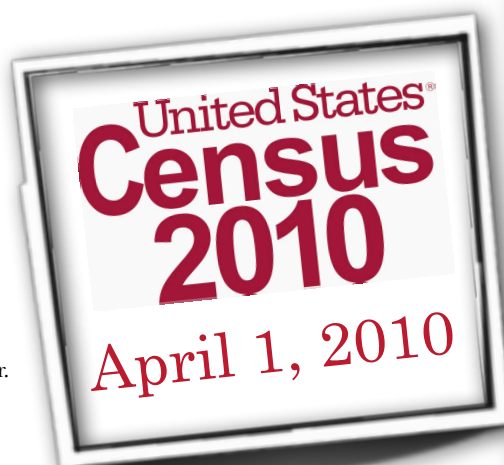
The Village of Franklin Park will continue this year with our annual tree lighting and winter fest, December 4, 2009 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Join us as we will be lighting the tree, having free hot chocolate, and pictures with Santa and Mrs. Clause! For further information, please contact the Village Hall at (847)-671-8250.

Snow removal program

Snow Removal Program Reminder

We would like to remind all residents that it is time to register for the Senior Snow Removal Program. If you were a resident enrolled in the program previously, you must enroll again before the spaces are filled.

For more information on the Senior Snow Removal program or to request an application for the program, please contact the Village Health Department at 847.671.8240



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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

“DO NOT FOLLOW WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD. GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL. ONLY THOSE WHO WILL RISK GOING TOO FAR CAN POSSIBLY FIND OUT HOW FAR ONE CAN GO.”
-T.S. ELLIOT