



Village Voice

Mayor's Desk

Dear Neighbor,

The Village staff and personnel would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas.

We are still accepting your ideas for cutting our budget and streamlining our expenditures. The Village still must make significant cuts to balance its budget.

As I indicated last month, the Village has been over spending each year since 2002. This year's deficit is \$2.5 million. This deficit has not been caused by a downturn in the economy. The deficits will not disappear when the economy recovers. Next year we will face the same problem. One time, short-term gimmicks will not cure long term overspending. Grants from the state and federal government are for specific projects. By law, they cannot be used for operating expenses like salaries, pensions and healthcare. To put the Village on firm financial footing, significant, permanent cuts must be made.

In the coming weeks and months, we will be making changes in our spending habits based upon the Village's needs and your recommendations, to keep Franklin Park moving forward and financially strong.

May the spirit of this Holiday Season and the spirit of goodwill towards your fellow brothers and sisters, brought forth to this nation by our forefathers many years ago, light this time of year with the values we mutually cherish.

Barrett F. Pedersen

Mayor



FRANKLIN PARK CALENDAR OF IMPORTANT DATES

**DECEMBER 18, 2009
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN
PARK BLOOD DRIVE**
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

The Village of Franklin Park in conjunction with Life Source and Kiwanis, is sponsoring the final blood drive of 2009 for the Village. It will take place at the Park District of Franklin Park Community Center at 9560 Franklin Avenue, Franklin Park. For more information, please call the Village Hall at (847) 671-8240.

VILLAGE HALL HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON:

Wednesday, December 23rd:
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday, December 24th:
Village Hall Closed

Friday, December 25th:
Village Hall Closed

Saturday, December 26th:
Village Hall Closed

**Friday, January 1st: Village
Hall Closed**

**Saturday, January 2nd: Village
Hall Closed**



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Need help with winter heating bills?

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Beginning on December 2nd on Wednesday evenings from 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 9500 W. Belmont Ave. Franklin Park; income eligible residents may fill out an application and file for help with winter home heating bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP provides a one-time payment to the utility companies on behalf of recipients. LIHEAP is available to seniors, along with persons and/or households with disabled members who receive SSI and SSDI benefits.

Please bring the following documents in order to file for benefits: Social Security card, a photo ID card, current NICOR bill, current COM ED bill, proof of gross income for 30 days, including your 2009 Social Security letter.

Reminder from the Clerk's Office

Remember to register to Vote

The Clerk's Office would like to remind everyone to make sure you are registered to vote for the primary on February 2, 2010.

To be eligible to vote you must be registered by January 5, 2010. You can register to vote at the Clerk's office anytime during normal business hours. The only thing you need to bring with you to register is

two forms of identification. For more information, please call the Clerk's Office at (847)-671-8242.

Snow and refuse collection

Allied Waste winter reminder

Allied Waste would like to remind residents and building owners to please clear snow away from refuse and recycling containers to avoid a missed collection. If the container cannot be accessed by the driver, the container may not be emptied.

While the drivers will continue to make every effort to maintain service whatever conditions exist, the cooperation of all residents and building owners is always appreciated.




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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

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-GEORGE WASHINGTON