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I would like to invite and encourage all residents and business owners to attend our Village Board meetings held the first and third Mondays of every month at the police department (Please see special summer schedule of meetings for July and August). It is important to keep our residents informed of the decisions your local leaders make in governing our village. Together, I believe, we can make a difference.

Thank you.

Barrett F. Pedersen

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NEW Hours!

franklin park events calendar

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JULY						
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- ◆ Marszalek Chicago Band (Polish)
7/9 – 7:00 p.m.
North Park Gazebo
- ◆ The Ragtops (50's & 60'S)
7/14 – 6:30 p.m.
Hammill Square Gazebo
- ◆ Movie in the Park – Madagascar
7/16 – 8:30 p.m.
North Park Gazebo
- ◆ Street Dance + Car Show
7/24 – 5:00 p.m.
Downtown Franklin Park
- ◆ Jonathan Devin and New Country
7/28 – 6:30 p.m.
Hammill Square Gazebo
- ◆ Valle Verde (Latin American)
7/30 – 7:00 p.m.
North Park Gazebo

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- ◆ StingRays (Rock & Roll Classics)
8/6 – 7:00 p.m.
North Park Gazebo
- ◆ Bopology (Swing band)
8/11 - 6:30 p.m.
Hammill Square Gazebo
- ◆ Chicago Skyliners Swing Combo
8/25 – 6:30 p.m.
Hammill Square Gazebo

◆ Hammill Square Series
◆ North Park Gazebo Series
More at: vofp.com/calendar

The Franklin Park Police Department Receives Community Policing Grant

The Franklin Park Police Department is very proud to announce that the department recently received a Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) technology grant. The receipt of this grant will be greatly beneficial to the department as they work to upgrade and expand the network of community surveillance cameras in Franklin Park. The current network of cameras installed two years ago in select areas of Franklin Park have shown to significantly reduced the crime in these areas. This will also provide a much-needed upgrade to new police radios replacing the existing ones, which are approximately 15 years old. In addition, it will provide an upgrade to the police department computer systems that are over 5 years old. The Franklin Park Police Department views all of these upgrades as important means of assisting them to become increasingly more efficient and effective in preventing crime in our community.



Why Should I Recycle? Does it Really Matter?

Here are a few facts that may surprise you...

- Paper:** One ton of recycled paper saves...
- 17 trees from being cut down
 - 380 gallons of oil
 - 4,102-kilowatt hours of electricity
 - 3 cubic yards of landfill space
 - 7,000 gallons of water



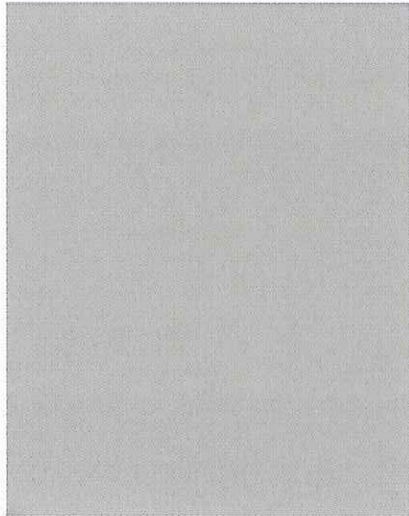
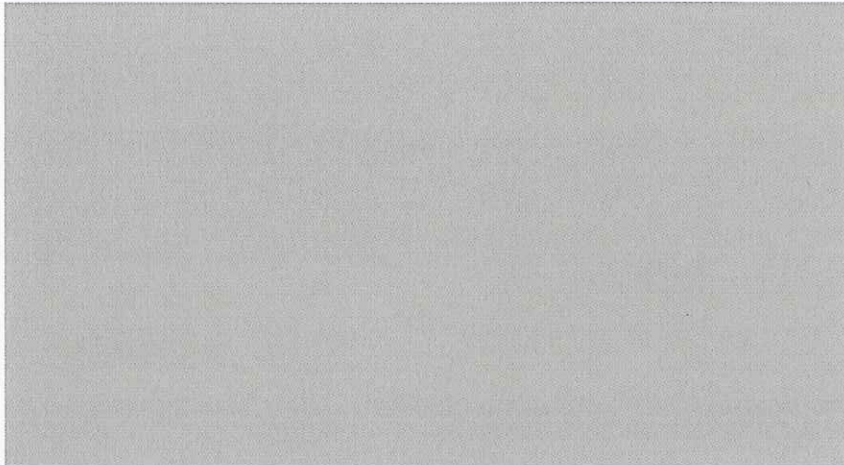
Recycling paper reduces air pollution by 74% and water pollution by 35%. In one year, the U.S. throws away enough office paper to build a wall 12 feet high and 12 feet wide to stretch from California to New York.

- Plastic:** Recycling plastic reduces energy consumption by 85-90%. Plastics account for 6% of municipal waste stream by weight; however, by volume or space used, plastics account for 18%. Plastics are derived from petroleum.

- Aluminum:** Recycling one pound of aluminum (about 16 pop cans) saves 7.5-kilowatt hours of electricity. Recycling aluminum reduces air pollution by 95% and water pollution by 97%. *Americans throw enough aluminum away to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet every three months.*

Recycling & Non-Recyclables

The Village of Franklin Park's recycling program has been established for a number of years and while we have had great success with it, we are always continuing to encourage residents to recycle more. The one single issue we face is that there occasionally is confusion about what can and cannot be recycled. To help residents with this problem, we have inserted a reference sheet on what can be recycled currently. The next issue is what to do with those products that cannot be recycled. As a community we still want to reduce our impact on the environment. To assist residents in reducing their impact on the environment, an insert has been provided for what residents can do with some of those items that cannot be recycled in the Village.



A New Board is Elected

At the regular President and Board of Trustees meeting on May 4th the newly elected board members were sworn in. The residents of Franklin Park elected Barrett F. Pedersen as the new Village President. President Pedersen replaces the outgoing Village President Daniel B. Pritchett who served the Village of Franklin Park proudly for the past 16 years. Other newly elected officials included Tommy Thomson as Village Clerk, and two new Trustees, Tom Brimie and Rose Rodriguez. John Johnson is the only current board member to be reelected this past April. We would like to thank the outgoing board members for their years of service to Franklin park and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.



Village President

Barrett F. Pedersen

Village Clerk

Tommy Thomson

Trustees

Juan Acevedo

Paul Bellendir

Tom Brimie

John Johnson

Cheryl McLean

Rosalba Rodriguez

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Health & Human Resources	847/671-8240
Fire Prevention Bureau	847/671-8798
Mayor's Office	847/671-8236
Street Department	847/671-8252
Water Billing	847/671-8292
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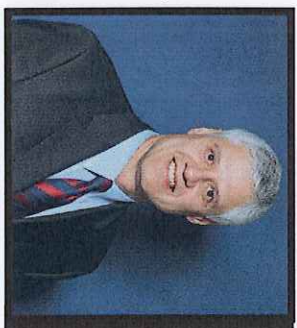
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