



APRIL, 2010



VILLAGE VOICE

Your Franklin Park Newsletter



The Village Needs You To Be Counted

Beginning in May 2010, Census Bureau enumerators will be dispatched to account for those who did not respond to the recent questionnaires. Their goal is to obtain a more accurate count of residents. If an enumerator approaches your home, please ask for their Census Bureau official identification. This identification does not have a photo, but it does identify the Census Bureau employee by name. If you would like further confirmation, each enumerator has a card with the phone number to the Palatine Census Bureau office, so you can call and confirm the individual's identity while they are at your door. The enumerator is not allowed to enter your home.

If you have already submitted your questionnaire, please inform the enumerator. If you have not, please grant a few minutes of your time so that you too can be counted.

The enumerators cannot ask any questions other than those listed on the questionnaire, and all information provided remains strictly confidential. The information that you give is for the Census Bureau only and cannot be shared with any other agency or individual.

Important Update and Reminder

Beginning the week of April 19, 2010. Pick up for Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste will be on Monday instead of Wednesday.



Reuse, Reduce, Recycle

Street Sweeping Begins - April 1 through December 1 residents will not be allowed to park in designated areas between 8 AM – 12 PM to accommodate our Street Cleaning Program. Tickets will be issued to violators.

Grass Cutting Program

Applications are being accepted at Village Hall for Senior and disabled residents interested in participating in the Village's Grass Cutting Program. Those who have previously participated in the program and have not had a change in their health status, will NOT require a new doctor's note. The program will begin the third week in May and run through August and costs \$7.00 per cut. Participation is limited. Applications are available by calling 847-671-8240.

WELCOME HOME

Help us welcome Sgt. Matthew Lehmann back home from Iraq on Monday April 19th at 3:00pm. He will be escorted back home to the 3100 block of Scott St. in Franklin Park with the Franklin Park Police & Fire Dept.

*Congratulations
Boy Scouts of America
Celebrating 100 Years*



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VILLAGE HALL HOURS
Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri.
8-4:30 pm
Wed. 8 - 6 pm
Sat. 9-12 pm

RAILROAD DAZE
NEW DATES
June 4,5,6

Unique Train Equipment
Music, Carnival, and Food

Village Hall Closed
Saturday, May 29th
Monday May, 31st



Mayor's Desk



Dear Neighbor,

It is our goal that Village Government respond promptly to your questions, concerns or requests for services. To make sure you receive a timely response, the Village is creating a new electronic online program to track responses to our residents. The program will continue to prompt departments until the resident's concern has been addressed. This will help the Village track your requests in a more timely manner.



BUDGET TIME



It is now budget time. We are preparing our budget for the 2010/2011 fiscal year that starts May 1, 2010. The effects of the downturn in the economy will cause the Village to tighten our belts and reduce our spending. We have undertaken an aggressive cost cutting plan, in order to balance our budget and discipline our spending due to projected decreased revenues.

We want to maintain essential services and protect the public health and safety of our citizens while being fiscally responsible. I encourage you to email your suggestions for cost cutting or savings to our Village budget. We value your input and participation in this process.

VILLAGE CALENDAR

Previously, the Village spent approximately \$10,000 printing and mailing a calendar which notes Village Board meeting dates and other important events. To save funds, we are considering eliminating the calendar but including the information in the monthly newsletter. You would receive the same information without expending \$10,000 annually. What are your thoughts?

Barrett Pedersen

Our next town hall meeting will be held May 10, 2010 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Centre at North Park, located at 10040 Addison St. I hope you can attend this important meeting and I look forward to seeing you there.



Triton College Hosts Franklin Park Honor Day May 19

Triton College will honor the Village of Franklin Park on Wednesday, May 19, from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM in the Triton College Botanical Gardens (east side of campus), located at 2000 Fifth Ave. in River Grove. A variety of activities are planned for all ages and a special plaque will be presented to our Village Mayor Barrett Pedersen. Bring your family and friends for an exciting evening with musical entertainment, refreshments and plenty of fun! Admission is free and T-shirts will be given to the first 100 visitors. For more information, call (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3220. In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be held in the Student Center Cafeteria.

Funding For Flood Victims - Information on how to apply for grants to fund property repairs, mold remediation and flood related problems will be available on April 24, at 9:30 AM at the Harwood Heights Village Hall, located at 7300 W. Wilson. To register, call 708-867-7200.



Home Repair Fraud

The suspects cruise residential neighborhoods looking for elderly persons outside their home, or homes. The elderly persons are approached and an offer is made to do some sort of home repair work (driveway seal counting, tree trimming, roof repairs, chimney repairs, tuck pointing, etc.) The suspects are known to confuse the victim, by telling them they did not understand the original agreement, and any work done is substandard in nature. Crimes in these cases are usually committed by males of various ages working alone or in small groups, numbering two or three. These suspects will use pick up trucks, full sized vans, mini vans and passenger cars. The pick up trucks may have ladder racks, with ladders and spraying device mounted in the bed.



Preventive Measure: Citizens have to be law enforcements eyes and report these activities. Any person(s) confronted by these subjects need to be aware that if the price sounds too good to be true then it is usually a repair fraud. Home owners that are approached by subjects that are highly interested into entering there homes need to be aware that this could possible be a Ruse Entry, and these subjects need to be refused entry and the Police notified as soon as possible. Any residences that are confronted with any suspicious person(s) or activity should contact the Franklin Park Police Department as soon as possible, by calling 911.