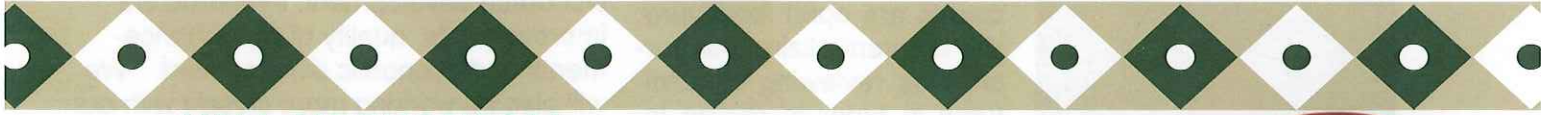


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VILLAGE VOICE

Your Franklin Park Newsletter



HILL MECHANICAL

GROWING & PROSPERING

Franklin Park's Economic Development Commission members and Village representatives met with Hill Mechanical representatives to tour their existing facility and their newly purchased property where will add 75,000 sf of new offices and shop space. Hill Mechanical obtained a 6B Property Tax Incentive with approval from the EDC which helped make the property purchase and rehab possible.

"One of our top priorities is to create and retain jobs for our community," stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. "We want to assist our existing businesses to expand and invest in our community."

Hill Mechanical fabricates HVAC components in their facility and then ships to construction sites for installation, reducing costs and time loss on the job-site. They are rapidly expanding their business contracts including Loyola, DePaul and Dominican Universities, Lake Forest Hospital, and several US Postal Service buildings. Hill Mechanical employs 900 people making them one of Franklin Park's largest employers. Franklin Park is proud to count Hill Mechanical among its corporate citizens and looks forward to their continued growth.



FLOOD ASSISTANCE

If you experienced flooding July 23 or 24, pick up FEMA assistance forms at Village Hall, the Library, our fire stations or the Community Center. Forms must be completed by AUGUST 10. Please check our website for more information www.vofp.com



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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

Thank You Bretford Manufacturing

You will notice some new furniture in Village Hall, courtesy of Bretford Manufacturing. They donated 85 items including chairs, couches and tables to the Village and to the Fire Department to outfit their classroom. Bretford Manufacturing, founded in 1948 and headquartered on Seymour Avenue is a supplier of technology and media furniture that improves how people work and learn. The company estimates the value of the donation to be approximately \$140,000.

Town Hall Meeting

Monday
August 23
7:00 to 8:30 PM
Centre at North
Park
10040 Addison St

Mayor's Desk

DOLLARS & SENSE



Dear Neighbor,

Last month our administration presented our first budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2011. This budget was carefully prepared through the dedicated efforts of all of our Trustees, Department Heads and staff. We took extra care to make sure that this was a transparent budget that accurately reflects our cash position and operating expenses in a clear and understandable manner.

We developed an entirely new budget process that will guide us in meeting our priorities and keeping our commitment to you - the taxpayer. This budget will allow us to provide the necessary and critical services that enhance and protect the quality of life for our Franklin Park residents.

Our department heads were intimately involved in the process and they have worked diligently to keep costs down. Our goal has been to operate an extremely responsive, yet efficient, government. We have increased accountability and transparency and our

and our budget and all accounts are open for review. We are centralizing our purchasing; reviewing expenditures in order to realize increased savings and any expense not budgeted will be reviewed by executive staff before it will be appropriated. We have stabilized our cash balances and they are now consistent with prudent financial management. We must rebuild our cash reserves in order to be prepared for slow payments from the State and we must also be prepared for any increase in state mandated pension obligations.

In these challenging economic times, it is imperative that we demonstrate budget discipline and a conservative approach to spending. This is a budget that takes seriously the grim realities of a stagnant national economy and a state budget that is in crisis. Because of those realities we were very conservative in our revenue projections as well.

We worked together to accomplish this budget for the people of Franklin Park and we must all continue to work together through these tough economic times. We must continue to apply the best business practices to all of our programs, streamlining our operations and demanding cost effectiveness and accountability of all departments.

We are working to find more

state and federal grants available for workforce development, infrastructure improvements, quality of life enhancements and economic development. We will also be working more closely with our corporate and philanthropic partners to help us enhance the quality of life in our Village.

We stand with every American in hoping that our economy will fully and rapidly recover; signs of which we are already seeing.

But please know that your elected officials, along with the employees of our Village, will continue to be innovative in our approach; we will continue to restructure and streamline our government and we will continue to be sensitive to the needs of our community. We will continue to provide the highest quality services in the most cost effective manner. We owe you - the taxpayer- nothing less.

Barrett Pedersen

IMPROVING OUR STREETS

Grand Avenue will remain open during street resurfacing from Mannheim to Elm. There will be some lane closures throughout the project. The project consists of curb patching, sidewalk and pavement grinding and new asphalt pavement. Work should be completed by November. The Village is working with local businesses to minimize any inconvenience.

The IDOT's resurfacing project along Mannheim Road from Irving Park to North Avenue, will also require lane closures throughout the project.

A recent strike caused the completion date for these projects to be pushed into the fall. Work on the Mannheim Road Bridge will be ongoing with final completion sometime in 2011.