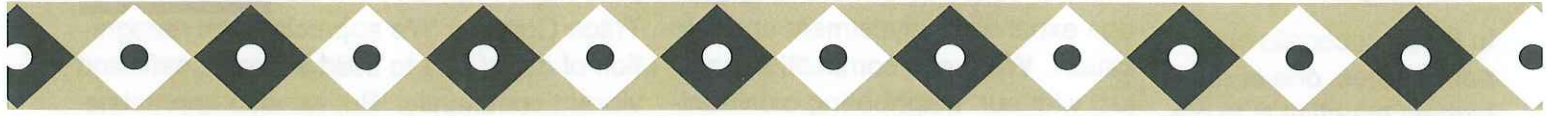
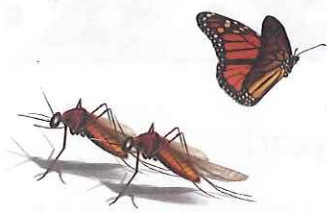


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VILLAGE VOICE

Your Franklin Park Newsletter



Stop the Spread of West Nile Virus

With summer approaching, mosquitoes are again a concern. Common sense methods of protection can stop the transmission of the West Nile Virus. Viruses spread in warm weather months when mosquitoes are most active. To prevent mosquito-borne diseases take these precautions:

- Get rid of tires, cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding containers where mosquitoes might breed. Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- Empty wading pools every 4-5 days. If unused, drain pools and keep dry during summer. Change water frequently in birdbaths, plant saucers and pet bowls.
- Store boats covered or upside down or remove rainwater weekly.
- Repair leaky pipes & faucets and fill in or drain low places that may retain water.
- Keep gutters free of leaves to avoid water build-up. Keep grass cut short. Be sure screens and doors in homes are in good repair and tight fitting.
- Apply mosquito repellent containing not more than 30% DEET to clothing.
- Follow directions with regard to children. Do not use on infants. Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants and socks. Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are most active, between dusk and dawn.

Village Inspectors, will be larviciding any mosquito pools that are found or reported. If you have a backyard catch basin, or find a dead bird, please call Inspectional Services at 847-671-8245.



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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

**Leyden Township
Family Fun Days
July 2- 5**

**Car Show & Street
Dance
July 23**

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

Saturday, July 3
Monday July 5



Green Team Seeks Volunteers to Beautify Our Village

The Village has initiated a Green Team to create environmentally-sound projects to green and beautify our town. The Village received a \$1,000 grant from the IL EPA to plant perennials on Franklin Avenue and trees near the Metra parking lot. Volunteers are needed to help with the planting and with tree-trimming and pruning projects.

This fall, the Green Team will launch a Safer Pesticides Project to promote the use of non-toxic lawn care products that have a 98% success rate in stopping weeds and dandelions without the use of chemicals.

The Green Team will develop community gardens next summer. Volunteers call Andrew Smolen at 773-600-0861.

Renovating, Repairing or Painting?

Homeowners must have a Village permit to perform renovations and due to new federal guidelines, contractors must also be certified and use lead safe work practices when working in homes built before 1978.

The new requirements and regulations can be found at www.epa.gov/lead or call 847-671-8245.



Mayor's Desk

Franklin Park 'Open for Business'

60 new businesses in one year!

Dear Neighbor,

In these uncertain economic times, one of our highest priorities is to create and retain jobs for our citizens. That is why I am pleased to report, that in the last 12 months, we have approved over 60 new business licenses that have resulted in bringing almost 500 jobs to our community.

We are pleased that the business community is recognizing our locational and transportation advantages. We also continue to work to improve our customer service, streamline our processes and strive to become a 'business friendly' village that welcomes new firms and assists existing businesses.

Our staff and elected officials are working closely

with our business owners to encourage expansion, investment and relocation. We are in competition not just with our neighboring communities, but with Chicago and the entire Midwest for relocations and expansions. We want relocating businesses to consider Franklin Park first and we want our existing businesses recognize our willingness to support their growth and expansion.

We may not have control over the national economy, but we do have the ability to develop strong economic development policies that will make Franklin Park an attractive location for investment and prosperity.

Improving our infrastructure and expanding our transportation networks are key to creating an economic corridor that will create jobs now and into the future. That is why we have become enthusiastic advocates for the construction of Western Access into O' Hare Airport that includes a southern spur or ring road with increased highway access for Franklin Park businesses.

Last week Franklin Park was honored by Triton College. We appreciate the recognition of our efforts to build a strong, safe and vibrant community. But we also appreciate their partnership in training our workforce for today's jobs and tomorrow's opportunities. A qualified workforce is another asset that will make us attractive to new businesses. Triton College and our school districts are key partners in preparing our workforce.

Another important partner in mapping our road to economic success is the Franklin Park Chamber of Commerce. I had the privilege of speaking to them last week. They are strong boosters of our community and offer great services to their member businesses. I encourage our businesses to take advantage of this valuable resource.

In the coming months I look forward to telling you more about our plans to revitalize our business corridors and position Franklin Park to maximize new opportunities. We will be redoubling our economic development efforts and working closely with our business and community leaders to create a common vision that will enhance our local economy and bring high quality sustainable jobs to our Village.

This month has been all business. But please don't forget to enjoy this summer season and get out and meet your neighbors at a local block party. Have a safe and fun-filled summer.

Barrett Pedersen

A Village of Neighbors – Keeping us Safe & Attractive

- Please report unsightly or dangerous properties, including ones with grass that is not mowed or homes with code enforcement issues, to the Village at 847-671-8795 or via email to lmanzo@vofp.com.
- FYI The Village has demanded that JDL Corp., the current owner of the former Motorola facility on Grand Ave. clean-up and secure this community eyesore and has repeatedly taken the owner to court and issued fines of as much as \$4,000 per day. We are working to attract new owners for the facility.

- **50/50** Homeowners can apply for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program to replace damaged and cracked concrete or trip hazards on the public sidewalk. The homeowner and the Village share the cost evenly. Call 847-671-8245 to be placed on a list before June 30 .