

MAY, 2010



VILLAGE VOICE

Your Franklin Park Newsletter



WELCOME HOME

Sgt. Matthew Lehmann returned home to Franklin Park from Iraq, April 19th. Mayor Pedersen welcomes him back complete with an escort from the Franklin Park Police & Fire Dept. All of Franklin Park says "Thank you for your service."

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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



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

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Franklin Park's annual Memorial Day Observance will be held on Monday, May 31st, at 11:00 AM at the Village's Veterans' Memorial site at 9500 Belmont Avenue. The ceremony will honor our deceased Franklin Park veterans from all service branches and will feature the Franklin Park American Legion's military formalities, the ceremonial Laying of The Wreath, a 21 Gun Salute, and the reading of the names of the departed veterans.

For information contact the Mayor's Office at 847-671-8236 or by e-mail at events@vofp.com.

Branch Pick-up Service Begins Overnight Guest Parking

The Village's Streets Division schedules weekly pick-up of branches from April 1 to December 1 but there are limits to what is accepted. Residents should place all reasonably-sized branches on the parkway in a neat stack, with the cut-end toward the curb, by Monday morning. Branches will be picked-up sometime by the end of the day Friday. The Village will remove branches resulting from regular tree trimming and will remove chopped-up small trees, but cannot remove large trees that have been taken down. Also, shrubs will be taken but the root ball must be removed and put in a separate pile or placed in a yard waste bag. For more information, please call 847-671-8252.

Franklin Park residents are allowed to park on the street overnight if they display a valid Village vehicle sticker. Resident's guests can avoid a ticket for overnight parking by calling the Police Department and providing them with the address where the guest is parked, the car's model and the valid license plate number. Overnight parking is free for up to three days and after that a pass must be purchased at the Police Station for \$1 per day or for \$20 for the month. For more details please call 847-671-8270.



From the Mayor's Desk

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing this month's newsletter from Springfield where I been working with our legislators on pension reform as well as other important revenue issues that could affect Franklin Park's ability to operate in these tough economic times.

The State of Illinois' budget is in shambles and they are deeply in debt. Unfortunately, many believe they can raise revenue by taking from municipalities. One proposal is to use a percentage of the state income tax, collected by the Village for use by the Village, to fill state budget gaps. I am adamantly opposed to this option. We must have access to all of our revenue sources so that we can continue to offer

quality Villlage services without overburdening our taxpayers.

I am also seeking economic development assistance from the State to help attract new businesses and investments and to create new jobs.

Though times are tight, there is still a great deal of affordable, family fun to look forward to this summer. Please plan to join your friends and neighbors at Railroad Daze. This Franklin Park tradition will be held Friday, June 4th through Sunday June 6th at the B-12 Tower. There will be a carnival, food, mini- train rides and entertainment. A complete list of all the festivities is included in this mailing.

Summer is also a great time to enjoy your neighborhood by having an old-fashioned block party. Applications are available at Village Hall and when 60% of all residents on the block agree, just return the form to

the Village Clerk.

Celebrate our nation's birthday at the Leyden Township Family Fun Days. This festival will feature a carnival and is scheduled for Friday, July 2nd through July 5th.

I want to thank Olsen's Ace Hardware for donating flowers and beautifying our Village. I also want to encourage businesses and families to "Adopt a Planter" to keep Franklin Park attractive. Get involved with our ' Green Team' and clean and beautify our Village while learning about ways we can also help our environment.

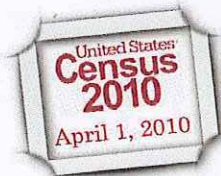
I wish you all a safe, healthy and fun-filled summer.

Barrett Pedersen

In these economically challenging times, there are resources in our community that can help if you are having difficulty paying your bills. The Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action (PLCCA) can help find funding to offset your rent, utility or medical bills. Please contact Jackee Pruitt at 708-450-3500 x 240.

Check Signs for Street Sweeping Restrictions

April 1 through December 1 residents will not be allowed to park in designated areas during posted hours to accommodate the Street Sweeping Program. Please check the signs carefully — depending on the street, parking may be restricted from either 8 AM - 12 noon or 12 noon - 4 PM. Tickets will be issued to violators. Also, please keep garbage cans off the street and out of the way of the sweepers.



Time to be Counted!

Beginning in May, 2010,

Census Bureau interviewers will be dispatched to account for those who did not respond to the questionnaires. Their goal is to obtain an accurate count of residents. If an interviewer approaches your home, ask for their Census Bureau identification.

This identification does not have a photo, but does identify the

employee by name, and will have a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date. If you would like further confirmation, the interviewer will have a card with the phone number to the Palatine Census Bureau Office, so you can confirm the individual's identity while they are at your door. If you have already submitted your questionnaire, please inform them. If not, please grant the interviewer a few minutes so you can be counted. Interviewers are not allowed to enter your home, nor can they ask questions other than those listed on the questionnaire: they will not inquire about personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers, income, credit card numbers, etc. All information will be kept in strict confidence and cannot be shared with any other agency or individual.

The Village of Franklin Park needs you to "Be Counted!" For more information, please call (847) 671-8278. Po informacje jak zidentyfikowac ankietera Biura Spisu Ludnosci o czym beda z Wami rozmawiac. Prosze odwiedzić stronę internetowa (www.VOFP.com). Para mas información a como identificar a un entrevistador del Censo y de las preguntas que le van a ser vaya al www.vofp.com, Gracias

Olsen's Ace Hardware

Donates Flowers

Olsen's Ace Hardware has donated 84 flats of beautiful spring flowers to help beautify our Village Hall and to plant along the parkway on Grand Avenue as well as Franklin Avenue. Volunteers are needed to plant on May 20th at 9:00 AM. Be a part of the effort to make Franklin Park even more beautiful! Please call the Streets Department at 847-671-8252.

Adopt A Planter



We are looking for help from our partners in the business community to keep our Village looking attractive for residents and visitors. I have initiated an Adopt a Planter program and am asking that business please take care to water and weed the planters in front of their buildings. Together we can keep our community looking nice year round.

