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VILLAGE VOICE

Your Franklin Park Newsletter

Mayor's Desk



Business Appreciation Lunch

Over 150 Franklin Park-based business owners and managers met to discuss business issues and network at the Annual Business Appreciation Lunch last month. Keynote speaker Greg Baise, President and CEO of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association praised Mayor Pedersen for maintaining Franklin Park's preeminence as a vibrant business location; the 4th largest industrial center in Illinois. Baise presented an overview of the Midwest's state of competitiveness, national and regional industrial trends and an industry forecast. He pointed out that Illinois government needs structural financial reform in order to stay competitive with neighboring regions and states. He also commended our business call program which puts Village officials in direct contact with businesses to confront and resolve any challenges they have to success.

He told the audience that good communication is the first step in keeping jobs in a community and that when an outside business relocates, a cordial and open relationship with local government is a deciding factor.

Mayor Appointed to Elgin- O'Hare Council

Governor Quinn appointed Mayor Pedersen to represent the West Central Municipal Conference on the Elgin-O' Hare Western By-Pass Advisory Council. This new Council will focus on developing funding for this important infrastructure project as well as ways to maximize the economic development and job creation benefits of these new roads. A major benefit of the new south by-pass for Franklin Park will be increased stormwater detention that will help relieve chronic flooding problems.

GIVING THANKS

These tough economic times make it difficult for some struggling families to count their blessings. This year, if you are able, please be generous to your church, local community organization, service group or food pantry. A little extra giving can create happier holidays for all.

As I count my blessings, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Franklin Park.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Barrett Pedersen



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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

Village Hall Closed
November 11
Veterans Day

November 25, 26, 27
Thanksgiving

Village Hall will close at
4:30 PM November 24

LET IT SNOW SENIORS SIGN- UP TODAY!

Franklin Park seniors still have time to register for the Village-subsidized Snow Removal Program. Even if you were previously enrolled in the program you **MUST** enroll again before the program fills up.

Seniors pay only \$15 per section

Each household resident must obtain a medical verification note from their physician stating that they are unable to shovel. Applications are available at Village Hall or you can request one be mailed by calling Barb Collins at 847-671-8240.



Green Team Keeps It Clean

Volunteers from the East Leyden High School Ecology Club recently worked to clean up the area along the Metra tracks. As a result of their effort, a truck load of weeds and debris was removed helping to beautify our Village.

VOLUNTEER become part of the GREEN TEAM

and help all our neighborhoods be clean and attractive.
Call Andrew Smolen at 773-600-0861.

Leaf Pick-up Continues until Dec 3

Place leaves in brown biodegradable bags and put with recycling on garbage day. Bags can be purchased at local grocery and hardware stores. Leaves in plastic bags or in the street cannot be picked-up.

Veterans Day Observance



Please join us as we honor those who have proudly served our country so that we can enjoy our liberties. Franklin Park's annual Veterans Day Observance, presented in partnership with American Legion Post 974, will be on Thursday, November 11th at 11:00 AM at the Veterans Memorial, located on Belmont Ave. west of the Village Hall.

The observance will honor veterans from all of our Nation's conflicts. We will also dedicate new names on our Veteran's Monument Wall with those of our Franklin Park residents who have worn the uniform in defense of our country.



Christmas at Hammill Square

Join your neighbors and friends at our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting and Winterfest. The Village of Franklin Park's Winterfest will be held Friday, December 10 from 6:00-8:00 PM. The excitement begins as Santa and Mrs. Santa arrive to delight children of all ages. You can have your children's picture taken with Santa and warm up with hot chocolate as you enjoy caroling, refreshments, and plenty of family - oriented holiday activities. Be a part of our Village's fun, festive holiday tradition. Watch our website for more festive details at www.vofp.com or call 847-671-8240.