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VILLAGE VOICE

Your Franklin Park Newsletter

Mayor's Desk

A HOME RULE PROMISE

'LESSEN THE BURDEN ON OUR TAXPAYERS'

The entire Village Board of Trustees, with the support of our Village Clerk Tommy Thomson and myself, have passed resolutions that will bind your government to keeping it's Home Rule Promises. We want to make sure that all Village residents feel secure that the promises made will be promises kept.

We believe that Home Rule will help our Village financially and most importantly help our taxpayers.

Through resolutions passes last month, the Board authorized a tax rebate for homeowners of 20% of the Village portion of residential property taxes for three years if Home Rule is approved.

A Quick Correction

Last month, we incorrectly stated that the Village offered Senior citizens free lawn mowing and snow removal. The Village subsidizes lawn mowing for Seniors who pay \$7 per cut and \$15 per service for snow removal. Recently, our Board passed a resolution to renew these subsidized programs for Seniors, with the contingency that voters approve Home Rule status for our Village in the November election.

To learn more about how to enroll in these programs, call 847-671-8240 or go to www.vofp.com.



We have also mandated a reduction of the garbage collection fee to \$5.00 per month and eliminated the garbage fee for all senior citizens.

There are many reasons to approve Home Rule; better opportunities to attract new businesses, collecting revenue from those who use our streets and our facilities but do not pay their fair share, and the ability to pass laws without Springfield interference.

But most importantly, we want Home Rule to directly benefit our homeowners and taxpayers. Home Rule can lessen the burden on our taxpayers.

We want our seniors to get the financial relief they deserve. We want the Home Rule advantage to be used to better protect our families and neighborhoods and to enhance our quality of life.

The Village Board promises to operate the most efficient Village government possible and maintain a stable financial position that respects our taxpayer and provides the highest quality services at the lowest reasonable cost.

Please join us at our last Town Hall meeting before the November election on, Tuesday, October 12 at 7PM at the Centre at North Park. These Town Hall meetings have been great forums to discuss Home Rule with your neighbors and with the Trustees so that you have accurate information to make an informed decision.

*You have given us your trust.
We are giving you our word.*

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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

October 11- Columbus Day

IMPORTANT

Town Hall Meeting

Home Rule

October 12, 7 PM

Centre at North Park

LET IT SNOW

Sooner than we can say, Jack Frost, winter will be here. Franklin Park seniors should register now for the Village-subsidized Snow Removal Program.

Resident (s) must be disabled, handicapped and/ or have a severe health problem, and there can be no one else in the household that can shovel the snow.

Each household resident must obtain a medical verification note from their physician stating that they are unable to shovel. If you were previously enrolled in the program you MUST enroll again before the program fills up. Applications are available at Village Hall or you can request one be mailed by calling Barb Collins at 847-671-8240. Please note that the Village will only be able to continue with the subsidized Snow Removal Program if the Home Rule Referendum passes in the November election.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Seniors, age 60 and over, disabled residents and low-income households who receive SSI or SSDI benefits, may file for help with winter home heating bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP provides a one-time payment to utility companies on behalf of recipients. Applications are at Village Hall, Tuesdays from 9AM-noon. Please bring the following to file for benefits:

- Social Security cards for all members in household
- Photo ID
- Social Security / SSI benefit letter for 2010
- Pension Letter (last 30 days)
- Current Nicor bill and ComEd bill
- Proof of income (last 30 days)



SENIOR HOUSING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in applying for housing at the Franklin Towers senior housing complex, please contact Ty McCottry at 312-542-4762.

NO OPEN BURNING-NO FIRE PITS

October 3 begins Fire Prevention week. Franklin Park residents need to remember that, for everyone's safety, there is a "No Open Burning" ordinance in Franklin Park, despite what area hardware stores and home centers may tell you. That means fire pits are not allowed. Residents should contact the Fire Department at 847- 671-8798 for more information.

Also, plan to attend the Fire Department Open House on October 9, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Station #2 (10001 W. Addison).

LEAF PICK-UP BEGINS

Please place your leaves in brown biodegradable bags and remember to put them out on garbage day with your recycling. Bags are available for purchase at local grocery and hardware stores. Leaves cannot be picked-up if they are placed in plastic bags or in the street.

Pick-up continues until December 3.

Thank you.

FLU SHOTS

October 9
11 AM – 2 PM



CVS will provide flu shots for \$29.95 at Fire

Station #2, 10001 W. Addison, at the Fire Department's Annual Open House.

