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VILLAGE VOICE

Your Franklin Park Newsletter



Mayor's Desk

A QUESTION of HOME RULE

Dear Neighbor,

The Board of Trustees have unanimously agreed to place a question on the ballot in the November General Election asking voters to decide if Franklin Park should be a HOME RULE community.

HOME RULE can give local government greater control over local decisions and issues. It gives communities the ability to make critical decisions faster, decisions that are specific to their village and residents and businesses, without waiting for Springfield.

Home Rule can also help a Village financially. *The number one reason we are asking voters to consider Home Rule is to lessen the tax burden on residents.* Studies show that Home Rule communities are less dependent on property taxes and communities without Home Rule have a 61% faster increase in their tax rate!

The Board is working on passing ordinances that will rebate residential property taxes for three years, reduce the monthly garbage fee to \$5.00 per home and eliminate the garbage fee for seniors.

HOME RULE would give us the opportunity to collect revenue from **non – residents** who use our roads and services but do not pay for them. Most of our neighbors are HOME RULE and have the ability to generate a 1% sales tax that we pay when shopping in their towns but they do NOT pay in ours.

Something as simple as a parking tax on airport lots located in our town and the collection of more of the overweight truck fees could generate \$500,000 annually to increase police and fire services and continue free senior lawn mowing and snow removal.

We have more information on our website. I strongly urge you to attend our next Town Hall Meeting to learn more about HOME RULE, September 13 at 7:00 PM. This is a critical issue for our community and we look forward to answering your questions and giving you complete information.

Barrett Pedersen

Federal Aid Available for Flood Victims

President Obama has declared Cook County eligible for Federal Aid Programs due to the recent flooding and storm damage.

Franklin Park residents who sustained damage during the summer storms, may be eligible for disaster aid. Call 1-800-621-FEMA or apply at www.disasterassistance.gov.

We strongly advise that you keep all receipts related to this disaster and take and keep photos of all damage.

We will offer updated information as it becomes available.



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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

IMPORTANT
TOWN HALL MEETING
HOME RULE
SEPTEMBER 13
7:00 PM

Franklin Park
Blood Drive
Community Center
September 17, 2010
3PM - 7PM

Village Hall Closed
September
4, 5 & 6

Beware of Solicitors

ALL door-to-door solicitors are required to register with the Village, obtain a permit and pay a fee.

Residents should be on the look-out for scams, especially solicitations that involve service fees.

Contact the Police Department at 847-671-8270 to report solicitations and call the Village Clerk Tommy Thomson with general questions at 847-671-8244.

Village Vehicle Stickers Past Due

All residents are required to display a sticker on their vehicle, even if the vehicle is parked or not in working condition. Sticker cost is \$30 and the late fee (as of July 19) is an additional \$30, but will soon increase to \$60. Please call 847-671-8226 for details.



Congratulations to the Franklin Park Fire Department who raised \$6080.00 in the fight to end MDA!

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.



Celebrate Fall!

A **National Day of Service Volunteer Fair** will be held on September 10 from 10:00 AM to noon, in the Triton College Student Center cafeteria, at 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove. The fair is a one-stop-shopping event for anyone looking to volunteer. Nonprofits will be on hand to provide information about their organizations and what types of volunteers they need. Please call the Triton RSVP Office at (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3603.

The Park District will host its annual **Fall Fest Parade** on Sunday, October 3, at 1:00 PM kicking off at Scott Street and Grand Avenue. Immediately following, The Pumpkin Fest will be held in North Park, featuring pumpkins, a Scarecrow Decorating Contest, music, entertainment and food. Call 847-451-8135 for more details.

Triton College will host **Fall Family Fun Fest** on Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM in their Botanical Gardens, at 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove. Enjoy a day of family-oriented activities including, a pumpkin patch, corn maize, face painting and pastry decorating. For more information, call 708-456-0300, ext. 3220.

