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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 July 4th

**Village-Wide Garage Sale
July 20, 21 & 22**

**Street Dance & Car Show
July 27**

SAFETY FIRST

Our first duty is to protect our neighborhoods and our families. Thanks to the leadership of our Police Chief Mike Witz, and all the brave men and women who serve with him, and the vigilance of neighbors, we continue to secure our community. We are seeing noticeably less gang activity and a visible reduction in graffiti. Our schools continue to be safe, with very few incidents.

Recently we added another important technological tool to assist in the prevention and detection of crime. Our new surveillance system has a 30 foot mast with three cameras attached, one which has infra-red capabilities. The system has a 24 hour, 7 day a week recording unit and a public address system. The unit is designed to work in conjunction with the Village's community camera system which is in the second of a four phase

deployment. The mobile camera system is monitored through the Police and Fire 911 center and Police Command Mobile Phones. The system was funded through a grant from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System.

Our Franklin Park Police department works closely with police departments throughout the region on area-wide task forces. Recently, our Police Department has been working with the FBI and the Chicago Police Department on a Joint Task Force on Gangs, in an effort to stop street violence. This joint effort led to the arrest of 19 suspects for supplying illicit drugs and firearms to the Chicago area. Thanks to the efforts of these collaborative task forces and our Franklin Park Police, dangerous criminals have been removed from our streets.

BUSINESS GROWTH

Our vigorous reinvestment in our business areas is demonstrating confidence among the business community.

Digital Realty Trust recently announced that it will invest \$37.8 million dollars in a 22 acre property in Franklin Park to develop an office and industrial complex. This new digital center, to be called Digital Chicago, will hold servers and other computer storage and networking gear that allow companies to store their data-off site. Welcome to Franklin Park.

Midwest Can will be adding over 100 jobs when it opens next month. In addition, PNC Bank is taking over the old Blockbuster space, building a larger branch with a convenient drive thru. Chicago Records Management has made an

investment and expanded into the former Luxury Motors. The expansion is creating over 100 construction jobs.

Multi-group Logistics is growing and is now leasing parking space to accommodate their expanded fleet.

We are proud that our efforts to attract and retain jobs in our Village are having positive results. In an upcoming newsletter, I will fill you in on our new plans for revitalizing our commercial corridors and attracting new retail and restaurants.

Enjoy these summer days. They do not last long.

BARRETT F. PEDERSEN



Mayor Barrett Pedersen and Congressman Michael Quigley enjoyed spending time at our annual Railroad Daze festival.



2012 Railroad Daze Sponsors

The Village of Franklin Park thanks the following companies and organizations for their generous contribution to help support this year's Railroad Daze event.

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10 Tips to Preventing Stormwater Pollution



- 1 Keep pollution out of storm sewers.
- 2 Save water, do not overwater your lawn.
- 3 Compost or recycle yard waste.
- 4 Use pesticides & fertilizers sparingly.
- 5 Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals and auto fluids.
- 6 Check your car for leaks.
- 7 Wash your car at the car wash.
- 8 Choose native landscaping.
- 9 Clean up after your pet.
- 10 Practice good car care.

For more information, contact the Engineering Department at 847.671.8304 or visit our website at www.vofp.com.



Property Tax Bills To Be Mailed in July

Cook County 2nd installment property tax bills are expected to be mailed on time this year for the first time since 1977 – a move that will save municipalities and school districts millions of dollars. As a result, residents can expect to see their property tax bill sometime during the month of July. Taxes will be due in August.

Farmers Market Open Every Other Saturday

Plan to meet up with your neighbors to shop the freshest and finest produce available. The open air market also features baked and specialty-food products, plants and handmade gift items. The market will be held from 8 AM to 1 PM on every other Saturday (July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25, September 8 & 22). The market is located in the Police Station parking lot at 9545 Belmont, on the southeast corner of Rose / 25th Street and Belmont. Free parking is available. For more information, call 847-671-4800 or go to www.vofp.com.

Help Support More Birthdays!!

This year's annual Relay for Life will kick-off on Friday, July 20 at 6 PM at East Leyden High School. The evening will feature plenty of fun-filled activities including a DJ, contests, raffles and speeches.

Teams of walkers will take turns in the relay to raise funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society, walking through the night, until 6AM the next morning. Participate and honor those that we have lost celebrate our survivors. For more information, call 708-484-8823.

West Nile Precautions

As temperatures rise, so does the threat of the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus. Residents should take precautions to avoid bites by limiting time outdoors at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active. Wear long-sleeves, pants and socks, and use insect repellent with 30% DEET, primarily applied to clothing. Eliminate breeding sites by cleaning gutters, storing containers upside down, covering trash containers to keep out rainwater and emptying birdbaths and wading pools every few days. Keep grass and weeds cut short and make sure your screen doors close tightly to prevent mosquitoes from entering.

Dead bird collection is available for testing by calling 847-671-8240 and they can determine if the bird is suitable for testing. Village inspectors are larviciding mosquito pools that are found and reported. Also, backyard catch basins will be treated by Inspectional Services by contacting them at 847-671-8240.

Leyden Family Service Can Help with Medical or Social Security Coverage

Leyden Family Services can help you apply for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP (formally known as food stamps), Circuit Breakers (IL-1363 form), LiHeap (Energy Assistance), Safe Link (Cell phone) and Unemployment and Retirement Benefits (SSA).

You must bring the following documents: Current proof of ALL income for this year (payroll or unemployment stubs, social security award letter, etc.), proof of household expenses (utility bills, medical care, rent/lease, property tax, medication costs, etc.), asset information (savings, checking, bonds, CD's, etc.), property taxes and rent paid (by money orders or checks), a valid Driver's License or State I.D., Social Security Card(s). For more information, call 847-451-0330 or go to their offices at 10001 W. Grand Ave.

Let's Move

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14th at 7pm at Village Hall. For more information about Let's Move, go to www.vofp.com.

Senior Assistance Available at Village Hall

A representative from West Suburban Senior Services will be available at Village Hall, on the fourth Thursday of every month beginning on July 26 from 9 AM to Noon to help you complete Circuit Breaker applications. To be eligible, you must be 65 before January 1, 2012 and must live in Illinois. You will need to bring your social security card, proof of 2011 income and proof of rent and property taxes paid in 2011. Income limits are \$27,610 for one and \$36,635 for two people and spouse includes parties to a civil union. For details, call 708-547-5600.

Job Fair – Assembler Positions Available

Powell, a local manufacturing firm is hosting a Job Fair on Saturday, July 14 from 9AM to 1PM at their Northlake facility, located at 515 Railroad Ave. To learn more about the job requirements please email karina.miner@powellind.com for details.



The Park District of Franklin Park & The Village of Franklin Park
presents

21st Annual Street Dance 2012

Friday, July 27
5:00–11:00 p.m.
Downtown Franklin Park

Great Music: 6:30 p.m. - Children's Entertainer
7:00 p.m. - Déjà vu
9:00 p.m. - Cover Gurl

A Variety of Local Food Vendors

Classic Car Show

Beer Garden

Children's Area featuring: kid's inflatables,
Park District craft corner, an entertainer and
face painting

**Show your patriotic spirit and wear
Red, White, and Blue!**



For more information, call 847-455-2852 or visit www.fpparks.org