

# Village News



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

AUGUST, 2013

FROM MAYOR BARRETT F. PEDERSEN

## Mayor's Desk



## Study Suggests Need to Invest in Infrastructure

Mature communities across the nation struggle with how to fund the repair, modernization and replacement of aging infrastructure. Franklin Park is no different.

Recently, the Village Board and I commissioned Clark Dietz, a consulting engineering firm to perform an "Asset Management Study" to evaluate the state of the Village's infrastructure. The study revealed that throughout our Village, we have roads, water mains and sewers that need approximately \$288 million in rehabilitation. The report proposes investing at least \$12.8 million per year for the next 10 to 30 years to stay current with our infrastructure needs.

Over 43% of our Village roads are in very poor or serious condition with more than 10% requiring complete reconstruction. The majority of our water distribution system was built in the 1930s and the 1940s, and the average expected lifespan for these systems is 70 to 100 years. In effect, we are now relying on an almost 100-year-old system.

Annual maintenance on these types of Village assets can be quite expensive. As I discussed last month, one of our most pressing concerns is the need to repair the two water tanks at King Street which could cost up to \$2.2 million each.

But our most critical need is the Village's sewer system and; according to the survey, it is near the end of its useful life.

It is imperative that the Village address these issues immediately and we are taking steps to do so. Prior administrations delayed maintenance and that is exacerbating the problems.

We have put an aggressive repair and preventative maintenance program in place. However, as I discussed in last month's newsletter, the revenue from current water and sewer bills only covers operating costs and emergencies but are not enough to cover the on-going maintenance and rehab costs as defined in the report.

As I also discussed last month, residents will soon see an increase in their water bills on the

order of 50 percent. Among our planned solutions to the important issue of infrastructure rehabilitation is to dedicate revenue from this water rate increase to the infrastructure upgrades. We know the water rate increase, due in great part to the fees passed on to suburban communities from the City of Chicago, may be hard on some. The Village realizes these are still difficult times for many families and for those to whom the increased water and sewer payments might be a serious burden, the Village is committed to working out an arrangement to assist you with a payment plan. Please know our staff is ready to work with you to devise a payment plan that will be fair and achievable.

Additionally, we want to prioritize infrastructure projects for implementation to ensure we address first those that have the greatest impact on continuing our high quality of life and our attractiveness as a business center. Toward that end, we want our residents and business owners to have a voice in this process. We will be convening a Citizens Infrastructure Committee and we would greatly welcome your participation. We will hold a meeting of this committee later this month. If you would like to participate, please call 847-671-4800.

We will also be holding a special community information forum on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 PM to discuss this issue. I hope you will be able to join us at this informative presentation.

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### Special Community Presentation

Wednesday, August 14, 6:30-8 PM

Park District of Franklin Park's  
Centre for North Park, 10040 Addison

Join us for a special presentation on "What Our Water's Worth" presented by the Metropolitan Planning Council and "Overview of the Franklin Park Asset Management Study" by Dave Talbott, Village Engineer.

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

### POLICE STATION RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

August 10, at 10:30 AM  
Register at 847-671-8236.



Mayor's Desk (Continued from Page 1.)

# Sister Cities Agreement with Durango, Mexico

To increase opportunities for our businesses and to honor the heritage of many of our residents, I recently traveled to Durango, Mexico to sign a Sister Cities agreement between our two towns. Durango has a population of approximately 600,000 and more than 3,000 Franklin Park residents originated from Durango.

I traveled to Durango with Ben Mazzulla, the Mayor of Stone Park and we were hosted by Juventino Cano, a local manufacturer and Peter Aguilera, also a local business owner who owns property in Durango. More than 400 people attended the Sister Cities agreement signing ceremony including the Governor of the State of Durango and about 30 people who reside in Franklin Park.

I had the great pleasure to visit many of the municipalities of Durango including La Purisima, El Rincon, Carreras, Los Pinos,

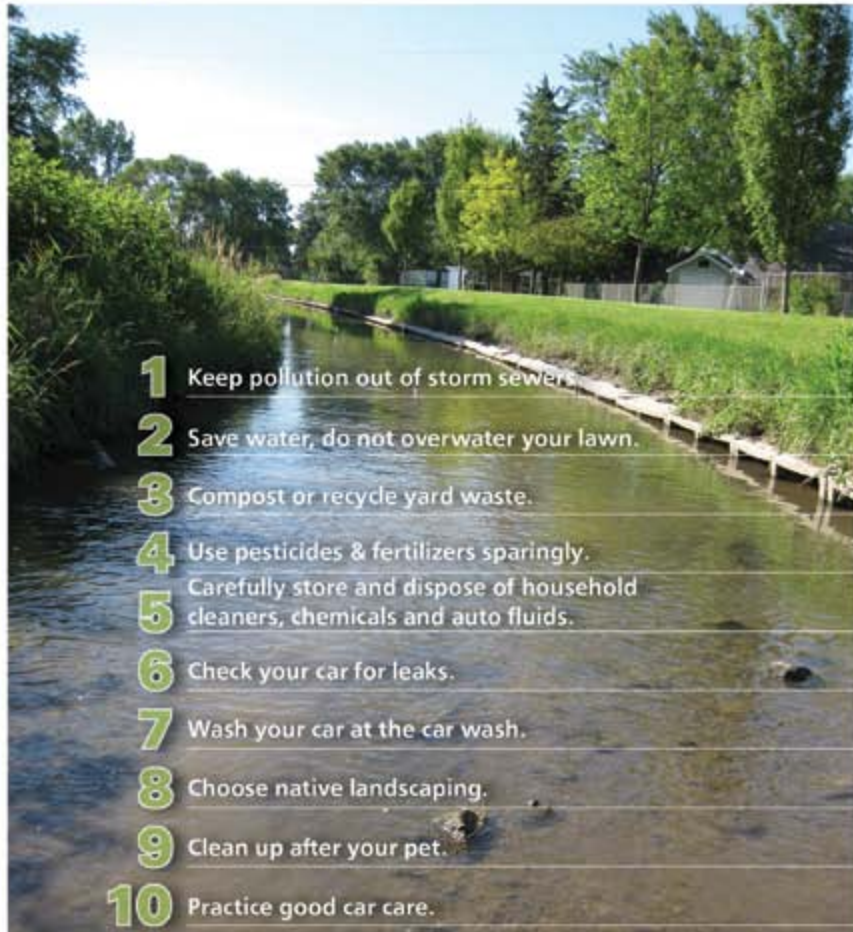
San Nicolas de El Presidios and Arroyo Chico. I met with many local business owners who are interested in expanding their operations in the Chicago area and I will be working with Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's office to help make this possible.

I also had the opportunity to view the picturesque countryside, to learn more about the history, traditions and customs of the local people and to participate in local festivals and cultural activities. Everywhere I went, I was warmly received and welcomed with open arms. It was a wonderful experience.

*Barrett F. Pedersen*  
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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](http://www.vofp.com).



Mayor Barrett Pedersen is pictured with officials in Ciudad de Durango, the capital and largest city of the Mexican state of Durango at a recent Sister Cities signing ceremony between Durango and Franklin Park.





## Business Fraud Protection Seminar

State Representative Kathleen Willis will be holding a Business Fraud Protection Seminar with the Illinois Attorney General's Office on August 27th at the Bensenville Public Library, located at 200 Church Road. The seminar is open to local business owners and will feature information about some of the common scams targeting businesses and ways to protect yourself and your bank account. If you have questions, please contact the Representative's office at 708-562-6970 or email [repwillis77@gmail.com](mailto:repwillis77@gmail.com).

## 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 between 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.

Village inspectors are larviciding mosquito pools that are found and reported. Also, backyard catch basins will be treated by contacting them at 847-671-8245.

## Back to School Jamboree

The Villages of Melrose Park, Franklin Park, Northlake, and Uturn Christian Center are sponsoring a free Back to School Jamboree on August 10, from 10 AM to 2 PM and will be held at the Uturn Christian Center at 35 E. North Avenue in Northlake. The event will feature music, games, a free health exam, free haircuts, exciting giveaways including backpacks with school supplies, and a raffle for a notebook laptop. For more information, call Claudia at 708 865-8876.

## Farmers' Market – Enjoy Summer's Harvest

Come out and shop for the very freshest in fruit and produce at The Franklin Park Farmers' Market. The Market has been growing steadily throughout the season and we have many new vendors featuring produce, baked goods and gifts for the home. The Market is open every Saturday from 8 AM to Noon at Franklin and 25th. Call 847-671-4800 for more information or go to [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com).



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen with the Rivera family in Durango, Mexico. The family lives in Franklin Park and travels back and forth to their home in Durango.



◀ Citizens from Durango, Mexico love our Chicago sports teams, as Mayor Barrett Pedersen discovered on his recent cultural exchange trip.

# 2013 FRANKLIN PARK FAMILY FUN DAYS

**August 22nd - 25th**  
 NW corner of Grand Ave. and Mannheim Rd. - Franklin Park, IL  
**CARNIVAL \* FOOD \* FUN**




### Carnival Hours and Promotions

Day	Date	Regular Hours	Promotion Hours	Price
Thursday	Aug 22	5:30-10pm	5:30-10pm	\$20
Friday	Aug 23	5:30-11pm	None	regular ticket prices apply
Saturday	Aug 24	2-11pm	2-6:30pm	\$20
Sunday	Aug 25	2-9pm	All Hours	\$20

**Regular Ticket Sales**

1 coupon: \$1.25  
 22 coupons: \$25.00  
 55 coupons: \$50.00  
 (rides accept 2-4 coupons)






For more information, call (847) 671-4800 or visit [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com)



# 2013 VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK END OF SUMMER FEST

Thursday August 29th, 2013

NW Corner of Franklin Avenue and 25th Street

5:00 - 10:00 PM

**Live DJ:** 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
**Sting Rays:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM

- Food Vendors!
- Live Music!
- Bring Your Own Chair
- Car Show!
- Bring Your Own Beverage

Do you have an old car? Do you enjoy old music? Join us for an end of summer **car show** and **festival** in Downtown Franklin Park. The event will include live music from **The Sting Rays**, a 50's, 60's & 70's oldies band. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a night of live music, cars and food.

**Live DJ:** 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
**Sting Rays:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM



The Sting Rays



**Calling All Cars!**  
If you want to show a car, contact Village representatives at (847) 671-8278. Registration is free!

**Admissions is Free**

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