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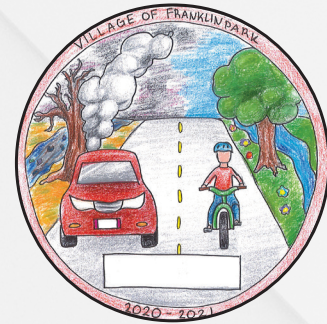
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Renew Vehicle Stickers Online



Every vehicle registered to a Franklin Park resident needs a vehicle sticker including cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc. Stickers must be displayed on the lower right corner of your windshield by July 31. Passenger car stickers cost \$30. Seniors, who are 65 or older, receive one free vehicle sticker per household. Owners of electric vehicles receive a free vehicle sticker and hybrid vehicles pay a reduced rate of \$15.

Please renew your vehicle sticker online, by mail or by using the drop box in the parking lot to avoid long lines at Village Hall. The sticker will be mailed to you. If you are a resident and have purchased a new vehicle or recently moved to Franklin Park, you must provide a copy of your license plate registration showing your Franklin Park address in order to purchase a sticker. Go to vofp.com to renew your sticker. If you have questions, call (847) 671-4800.

Have You Responded to the Census?

The census data will be used to determine the distribution of billions of dollars in federal funds that are used in education, local health care, housing and employment programs. If Franklin Park is under counted because not everyone responds, our schools and other programs may not get the funding they deserve.

The Census count should include everyone in your household, no matter their age, gender or ethnicity. People who may be living at your address temporarily should be counted too. The more people who are accurately counted in the Census, the more money Franklin Park will get from state and federal funds! This data is highly secure, and by law cannot be shared with immigration or law enforcement agencies or affect government benefits. It only takes a few minutes and is easy to respond. Complete the Census today at www.my2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020.

Para más información en Español llame al 847-671-8236. Jeśli potrzebujesz więcej informacji w języku polskim zadzwoń na numer 847-671-8252.

Street Sweeping – Check Signs, Tickets Will Be Issued

The Village's Department of Public Works has begun regular street sweeping throughout town. Residents are reminded to move their cars to facilitate a thorough cleaning. Please check signs on your block for parking restrictions. The Police Department will begin issuing tickets to cars that are in violation beginning on July 6. Thank you for your cooperation.

Village's Water Quality Report Available

A copy of our annual water quality report is now available on-line. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2019. Go to http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/FRANKLIN_PARK_SO_310797.pdf

If you would like this report in Polish, please go http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/2019_Franklin_Park_Water_Quality_Report_Polish.pdf

If you would like this report in Spanish, please go http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/2019_FRANKLIN_PARK_WATER_QUALITY_REPORT_SPANISH.pdf

If you would like a paper copy, call (847) 671-8252 to arrange pick up at Village Hall or to provide your address so a copy can be mailed to you.

Mayor's Desk

Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands, Watch Your Distance

There is a saying that you are blessed if you live in interesting times. No one can dispute that these last few months have been 'interesting'.

As I reflect on the turmoil and uncertainty of these past few months, I am encouraged by Franklin Park's resiliency, compassion, kindness, and sense of community. I am grateful to our residents, businesses, staff, and the Board for how they have demonstrated the highest ideals of our great Village.

Visit Our Restaurants - Safely

Illinois has now entered Phase 4 of the reopening process in response to COVID-19. Indoor dining, zoos, museums, and some event arenas are open with restrictions and capacity limits. I know we are all glad to be able to get out and enjoy some of our favorite past times. We are also thankful for the economic boost this will give to our small businesses.

This reopening does not mean that the pandemic is over. Risks still exist. Masks must be worn when in public places, social distancing must be observed, and regular hand washing should be maintained. We have been able to achieve Phase 4 because our community and business owners were diligent in adhering to the guidelines which allowed for slowing the spread. We must continue to be cautious and prudent during this phase or we will move backwards and erase the progress we have made.

So please, enjoy Franklin Park's restaurants, but remember to be safe and stay well.

Franklin Park Policing Update

Currently, there is a national discussion taking place regarding the policies, training, and practices of police departments. In Franklin

Park, we must strive to ensure that our Police Department's overarching mission is to keep our community safe while respecting the rights and dignity of all. I am committed to working with our Police Department to make sure that we are principled in our approach to training, incorporating innovation, continuing to embrace sensitivity, and promoting mutual respect. As we move forward, we must include community voices in our policies and build upon established relationships with our residents to ensure collaborative problem solving.

Our police officers are trained to the highest industry standards and will utilize techniques that de-escalate tense or dangerous situations to safeguard our citizens and our officers. Additionally, our police officers will continue to attend sensitivity and community relations training. Our Police Department does not stock tear gas, flash bangs or rubber bullets. Officers who carry any special weapons or equipment must be retrained and requalified annually. Most importantly, we will abide by the principle that it should be the last resort to take a human life.

We are undertaking a review of departmental policies including our use of force procedures and we are committed to enacting reforms, as necessary. We are open to modernizing our policies and providing training to ensure the highest level of safety for the public and for our officers. We are currently seeking grants to obtain state-of-the-art equipment that will increase transparency and accountability. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing an environment where we work in partnership with the community to make certain that everyone's rights are preserved.

Western Access Milestone

The Illinois Tollway recently approved



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agreements with Canadian Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads that will pave the way for the I-490 Tollway project to accommodate roadway and interchange construction. This agreement will allow the construction to cross the Union Pacific Railroad at several points and achieve true access into O'Hare Airport from the west.

The Elgin O' Hare Western Access Project is one the most important and impactful economic development and infrastructure projects in decades. Suburbs to the west of the airport will now be able to benefit from their proximity to the airport and will experience a reduction in traffic congestion. In addition, the project will create thousands of jobs and increase tax revenue for the region.

I have worked closely with three administrations to bring this vital transportation project, which will solidify our prominence as the Crossroads of North America, to completion.

I thank the Tollway Board and staff for their diligent work. This is a true example of regional cooperation. I thank all the stakeholders, public and private, for their commitment and tenacity. Looking forward to realizing the benefits for Franklin Park.

Enjoy the summer safely.

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Watch for Lane Closures on Mannheim Road

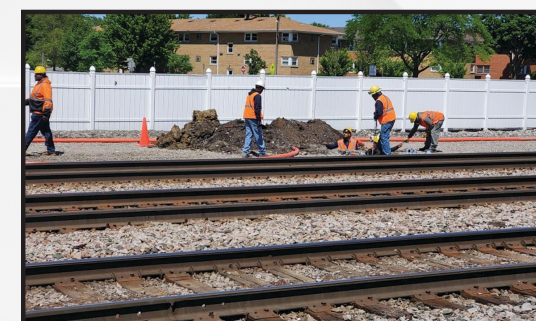
Beginning the week of July 11, traffic on Mannheim Road will be reduced by a single lane (intermittently) in both directions under I-294 as needed between 9 AM and 3:30 PM. These closures are needed to provide a safe work zone for workers and accommodate drivers while substructure concrete repairs and electrical work take place on the I-294 bridge over the Bensenville Rail Yard. When there is no active work, all lanes on Mannheim Road will be reopened until work zones and closures are needed again. The work is anticipated to occur through July, weather permitting. Watch the Village Facebook page for updates.

ComEd Announces Comprehensive COVID-19 Package to Assist Customers

To help families and communities recover from the economic challenges created by the pandemic, ComEd is providing assistance that includes flexible payment options, help with past due balances; an extension in suspension of service disconnections and waiver of late fee charges. Assistance for eligible low-income customers, flexible payment options and the waiver of certain deposits and fees are also available. Customers who are challenged in paying their outstanding balances and electric bills should contact ComEd as soon as possible at (800) 334-7661, Monday through Friday from 7 AM - 7 PM. More information is available at ComEd.com/CARE.



The Village handed out free face masks to residents at a drive-up distribution site. If you were not able to attend, call (847) 671-8236 to obtain a mask. Masks are a physical barrier to protect from viral and bacterial droplets after a cough or sneeze and also prevent the spread of micro droplets that disperse while speaking.



Metra workers are installing pedestrian safety improvements at the Calwagner and 25th Street grade crossings and the Metra Station. When Metra is finished with this work, the Village will make street improvements including installing a median barrier at 25th and Ruby. Watch this newsletter for updates as we move closer to obtaining a Quite Zone Designation in Franklin Park!

Village Hall Offering Public Access – Special Senior Hours

Beginning on Monday, July 13, Village Hall will be open to the community with strict social distancing policies. To maintain the health and safety of our residents and employees, anyone entering Village Hall will be required to wear a face mask and to maintain a social distance of six feet or more while in the building. Please note that a limited number of visitors will be allowed in the building at one time and you may be required to wait outside until it is safe for you to enter.

Village Hall will be open to the public starting July 13 on Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Please visit our website at vofp.com before visiting Village Hall to access forms that can be filled out in advance to help speed processing. We anticipate long wait times at Village Hall during the next few weeks.

Residents 60 years or older and anyone with an underlining health condition or disability, are encouraged to visit Village Hall from 8 to 10 AM, Monday through Friday. The Village is asking the community to please refrain from visiting during this time that is being set aside for seniors and those with health issues so they can be accommodated quickly and efficiently.

The Building Department will be open for walk-ins and encourages homeowners and business owners seeking a permit to visit Village Hall between the hours of 10 AM and 4:30 PM. Special arrangements can be facilitated by calling (847) 671-8245. Permits can be obtained by using our online services. You can also fill out forms and put them in the parking lot drop box and someone will contact you to pick up the permit. For more information go to vofp.com.

The Clerk's Office will be open for walk-ins but is encouraging you to utilize online services if possible. For forms or questions, you can email at clerk@vofp.com or call (847) 671-8242. Garage sale registration, yard party and/or Freedom of Information Act request forms are available on the Village website Clerk's page at vofp.com or by calling the Clerk's Office. You may return forms by email or using the Village drop box. Garage sale registration can also be done by calling the Clerk's Office, about a week in advance of a sale with your information and a confirmed registration will be mailed to you. Due to a backlog in processing passports by the federal government, the Village is not currently able to offer Passport Services.

Water Bill Information

The Village strongly encourages residents and businesses to use our convenient online bill payment system to pay water bills. You can also pay your water bill via mail or put your payment in the drop box in the Village Hall parking lot (no cash).

Please note that each June the water rate rises to reflect the new rate charged by the City of Chicago to the Village. In addition, there is a small increase from the Village of Franklin Park which is used to fund critical infrastructure improvements. This new water rate will be applied to the July bills. Go to vofp.com to see more detailed rate information.

Funding from the Village's portion of the rate increase allows the Village to obtain low interest loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to support improving water and sewer systems in Franklin Park. Funds are currently being directed to a multi-year project in the Reuter Sub-division which is replacing sanitary sewer and water mains and increasing storm-water capacity to help prevent street flooding.

The cost of garbage removal has not changed and remains at \$22.96 per household for weekly garbage and recycling pick up. Senior citizens, 65 or older receive free garbage removal in Franklin Park. If you have questions or concerns regarding water bill payments, please call (847) 671-4800 if you have questions.

Use the Village Drop Box for the Following

- Water Bill Payments
- Vehicle Sticker Payments
- Permit Applications and Fees
- Zoning Applications
- Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIAs)
- Garage Sale Registrations
- Yard Party Registrations
- Handicapped Application Forms
- Business License Payments
- Grass Cutting Payments

If a document does not fit in the Drop Box, please call the respective department and special arrangements can be made. Please do not put cash in the Drop Box.