



Mayor's Desk

Village to Distribute Masks to Residents

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy. The pandemic has presented many challenges for our community. The residents and businesses of Franklin Park have been remarkable in facing these challenges and finding innovative ways to support their neighbors. I want to say thank you to our first responders, healthcare professionals, grocery and pharmacy workers and mail carriers. Thank you to those who have delivered groceries and packages, made masks, produced birthday parades and offered friendly phone calls. You have helped maintain our caring, compassionate community and I am grateful.

Throughout this health crisis, protecting our residents and businesses has been the highest priority of our staff and this administration. The Governor's Order mandates that all individuals wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth in public places and outdoors where you are unable to maintain a six-foot social distance. The Village wants to help ease that burden by offering free masks to residents who may not have enough for their household. **The Village Board will distribute free face masks on Saturday, June 13 at a drive through distribution site at the west end of the Police Station, in the covered parking lot.**

Residents who live south of the railroad tracks are invited to pick-up masks from 10 AM to Noon and residents that live north of the tracks can pick them up from Noon to 2 PM. Drivers, who should be wearing a face covering to interact with staff, will be allowed up to five masks per household. If you have questions, please call my office at 847-671-8236.

Watch for Changes at Village Hall

We will be carefully following the CDC's public health guidelines and recommendations for safety in buildings when we reopen Village Hall to foot traffic later this summer. At that time, visitors will find several changes including a strict adherence to social distancing. You will also notice floor markings that will guide you when you are in the lobby. Since the number of people who are allowed inside Village Hall will be limited, you may need to wait outside. That area will also be marked off in compliance with social distancing. Masks or face coverings will always be required for staff and visitors. Hand sanitizer will be available at all counters.

I urge you to continue to use our online services and the payment drop box if possible. Maintaining social distancing for a little while longer will continue to help us slow the spread of the virus.

When you do go out, please remember to support our local businesses and restaurants. A list of restaurants open for carry-out or delivery can be found on our website and you may soon see some restaurants opening for outdoor seating only.

Supporting Businesses to Reopen

Now that Illinois has moved to Phase 3 of the Governor's Reopening Plan, the EPA recommends that building owners, building managers, and businesses take steps to flush the building's plumbing system of stagnant water which can be unsafe or unusable. The Village's website has useful information and guidance to help building owners



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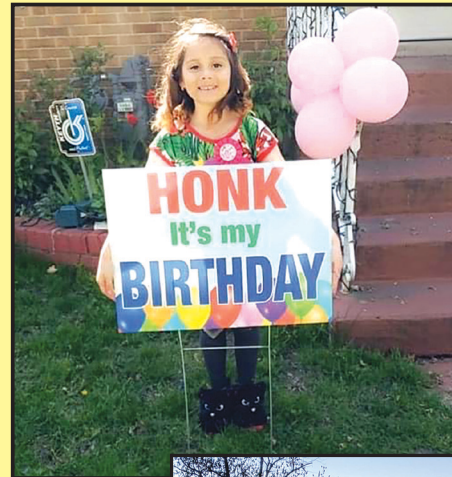
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The Franklin Park Paraders have organized drive by celebrations for residents who had a birthday, graduation or homecoming during the pandemic. Thank you for bringing happiness and spreading love throughout our community!

Congratulations To All The 2020 Graduates In Franklin Park!



Hello Summer!



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address potential water quality issues prior to re-opening buildings. These measures will keep our community safe and allow businesses to begin normalizing their operations.

New Retention Ponds Reduced Flooding

After a record breaking 13.9 inches of rain on May 16, much of the industrial areas and residential sections of town that usually experienced flooding in the past remained dry this time. This is due to the addition of two new water retention ponds last year that support the Jack B Williams Reservoir and provide flood relief to the Silver Creek, Copenhagen and Westbrook areas of town and the Marconi subdivision.

Business Supports Our Community

Franklin Park based Travelon generously donated masks, latex gloves and sanitizer to be used by our firefighters and paramedics. Front-line emergency workers put themselves at risk everyday protecting our health and safety and Travelon went out of their way to help protect theirs. Thank you Travelon for being a great Franklin Park business.

Stay healthy and be well,

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



Thank you to Franklin Park-based Travelon for providing masks, gloves and sanitizer for our emergency workers. State Senator Don Harmon delivered hand sanitizer and disinfectant to our hard-working first responders. Thank you, Senator!



Healthcare Coverage Available if You Lost Your Employer-based Coverage Due to Coronavirus

The Marketplace Health Insurance Exchange (in accordance with the Affordable Care Act) in Illinois is now holding a special open enrollment period for uninsured individuals amid the spread of the novel coronavirus also known as COVID-19. If you lost your job or experienced a reduction in hours due to COVID-19 that has resulted in losing your job-based health plan, you may qualify to enroll in a Marketplace plan now. To learn more, go to www.healthcare.gov/coronavirus/.



It was thrilling to see the Navy's Blue Angels fly over Franklin Park to honor the healthcare workers and first responders who have worked tirelessly during the pandemic!



The 2020 sticker design was selected as the winning entry in the annual contest with the Art Department at East Leyden High School. This year's winner is Daniel Alvarado whose design highlights the Village of Franklin Park's commitment to sustainability.

2020 Vehicle Sticker Available Now

Renewals for the Village's 2020 vehicle sticker have been mailed. Residents are encouraged to renew their stickers via mail, online at voftp.com or by using the Village Hall parking lot drop box because Village Hall remains closed to foot traffic at this time.

As part of an Executive Order to assist businesses during the pandemic, the Village has allowed vehicle stickers due to expire on June 30 to remain valid through July 31. No late fee or penalty will be imposed and residents will be able to purchase a new vehicle sticker at the regular price until July 31. If possible, please do not wait until the last minute to renew because this could cause a back-up and long waits for service.

Vehicle stickers must be displayed on the lower right corner of your windshield by July 31. Every vehicle registered to a Franklin Park resident needs a vehicle sticker including cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc. Passenger car stickers cost \$30. Seniors 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.

If you are a Franklin Park resident and have purchased a new vehicle or recently moved to Franklin Park, you will need to provide a copy of your license plate registration showing your Franklin Park address in order to purchase a sticker. Please call Village Hall for more details at 847-671-4800.

Lawn Maintenance Required

Please mow your lawn on a regular basis and eliminate weeds in alleys and areas behind homes. Unkempt, overgrown lawns and weeds are breeding grounds for rodents, mosquitoes and ticks which can spread illnesses. If you are disabled or elderly and need assistance complying, call 847-671-4800. Also, contact us at inspections@voftp.com to alert us about properties that need to be maintained. Thank you for your cooperation!

Help Protect Against Flooding

High intensity storms can cause flash flooding! Please remember to check that your sump pump and discharge line are working properly. Also, check that your gutters and downspouts divert water away from your foundation. If you have a sewer near your home, check to make sure the grate is free of grass clippings, leaves, and other debris. Do not blow or sweep your grass cuttings or seeds into the streets. They will clog sewers and cause a back-up of standing water onto the street if there is a heavy rain. Instead, please sweep cuttings and seeds up and bag them for removal. Time spent now could protect against basement flooding.

Street Sweeping and Branch Pick-up Begins Again on June 15

The Village's Department of Public Works will begin regular street sweeping beginning on June 15. Residents are reminded to move their cars to facilitate cleaning. Please check signs on your block for parking restrictions.

The Village will restart regular branch pick-up service June 15. Place reasonably sized branches on the front parkway for collection by 7 AM on Monday of the pick-up week indicated below. The branches will be removed sometime by the end of the day Friday.

If your branches are put out late (after 7 AM on Monday of the pick-up week), it is possible that you could miss the pick-up. Village trucks begin promptly and if they have already driven through your section of town, your branches will not be collected until the next scheduled pick-up week. Please note that if storm clean-up is necessary, the Village may need to delay a scheduled branch pick-up. In this situation, we will resume branch collection where we left off the following week. If you have any questions regarding the schedule or size and weight requirements, please call 847-671-8252.

Pick up weeks are: June 15 & 29 • July 13 & 27 • August 10 & 24 • September 7 & 21 • October 5 & 19 • November 2 & 16
Weather permitting due to leaf pick up and/or snow.