



Garbage, Recycling, Yard Waste, Bulk Item and Branch Collection

Garbage and recycling will continue to be collected every Monday by Republic Services. Garbage and recycling must be placed in their respective carts.

Republic Services has begun yard waste removal and bulk item pick-up. Place yard waste in biodegradable bags where you put your garbage for removal. Also, instead of bagging waste, please consider mulching yard waste to support plant growth. Grass clippings can be used as fertilizer to nourish lawns. Simply mow over the clippings and leave them on the lawn. This option saves on the cost to remove the yard waste bags.

Due to the health crisis causing a reduction in staff availability, the Village has suspended branch pick-up and will only collect branches in emergency situations including storm related situations. If you have questions, please call 847-671-8252. Please watch for updates. Thank you for your patience.

Street Sweeping Suspended

The Village has suspended street sweeping activity temporarily. With residents adhering to the Governor's directive to stay at home, it would be too difficult for residents to move their cars to complete street cleaning. Please watch for updates.

Leyden Family Services Helping Over the Phone

Leyden Family Services' Seniors & Benefits Department is available to assist you by telephone. Over the phone appointments are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Staff can help you apply for Medicare, Medicaid and other governmental programs. Call (847) 455-3929 to make an appointment.



Please Clean up After Your Dog

Residents are reminded to carry disposable bags when walking your dog. Be a good neighbor and pick up after your dog and place the bags in trash cans. Please help keep our community clean!



Stay Connected

If you or someone you know does not receive Village of Franklin Park emails, alerts and E-News, please contact us at villagenews@vofp.com. Include your email, mailing address and phone numbers. We will also put you on the call list for future Telephone Town Meetings.



▲ Resident Mark Posternack tied a blue ribbon around his tree as a symbol of gratitude to the many first responders, healthcare professionals and essential workers who have been working nonstop during the pandemic. He has inspired many others to participate in his gratitude campaign!

Mayor's Desk

Easing the Financial Impact of Covid-19

In April, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved two Executive Orders I signed to limit face-to-face contact, to facilitate social distancing and to alleviate the financial impact of COVID-19 on our residents and businesses.

Specifically, these actions have allowed the Village to extend bill payment deadlines, suspend service disconnections, cancel late fees, and extend renewal dates for vehicle stickers and for permits. You will find the details of these Executive Orders on Page 2 of this newsletter. It is our hope that by enacting these measures, the Village will relieve some of the financial stress caused by this crisis.

Protecting the Health of Our Community

Please continue to do your part to adhere to the Governor's 'Stay at Home' order which has been extended through May 30. I recognize it is more difficult to do so as the weather gets warmer. Staying home and practicing social distancing will keep you and your family safe and healthy. Frequent hand washing, avoiding touching surfaces in public places, wearing gloves and masks are steps we must all take to preserve the public health.

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, the Board and I have taken steps to further protect our health during the spring and summer seasons. As a result, The Village has cancelled its Memorial Day Observance and postponed our annual Franklin Park Fest featuring Railroad Day that will occur at a later date. We will continue to update you on evolving social distancing guidelines and protocols for summer gatherings.

We are all disappointed that we had to postpone our celebration of Franklin Park's heritage on Railroad Day. Taking these actions

will allow us all to gather, in health and safety, in the future. I look forward to those days.

Our Community Comes Together

The Board and I are thankful that our community has come together to assist one another. Several Franklin Park businesses have generously donated products to our first responders. I would like to thank Sloan Valve for providing the Police Department with a 55-gallon barrel of hand sanitizer. Thanks also to US Global Petroleum for donating thermometers to the Police Department and several gallons and individual-sized containers of hand sanitizer to the Fire Department.

These have been difficult weeks. I am so proud of Franklin Park. Our commitment to adhering to social distancing has made a difference in 'bending the curve.' I ask all our Franklin Park residents and businesses to continue to



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Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Trash removal will take place on Tuesday, May 26.




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be patient and to abide by the guidelines that will safeguard our community.

Please continue to be a caring and compassionate community. Looking out for our neighbors and assisting others when possible is helping to reduce the burden of this pandemic for those in need.

We are all in this together, and we will come out better, stronger, and healthier.

Be well, stay healthy,



Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Executive Orders Assist Residents and Businesses

The Village Board has taken steps to ease the stress that the Covid-19 pandemic has placed on Franklin Park residents and businesses. The Village has instituted the following measures:

- **The March 27, April 28, and May 27 water, sewer and garbage bill payment deadlines are extended to June 15.** Delinquent charges or late fees for Village water, sewer and garbage service are suspended through June 15.
- **Service disconnections** for Village water, sewer and garbage service and water meter replacements are suspended through June 15.
- **Street sweeping parking tickets will not be issued until June 1** and there will be no vehicle seizure for delinquent parking tickets until after June 1.
- **Village Vehicle Stickers, due to expire June 30, will be valid until July 31.** No late fee or penalty will be imposed through July 31. Residents will also be able to purchase a new vehicle sticker at the regular price until July 31.
- **Registration for Garage or Yard Sales shall not be permitted until June 1. No application for a Block or Yard Party shall be processed or permitted until June 1.** These actions were taken to slow down person-to-person contact within the Village.



Village Events Update

In order to prioritize the health and safety of our residents, the Village is following State guidelines and recommendations for adhering to social distancing at public events and gatherings. As a result, the Village's annual **Memorial Day Observance** has been cancelled and the annual **Franklin Park Fest featuring Railroad Day** will be postponed to a future date.

Please watch the Village website for updates regarding other events and services impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Building permits are still being processed. Building permit expiration dates may be extended for ninety (90) days,** upon written request, and the fees for extensions are suspended. License renewal applications are extended until June 1 unless required for health and safety reasons.
- **Administrative adjudication of red-light camera tickets set to be heard on March 19, April 16 and May 21 are continued to June 18.** No additional fees or penalties shall be assessed on violations due to this continuance.
- **Administrative adjudication of all other Village ordinance violations and building code violations set to be heard on March 19, April 16 and May 21 are continued to June 18.** No additional fees or penalties will be assessed due to this continuance.
- **Valid liquor licenses and business licenses will be extended from April 30 to June 1.** The application and license fee due for the renewal of a license will be extended to June 1.
- **The commuter parking monthly permit for April and May shall be refunded** to an applicable permit holder upon request.

The Village's Declaration of Emergency and Executive Orders may be found on the Village website at www.vofp.com.



It's Not Too Late to Respond to the Census!

To date, only 53% of Franklin Park households have responded to the Census. For every person not counted, the Village loses federal and state funds to support our schools, library, healthcare programs, parks, roadways, and infrastructure projects.

You still have time to be counted in the 2020 Census! Complete the Census today at www.my2020census.gov or by calling 844-330-2020. 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. More information is available on the Village's website at vofp.com. Para más información en Español llame al 847-671-8236. Jeśli potrzebujesz więcej informacji w języku polskim zadzwoń na numer 847-671-8252.

Calling All Volunteers to Shop for Seniors

Leave it to Us Shoppers is a no fee shopping service for seniors and immunocompromised individuals. It is operated by student volunteers who shop for food and medical supplies for seniors in the suburbs. They need volunteers from Franklin Park to allow them to offer the program in our area. Interested volunteers must be at least 16 years of age, have a valid driver's license and access to a car. To volunteer, email getinvolved@covidseniorshoppers.com.



Chamber by O'Hare Scholarship Winners Announced



The Chamber by O'Hare announced the winners of their scholarship program for the 2020-2021 school year. Andre Rodriguez, a resident of Schiller Park plans to pursue Pediatric Nursing and is the recipient of the first Michael Rickert Memorial Chamber of Commerce Scholarship named after the late Chamber President. Renato Arteaga, a resident of River Grove, plans to major in Accounting. Sean Kilraine, a resident of Franklin Park, plans to major in Electrical Engineering Technology at Purdue University and has been awarded the scholarship sponsored by Digital Realty.

Each winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. We wish them all great success in their academic pursuits!

How to Wear a Cloth Face Covering

Governor Pritzker has issued an Executive Order requiring people to wear a face covering or mask when in a public space where they can't maintain a six-foot distance from other people. The Illinois Department of Public Health has issued the following important guidelines for face coverings. Face masks should:

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape

As a reminder, do not put a face mask on children under the age of 2 years old. Please do not use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for health care workers.