



AUGUST 26-29, 2021

Franklin Avenue between Rose Street / 25th Avenue and Ruby Street
9600 Franklin Avenue

CARNIVAL OPENS DAILY

**AUGUST 26 & 27
AT 5 PM**

**AUGUST 28
AT NOON**

**AUGUST 29
AT 2 PM**

BEER & WINE GARDEN & FOOD VENDORS ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY

NO Bikes NO Dogs NO Skateboards

For more information go to vofp.com or call (847) 671-4800. Watch for our Franklin Park Fest featuring Railroad Daze to return in its expanded format in June 2022!

FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT MUSIC LINE-UP

Friday, August 27

6:30-8 PM - Petty Union: The Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers Tribute
Petty Union members have played on stages with Eric Clapton, Deep Purple, Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Allman Brothers, and Ten Years After.

8:45-10:30 PM - Chicago Tribute Anthology
A driving rhythm section, powerful horns, and authentic vocals combine to recreate the sound of one of the most enduring bands of all time, Chicago!

Saturday, August 28

3:30-5 PM - The Moods
Award-winning R&B artists, The Moods are a singing group consisting of three guys dedicated to the fine art of harmony and choreography.

5:45-7:45 PM - One Of The Boyzz
Enjoy an evening of classic rock from legendary Boyzz from Illinoizz founder Dirty Dan Buck and his band, One of the Boyzz.

8:30-10:30 PM - Kashmir: The Led Zeppelin Concert
Kashmir seeks to re-create the experience of a 70's Zeppelin show utilizing authentic vintage stage gear, instruments, and costumes



THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

July 2021

Mayor's Desk



Honoring All Our Heroes

While this year has been difficult for us all, it has been especially challenging for those in law enforcement. So, in response, the Franklin Park Police Department decided to do things a little differently. Instead of selecting one Officer of the Year who went above and beyond in the performance of their duties, the Department chose to recognize each and every officer with an award that celebrates their relentless work ethic, integrity and professionalism.

In a year that included everything from a pandemic to protests, our officers fulfilled their responsibilities. They did this understanding the risk the virus presented. To Franklin Park Police officers, the performance of their duty and the safety of those in our Village came first.

These men and women have earned and deserve our respect and our gratitude.

Franklin Park Fest Returns – August 26 - 29

We are pleased to announce that with the state reopening to Phase 5, Franklin Park will once again be able to host our Fest. Last year, due to Covid restrictions, we were not able to host this fun and much anticipated event. Though the Fest will be slimmed down from previous years, it will still be fun, festive, and family-friendly.

The Village will host the four-day festival that will feature a daily carnival and live music on Friday and Saturday. Though we are not able to have the train viewing this year, we look forward to celebrating our railroad heritage again next June. You can

see the great line-up of free entertainment on page 4 of this newsletter.

Stay Cool but Stay Green

Our summer weather is always unpredictable, but we know we will get some scorching hot days. The heat and humidity take a toll on our budget and our environment. Here are a few ways to protect the planet while cutting energy costs:

- Clear the area around cooling vents; blocking vents prevents the air from moving and forces the air conditioner to work harder.
- Close your drapes, blinds, or curtains to keep the heat out during the day.
- For greatest efficiency, set your thermostat at about 78°F when you are home. When unoccupied for more than 8 hours, turn up the thermostat another 7 to 10 degrees. Overnight, turn up the thermostat 3 to 4 degrees while sleeping. Consider installing a smart thermostat to allow you to pre-set times and temperatures, which can be done remotely with an app.
- Use fans to stay cool but remember to turn them off if you are not in the room.
- Make sure your cooling system is running efficiently by vacuuming the air intake vents and changing filters regularly to remove any dust buildup.
- Keep windows and doors sealed tightly



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so the hot air stays out and the cool air stays in. Also, insulate your attic. This will save both cooling and heating costs.

- Use LED light bulbs because they produce less heat, last longer, and generate light more efficiently.

Visit our website's Sustainability Page for more information on rebates for energy efficiency upgrades available from local utilities.

See you at the Fest!


Barrett F. Pedersen

Keep Alleys Clean and Tidy

By Village ordinance, garbage bin lids are required to always be closed with lids securely fastened. Push trash down in the bins to allow you to close lids tightly. Keeping lids closed will stop critters from getting in and reaching a food source. Keep the area around your garbage bins free of trash, food scraps and spills.

Pick ripe fruits and vegetables in your garden right away to eliminate a food source for pests and insects. Remember to clean-up after your pet while on walks and in your own backyard. Dog waste is harmful to humans and is a food supply for rodents. Also, do not leave pet food or water bowls outside which can attract unwanted wildlife.

Residents are asked to mow their lawn regularly and to eliminate weeds in alleys and in areas behind homes. Grass and weeds should not exceed six inches. Tall grass, areas with high weeds and cluttered backyards are hiding places for unwanted animals including rodents. Remove debris including rotting wood, brush, and dense shrubbery. Firewood stacks should be elevated off the ground.

If you are disabled or elderly and need assistance complying, please call (847) 671-4800. Also, if you see properties that need to be maintained, please call the Village.

Host a Block Party!

Want to enjoy time with your neighbors this summer? Why not schedule a Block Party! It is a great way to catch-up with friends and to make new ones too. Block Parties can be held from 10 AM to 10 PM. You can review the regulations and apply to schedule a Block Party by visiting the Clerk's Office or on-line at vofp.com. An application should be submitted to the Clerk's Office for approval 30 days prior to the party date. For more information, call (847) 671-8242.



▲ The entire Police Department was recognized for their service during a challenging year at the June 21 Board Meeting. Pictured left to right is Officer Ian Ives, Officer Melisa Jones, Officer Zac Romano, Officer Joe Gulino, Officer Matt Bowes, Officer Tom Klos, Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Public Safety Director Mike Witz, Officer Christopher De Lara, Sgt. Stephen Witnik, Commander Tom Ferris and Commander Jensen.

Solar Panels

Home and business owners can do good for the planet and their pocketbook by installing solar panels. The cost of solar panels has decreased by more than 80% in the last ten-years making them more affordable. In addition, a federal tax credit and a property tax exemption for solar panel systems can help to make going solar a viable and attractive option in Illinois. To learn more about the Village's process and checklist for installing solar panels on your property, go to vofp.com.



Franklin Avenue Closure

Franklin Avenue is closed to traffic from Williams Drive to Wolf Road through August 2. Detour signs are posted in the area. Local traffic will be able to enter the businesses. The closure is allowing the Illinois Tollway to install a box culvert for Silver Creek at Franklin Avenue and ComEd to relocate numerous main line telephone poles. To see the detour route and to learn more, go to vofp.com.

Participate in a Health and Wellness Research Study

Adults 50 years and older are invited to participate in a FREE 12-week health & wellness research study at the Carl Fiorito Senior Center located at 2601 Mannheim Road. Participants cannot have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's or related dementia. You must also commit to attend all sessions and complete the pre and post assessments. Each hour-long session will cover a new health and wellness topic facilitated by University of Illinois at Chicago staff members. Compensation for research-related assessments and participation will be included (up to \$60). Strict COVID precautions will be enforced. Spots are limited, but everyone will receive the program over the next 12 months. Call (312) 355-0247 or email jbobitt@uic.edu to enroll.

Relay for Life - July 16

You are invited to participate in the annual Relay for Life for Leyden & Norwood Townships on Friday, July 16 from 6 PM to midnight at the Village of Elmwood Park, located at 11 West Conti Parkway. The fun-filled event is designed to raise funds to support cancer research and patient care programs in communities like ours. With every donation, you are helping the American Cancer Society save lives. If you would like more information, call Brittany Stephens at (859) 585-6732 or at brittany.stephens@cancer.org.



Village-wide Garage Sale - August 20, 21 and 22

Are you a bargain hunter? Do you have treasures you would like to sell? The Village's three-day event on August 20, 21, and 22 will be held daily from 8 AM to 7 PM. If you would like your address to be included in the sale, please email clerk@vofp.com or call (847) 671-8242. Register no later than August 15 to be included in the list of addresses that are participating!

Renew Vehicle Stickers Online Now

Renewing your vehicle sticker online is quick and easy. Simply go to vofp.com and avoid waiting in line at Village Hall. Residents can also renew by mail or by using the drop box in the parking lot. Waiting until the last minute to renew can cause a delay in receiving your sticker. Stickers must be displayed on the lower right corner of your windshield by July 31.

If you are a 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 address to purchase a sticker. 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. For more information call (847) 671-4800.

Village's Water Quality Report Available

The Village's annual Water Quality Report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2020. A copy of the report is now available on the Village website at http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/FRANKLIN_PARK_SO_316054.pdf.

If you would like this report in Polish, go to http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/Polish_CCR_2021.pdf.

If you would like this report in Spanish, go to http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/2021_SPANISH_FRANKLIN_PARK_WATER_QUALITY_REPORT.pdf

If you would like a paper copy, call (847) 671-8252 and indicate if you will pick up at Village Hall or if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Village Water Rate Information

The rates for water, sewer and garbage services are assessed in compliance with Village Code. Each June, the water rate will increase to reflect the new amount charged to the Village by the City of Chicago. The new water rate will be applied to the July bills. In 2021, the increase from the City of Chicago was 1.10% and 3% from the Village of Franklin Park, which is used to fund critical infrastructure improvements. 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. Currently funds are being directed to a multi-year project in the Reuter Sub-division which is replacing sanitary sewers and water mains and increasing storm-water capacity to help prevent street flooding. The cost of garbage removal remains at \$22.96 per household for weekly garbage and recycling removal. Senior citizens, 65 or older receive free garbage removal in Franklin Park. If you have questions, call (847) 671-4800.