



Renew Vehicle Sticker Now

Renewal applications for the Village's 2022- 2023 vehicle sticker will arrive via mail soon. Every vehicle registered to a Franklin Park resident needs a vehicle sticker including cars, trucks, and motorcycles, displayed by June 30. You can renew online at vofp.com, via mail, or by using the Village Hall parking lot drop box. You can also renew at Village Hall on Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. If possible, please do not wait until the last minute to renew because this could cause a processing back-up and a long wait to receive your sticker. If you have questions, please call (847) 671-4800.



Cleaning Up Helps Everyone

Garbage bins should always be closed with lids securely fastened to prevent critters from reaching a food source. Keep the area around your garbage bins free of trash, food scraps and spills. Make sure to pick ripe fruits and vegetables in your garden right away to eliminate a food source for pests and insects. Also, please remember to clean-up after your pet while on walks and in your own backyard. Dog waste is a food supply for rodents. Also, do not leave pet food or water bowls outside which can attract unwanted wildlife.

Lawn Maintenance Required

Residents should mow their lawns on a regular basis and eliminate weeds in alleys and areas behind homes. Overgrown lawns and weeds are breeding ground for rodents and insects. The Village is issuing tickets to homeowners if their grass is over six inches high. 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.



Leyden Family Service at Village Hall

Leyden Family Service will be at Village Hall to help residents who have questions or need help applying for government programs like Medicare, Medicaid, LIHEAP and more.

Staff can also help with understanding medical bills, prescription assistance, and more. Bring your Social Security award letter and paycheck stubs that show the amount of income you receive. Scheduled Village Hall dates are from 9 AM to Noon on June 15, July 20, August 17, and September 21. No appointment is necessary. Check the Document Checklist before you visit.



Mayor Pedersen congratulated Joe Modrich on his retirement after serving 22 years as the Park District of Franklin Park's Director of Parks & Recreation. Born and raised in Franklin Park, Joe started his career in Parks & Recreation conducting field work with the Park District of Franklin Park in 1974.

Mayor's Desk



Helping the Village to Put Safety First

In Franklin Park, the health and safety of our residents and businesses is our top priority. To ensure the highest level of safety, we are committed to supplying our law enforcement officers and first responders with state-of-the-art equipment and the appropriate resources necessary to detect and prevent crime, safeguard our neighborhoods, and protect our officers. Using the best technology available will assist our officers to stop crime and vandalism before it happens.

Last year the Police Department conducted a pilot program on the use of body cameras, testing three different models. The department selected the Motorola Watchguard system which utilizes Wi-Fi and is GPS-enabled and recommended it for ongoing use. The body-worn cameras capture clear video and audio evidence simply and easily and it integrates seamlessly with the in-car video system.

The use of body cameras helps to protect both the officers and our citizens. Body cameras add clarity, increase evidence quality, provide additional accountability, and can assist in bringing more transparency to disputed situations.

It is critical that we uphold the rights of our residents, businesses, and visitors to have fair and transparent interactions with our public safety officers. It is equally critical that we do all that we can to guarantee the safety of our law enforcement officers.

A Great Corporate Citizen

The Village of Franklin Park is fortunate to have a business community that serves as a generous partner with us in many endeavors.

Sloan Valve President Graham Allen has stepped forward to help with the purchase of the important body camera initiative. The Franklin Park-based company generously donated \$15,000 to help fund body cameras for our officers.

Graham Allen and Sloan Valve believe that supporting our officers and community is a shared mission. A safe community attracts business, investment, jobs, and workers. Sloan Valve is a great corporate citizen, and we are lucky to have them make their home in our town. Thank you for all you contribute to our community.

Together Again

Last month we had the pleasure of hosting our Senior Appreciation Luncheon. It was great to be able to gather again in person. This luncheon was an opportunity for our Village officials and staff to honor our seniors and offer a forum where we can reconnect with friends and neighbors.

One of the highlights of the event was a presentation by Vanessa James of the Illinois Attorney General's Office. She offered valuable information on how to recognize and avoid scams. She reminded everyone to NEVER give out



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our Social Security number, banking information, or credit card data to someone we don't know. One of the most common scams is a phone call or email that asks for you to confirm your information, pretending they are a government agency, bank, or credit card company. Hang up or do not respond and then call the bank or credit card issuer and verify that they are the actual agency requesting the information.

Caution is key. No one wants to be a victim of fraud. Trust your instincts. If it does not feel right, then there is probably something wrong.

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◀ Mayor Barrett Pedersen and Director of Police Michael Witz were presented with a donation from Graham Allen, President of Sloan Valve Company to help fund the purchase of body cameras for our police officers.

▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen welcomed seniors to the Village's Senior Appreciation Luncheon. He was joined by Director of Police Mike Witz and Fire Chief Bill Brehm.

Vanessa James of the Illinois Attorney General's Office was the event's keynote speaker and discussed how to recognize and avoid scams.

Luncheon guests were pleased to meet up with friends and to receive seeds to plant a butterfly garden. Table prizes included jars of honey from the Village's roof-top hives. The honey is delicious and organic, and the hives make sure we are protecting these valuable pollinators. Thank you to our good friend Colinette Marshall for providing some of the photos taken at the luncheon!

Early Voting at Village Hall

Early Voting for the June 28, 2022, Gubernatorial Primary Election will take place **June 13 – 27** at Village Hall. Please enter the site through the door in the parking lot of Village Hall located at 9500 West Belmont Avenue. Hours for early voting are:

- Monday through Fridays: June 13 - June 17 and June 20 - June 24 from 9 AM – 5 PM
- Monday, June 27: from 9 AM – 5 PM
- Saturdays: June 18 and June 25 from 9 AM – 5 PM
- Sundays: June 19 and June 26 from 10 AM – 4 PM



Register to Host a Garage Sale



Moving, downsizing or just want to clear out your clutter? Host a garage sale so you can sell your stuff to someone else! Residents must register with the Village to host a sale. There is no cost to register, and signs can only be placed on your property. Sales can be held for a maximum of 30 hours within a three-day period. Sale hours are from 8 AM to 7 PM. To register for a sale, call (847) 671-8242. Visit the Clerk's Office at Village Hall or apply online at voftp.com.

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 online at voftp.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.



Please Complete the Water Service Line Survey

The Village is requesting that homeowners complete a survey to determine how many lead service lines are still in use in the Village with the goal of eventually replacing them. Surveys will be mailed soon to homeowners and ask you to identify the type of material used in your water service. Instructions on how to identify the material of your water service are included in the informational brochure. Please return the survey via mail or it can be completed online now at voftp.com



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Village Trustees, and staff planted a tree in honor of beloved Village Utilities Commissioner Joe "Tiny" Lauro this week. Tiny loved serving his community and always made time to help his neighbors. We miss him every day.