



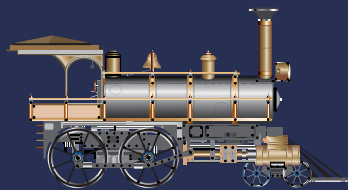
**JUNE 9-JUNE 12
2022**

**Franklin Avenue &
Calwagner Street
(9700 Franklin Ave.)**

**DAILY CARNIVAL
OPENS**

**June 9 & 10 • 6 PM
June 11 • Noon
June 12 • 1 PM**

RAILROAD DAY



**Saturday, June 11
10 AM – 3 PM**

Walk on and view interiors!

★ BEER & WINE GARDEN - FOOD VENDORS

NO Bikes | NO Dogs | NO Skateboards
For more information, 847-671-4800 or www.vofp.com

Free Live Entertainment

Thursday, June 9

6:30-8 PM
Everett Dean & The Lonesome Hearts (Retro Rock & Roll)

8:30-10:30 PM
Think Floyd USA: #1 Pink Floyd Tribute

Friday, June 10

6:30-7:45 PM
Heart To Heartbreaker:
A Salute to the Women of Rock

8:30-10:30 PM
Kashmir: The Led Zepplin Concert

Saturday, June 11

11 AM-12:30 PM
Mr. Myers (Caribbean/Jimmy Buffet)

1:15-2:45 PM
One Of The Boyzz (Rock & Soul)

3:30-5 PM
Chicago Tribute Anthology: Celebrating The Band Chicago

5:45-7:45 PM
Of Perception: The Doors Tribute

8:30-10:30 PM
Hello Weekend (High energy dance party)

Sunday, June 12

1-2:30 PM
Marcus Band (Polish music and songs)

3:15-4:45 PM
Joe Rendon & Friends (Latin Jazz/Santana)

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

May 2022

Mayor's Desk



An Exciting Transformation

Over the last few years, the Village took a proactive approach in transforming the Grand and Mannheim commercial corridor into a viable, robust location for national retail establishments and restaurants. For years, the commercial area was primarily vacant and in a floodplain. To address these issues, the Village added stormwater mitigation to reduce flooding. New roadways, accessible sidewalks and curbs were also constructed, and commercial lots were prepared for development.

As a result, the Grand and Mannheim corridor has attracted reputable, national retailers including Starbucks, Chipotle, Jersey Mike's, AT&T, and Chase Bank making the Franklin Marketplace development a vibrant and thriving commercial area. But there is even more to tell.

New Hotel Brings Visitors, Tax Revenue and Beautification

I am excited to announce that construction will begin soon on a four-story, 110 room Wyndham Gardens Hotel on the 2.67-acre lot, just west of Mannheim Road at Grand Avenue. This hotel is serving as an anchor for other development in the area. Conveniently located near O'Hare International Airport and major highways, the everyday traveler will find the hotel comfortable and accessible. In keeping with the Village's mission, Wyndham will be incorporating sustainable elements including a modern and attractive wood exterior with green landscaping elements and LED lighting. The hotel also plans to incorporate operations that will lower energy and water consumption.

The Village will be adding sidewalks to connect the hotel to the existing and future retail outlets in the corridor. The entire

property will be pedestrian accessible with new exterior lighting and landscaping added to further enhance the corridor.

Revitalized commercial corridors are also important revenue generators for the Village. The hotel will bring in sales tax, a 1% hotel/motel tax, and property tax. These taxes will help us hold the line on residential property taxes.

Village Wins Grant

The Village has been selected for grant funding through the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program. The Regional Transportation Authority's Access to Transit Program submitted the \$890,000 project on behalf of the Village which will fund the creation of a new bike path and provide improved pedestrian connections between the Village's Metra stations and three PACE bus routes. These paths will also link to the Des Plaines River Trail to the east and the proposed Franklin Avenue Multi-Use Path westbound to the Cook/DuPage County border.

The effort will create a regional network of bicycle routes and provide safer non-vehicular access to dense employment areas and to downtown Franklin Park. Additional improvements will include 8-foot multi-use paths, shared-lane street markings, dedicated bike lanes, covered bike shelters at Metra stations and upgrades to existing paths and crossings. New sidewalks are being built where formerly none existed. Trees and grass will be planted along industrial parking lots, so residents and visitors will see more greenery, and softening the view of industrial buildings.

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**Village Hall
will be closed
Monday,
May 30
for
Memorial
Day**



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Support for Ukraine

I was pleased to welcome Pavlo Bandriwsky, Vice President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America IL Division to speak at a recent board meeting. The Council asked for donations of first aid kits, retired body armor, military grade helmets, and police vests. The people of Franklin Park have been incredibly supportive of, and generous to, the Ukrainian efforts to retain their independence and liberty. Let's all continue to help in every way possible to end this unjust war.

Barrett F. Pedersen



▲ For over ten years, the Village has been urging the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for a traffic light at River Road and Robinson Road. IDOT recently completed the project which installed a left-hand turn lane and a turn arrow that will provide area residents and businesses with safe access into and out of the community. Most importantly, it will allow motorists to avoid the dangerous experience of attempting the turn onto River Road.



▲ Pavlo Bandriwsky, Vice President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America IL Division and Ellen Lopatkina, President of Nortia Logistics, located in Franklin Park were guests at a recent Village Board Meeting. Village Hall is serving as a drop site for donated first aid kits and other equipment to be shipped to the people of Ukraine.

Please Complete the Water Service Line Survey

The State of Illinois recently passed the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act which requires municipalities to conduct a water service line material inventory. 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.

The survey will ask homeowners to identify the type of material used in their water service. Instructions on how to identify the material of your water service will be provided on our website at vofp.com along with a link to the survey. Thank you for participating.

2022 Vehicle Stickers

Renewal applications for the Village's 2022 vehicle sticker will be mailed in May. 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 purchased a new vehicle or just moved to Franklin Park, we will need a copy of the plate registration showing your Franklin Park address and payment for the type of vehicle.

Residents are encouraged to renew their stickers via mail, online at vofp.com 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.



This year's vehicle sticker was designed by Jonathon Gonzalez, an art student at East Leyden High School and graphically depicts a community that is strong and united.

Keeping Our Community Neat and Clean

Please be a good neighbor and clean up around your property. Remove debris and clutter that can provide unwanted animals with shelter including firewood, brush, and dense shrubbery. Firewood stacks should be elevated off the ground and garbage bins should be closed and securely fastened. It is also important to keep the area around your trash cans 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.

Mow your lawn regularly and eliminate weeds in alleys and areas behind homes. Grass and weeds should not exceed six inches in height to prevent mosquitoes and rodents from hiding and breeding there. Also, please remember to clean-up after your pet while on walks and in your own backyard. Dog waste is full of disease-causing bacteria and parasites and is a food supply for rodents. Also, do not leave pet food or water bowls outside which can attract unwanted wildlife. 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.

Chamber Scholarship Awards Announced



The Chamber by O'Hare (Franklin Park / Schiller Park / River Grove / Leyden Township) has awarded three \$1,500 scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations to this year's winners and we wish them all great success in their academic pursuits!
Digital Realty and Chamber by O'Hare Technology Scholarship: East Leyden Senior and Schiller Park resident Arthur Kot plans to study Aerospace Engineering focusing on satellite systems.

Sloan Valve and Chamber by O'Hare Scholarship: West Leyden Senior and Melrose Park resident Aliah Rubio plans to study Aerospace Engineering.

Michael Rickert Memorial Chamber by O'Hare Scholarship: West Leyden Senior and Northlake resident, Daniel Lechuga will attend Northwestern University to study Mechanical Engineering with a Computer Science minor focused on AI or machine learning.

Illinois Launches Assistance Program for Homeowners

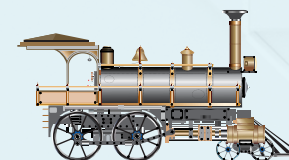
Struggling homeowners will be eligible for up to \$30,000 in free assistance to pay past due mortgage payments, property taxes, property insurance, and delinquent homeowner and/or condo association fees. Homeowners in need of assistance can find more information on program eligibility and begin an application at www.illinoishousinghelp.org. Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Memorial Day Observance – May 30

Please plan to attend the Village's annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30 at 11 AM at the Veterans Monument. The event is co-sponsored with the American Legion Post 974 and will pay tribute to our deceased Franklin Park veterans from all branches of service and will feature an honor guard, a ceremonial presentation of the memorial wreath, and more. For information, contact the Mayor's Office at (847) 671-8236.

Volunteers Needed

Get on board! Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 11 from 10 AM to 3 PM to help with Railroad Day events. Join us and you will receive a Franklin Park Fest t-shirt and a free meal on Saturday! Call us at 847-671-8236.



Blood Drive

Give the gift of life on Friday, June 3 from 3:00 to 7:30 PM at the Police Station.