

FREE SHRED & RECYCLE EVENT

Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Senate President Don Harmon
and Representative Camille Lilly

Saturday, October 16 from 9 AM to Noon
Franklin Park Police Station

- Safely eliminate documents with personally identifiable information. Two-box limit, remove clips and staples. Shredding accepted until the truck reaches capacity. Residential shredding only.
- Recycle old electronics (go to vofp.com to see items accepted)
- MWRD will be giving away tree saplings and bags of compost (while supplies last).

This is a drive thru event. For your safety, leave all items in your car and they will be removed for you.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and the Office of Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart will collect unused or expired medications and prescription drugs to make sure they are disposed of properly.



Mariyana T. Spyropoulos
MWRD Commissioner

Vaccine Clinic

During the event, the Village will host a FREE vaccine clinic in the Community Room of the Police Station. No appointment is necessary.

- Flu vaccines (bring your Medicare card or insurance information)
- COVID-19, first and second dose of Pfizer vaccines. Possibly COVID Booster vaccines too (bring your CDC vaccination card)

For more information, go to vofp.com.

The shred & recycling event and vaccine clinic are also open to residents of Schiller Park and River Grove.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

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Mayor's Desk

Putting Safety First

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. That catastrophic event changed the way cities plan and develop and the way buildings and homes are constructed. The Great Chicago Fire, which occurred in October of 1871, has shaped fire safety policy and awareness. That is why October has been designated as Fire Safety Month.

The theme for this year's Fire Safety Month is "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety." The sound of a working fire alarm saves lives. Three out of five home fire deaths are in homes without or with a non-working smoke detector. Sadly, these deaths could have been prevented.

In Franklin Park, your safety is our highest priority. I am pleased to announce that our Village was selected by the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance to be part of a critical effort to ensure working smoke alarms are installed in every home. In support of the program, Illinois-based First Alert has donated 100, 10-year, sealed lithium battery smoke detectors to the Franklin Park Fire Department. In partnership with the State Fire Marshall, our Fire Department has launched a program to perform a Life Safety inspection of your home and

will soon begin installing free smoke detectors in as many bedrooms and hallways as possible.

To participate in this program please call (847) 678-2400 or email us at smokedetectors@vofp.com. As part of this program, the Fire Department will provide information about your detectors, a Home Fire Safety Checklist, and an Escape Plan pamphlet for your use.

There are many tools to increase fire safety. Testing your smoke detector often, replacing the batteries in your alarm, or upgrading to sealed battery alarms are important steps to protect your home and family. Also make sure you have a working fire extinguisher on every floor and that everyone in the household knows how to operate it. It is also vital that you discuss fire safety with your family and develop a family escape plan.

Always make sure to put safety first!

Enjoy the fall weather,

Barrett F. Pedersen



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Veterans Day Event – November 11

The Village of Franklin Park and the American Legion Post 974 will host their annual Veterans Day observance on Thursday, November 11 at 11 AM at the Village’s Veterans Memorial, located west of Village Hall. The program will pay tribute to military veterans who have served our country and will include recognition of the new names to be added to the Monument. Face masks and social distancing will be required.



▲ The Village hosted a special event to mark the 20th anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attacks on our country. The event also paid tribute to Franklin Park’s first responders. Go to vofp.com to watch a video highlighting the commemoration.



▲ Please submit the name of a veteran now to be engraved on the Village’s Veterans Monument. To qualify, the veteran must have lived in Franklin Park, and you must provide a copy of their DD-214 form (Honorable Discharge Papers) to the Clerk’s Office by October 15 to ensure the name will be added in time for the Veterans Day ceremony. For more information, please call the Clerk’s Office at (847) 671-8242.

Leaf Pickup and Yard Waste Removal Information

The Village’s contractor has begun leaf and yard waste removal service which runs through the first week of December. Leaves cannot be removed if they are put in plastic bags or placed in the street. Please put leaves in brown biodegradable bags only and place them near your trash and recycling for pickup. Bags can be purchased at local grocery and hardware stores.

Please do not put or blow leaves into the street because it damages street sweeper equipment and can clog sewers causing street flooding. Burning leaves is not permitted in Franklin Park. Instead of raking leaves, you can mulch them! Simply mow over the leaves a few times and let them sit on your lawn. The mulched leaves provide nutrients and protection from winter weather. Also, sprinkle over your plants and shrubs to help retain water during winter months.

The Department of Public Works will sweep Village curbs through late November. Please remember to check signs on your block for parking restrictions. For more information, call (847) 671-8252.



Important Notice Regarding Garbage Collection

The monthly garbage collection fee will increase for owners of a single-family or two-family residence effective October 1. Homeowners currently pay a monthly garbage collection fee of \$22.96, and the new rate will be \$25.45, an increase of less than \$2.50 per month. Collection service will continue to include removing unlimited garbage, recycling, and yard waste.

Despite increases from the Village’s private garbage collection provider, the fee paid by homeowners has not increased. There has been no rate increase for garbage collection for 10 years. Instead, the Village has been subsidizing these increases rather than passing the increase on to homeowners or cutting back on services. The Village is no longer financially able to help defray the cost of garbage collection services for residents.

The Village will continue to subsidize the garbage collection rate for qualified senior citizens, aged 65 and older to allow them to receive FREE monthly garbage collection services. Qualified disabled and low-income residents will continue to be eligible to receive a reduced garbage collection fee of 50 percent. In addition, the Village will continue to pay the cost to provide FREE electronic recycling and branch pick up programs for ALL residents in Franklin Park.

The garbage collection fee is included in the Village’s monthly billing for water and sewer service. The new fee amount will be reflected on your November bills.

Village Seeks Snow Removal Contractors

The Village is seeking snow removal companies to allow us to continue to provide services for the Senior Snow Removal Program from November 2021 through April 2022. Interested companies must be licensed and provide proof of insurance. References required. To learn more or to apply, please call (847) 671-8240.

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