

Village News

Mayor's Desk



Never Forget

September 11 was the 20th anniversary of the terrorist acts on our nation. It was the end of our innocence and the beginning of the War on Terror.

Though over 3000 were lost on that terrible day, many thousands more were saved due to the firefighters, police and paramedics who bravely arrived at the scenes, and in many cases gave the ultimate sacrifice, to save their fellow Americans.

Noting this solemn anniversary, allows us to demonstrate our gratitude to all first responders who put themselves in harm's way for us every day. Throughout the pandemic, first responders have demonstrated their enduring commitment to public health and safety. Please take the time to thank them and acknowledge their service.

Though we can never forget that terrible day, we must remember the strength, resiliency and promise of our great nation. And we must never forget all those who keep us safe.

HAVE YOU THANKED A COP TODAY?

These past few months have been challenging for first responders. Our Annual Police Reports illustrates that despite the pandemic and other challenges, we are providing high quality services. With the mission of keeping our community safe, our officers apprehended

a car burglary crew, stopped a variety of senior scams, and confiscated illegal drugs, keeping them off our streets and away from our children.

The Police Department has taken a proactive approach to stopping drunk driving by participating in the state's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The department's enforcement effort has proven very successful resulting in Franklin Park ranking 16th in the entire state in DUI arrests.

If you get a chance, let our police officers know how much you appreciate their efforts.

IT IS OUR HOME, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The United Nations recently issued a well-documented and researched report on climate change. They concluded unequivocally that we are in a catastrophic, planet-threatening situation that could get worse before it gets better if we do not take immediate action. We have seen the impact locally. We know we have experienced more violent and more frequent storms, along with more extensive flooding and severe damage.

This planet is our home, and we all need to do our part. I want to reiterate how critical it is that individuals, businesses, agencies, and governments make it a priority to reduce our carbon footprint and vastly

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Franklin Park Fest – 2021

While we were not able to host our annual Railroad Day this year, the Village's Franklin Park Fest provided plenty of fun for our community! Thank you to this year's sponsors who underwrote the event including two days of great free live entertainment. Many of Franklin Park's elected officials attended the Fest including Congressman Mike Quigley, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle (pictured here with Mayor Barrett Pedersen), and State Representatives Kathleen Willis and Camille Lilly.

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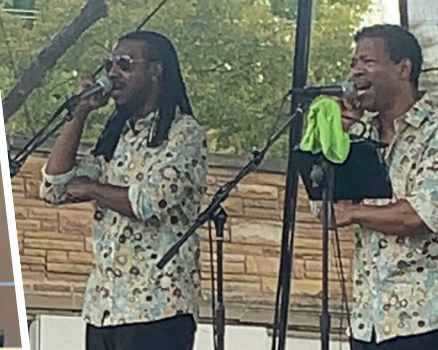
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increase our commitment to sustainability.

Franklin Park has been a leader in implementing sustainable practices in all operations. We are deeply committed to promoting recycling which is proven to lessen landfill gases. As the organic mass in a landfill decomposes, methane gas is released. Methane is 84 times more effective at absorbing the sun's heat than carbon dioxide, making it one of the most potent greenhouse gases and a huge contributor to climate change. Landfill gases are also more toxic to our health than carbon dioxide and are directly responsible for increased smog and worsening health problems like asthma.

Please be aware of what you put in a landfill. Food and yard waste decompose in landfills and release methane, disturbing our ecosystem and degrading our air quality. Proper recycling helps alleviate this danger. Please donate or sell textiles and clothing, limit your food waste, mulch your grass, and recycle all acceptable plastic, metal, glass, and paper products. A complete Recycling Guide is available on the Village's website.

It is up to us!

Barrett F. Pedersen

Park District's Fall Parade – October 3

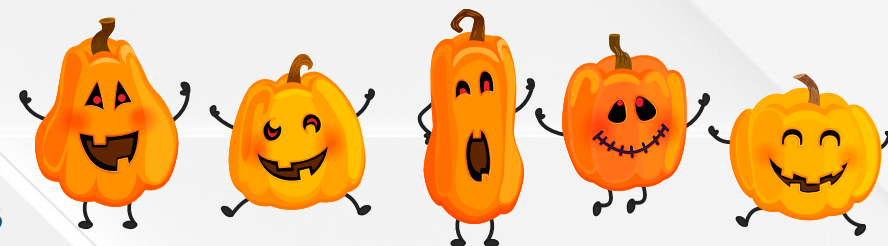
The 43rd annual Eddie Biondo Fall Parade will be held on Sunday, October 3. The parade will step-off at 1 PM at the corner of Scott Street and Grand Avenue. Bring your family to see floats, marching bands, local schools, and organizations showcasing the heart of Franklin Park! The parade marches east on Grand Avenue, then north on 25th Avenue (Rose Street) and ends at Addison and Scott Street. Plan to stay for the Park District's annual Pumpkin Fest at North Park too! For more information, go to fpparks.org.

Franklin Park Mobile App Update

Due to changes in Apple's terms of service and to utilize updated information on the Franklin Park mobile app, users are required to delete their current app and download it again from the Apple App Store or at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/village-of-franklin-park/id953596382>



▲ Often the Police Department's hard work was assisted by our Canine Officer, VooDoo. Thank you to VooDoo and all our Police Department personnel who are committed to our safety!



Investing in a Clean Community

The CDC has indicated that suburbs and smaller towns across the country have experienced a pandemic-related rodent problem. With reduced activity in big cities rodents have migrated to nearby areas in search of food. Also, with more people working from home, we are generating more garbage to feed them.

The Village's Health Department has been actively responding to this issue. The Village retained Orkin to check problem alleys and to set approximately 350 bait boxes throughout town. If you feel you have a problem on your property, you may ask Orkin service workers when they are in your area to assess the situation in your yard. Orkin cautions that often before the situation improves, residents may see an increase in activity.

The Village needs the community's help too. It is critical to eliminate sources of food and hiding places on and around your property. The best thing residents can do is to keep their properties clean and tidy. Always put your trash in your garbage can and secure the lid tightly. Remember to recycle correctly to make more space in your garbage can. Regularly mow your lawn and eliminate weeds. Remove all debris and clutter on your property. Clean-up after your pet in your own backyard because dog waste is a food supply. Do not leave pet food or water bowls outside, pick ripe fruits and vegetables immediately and keep your barbecue grill clean and free of grease.

Since the spring, the Village has invested over \$20,000 on extermination services and will continue to spread the word to residents and businesses about keeping their property clean. We will write a citation for those who do not comply. If you are disabled or elderly and needs assistance complying, call (847) 671-4800. Also, if you see properties that need to be maintained, please call the Village.

Submit Names Now for Veteran's Monument

Do you know a veteran from Franklin Park? If you would like their name engraved on the Village Veteran's Memorial wall, you may submit their name to have it added. To qualify, the veteran must have lived in Franklin Park, and you need to provide a copy of the veteran's DD-214 form (Honorable Discharge Papers) to the Village of Franklin Park Clerk's Office, by October 15 to ensure the name will be added in time for the Village's Veterans Day ceremony on November 11. For more information, please call the Clerk's Office at 847-671-8242.

Use the Drop Box to Facilitate Business with the Village

Village Hall is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Please note that facemasks and social distancing are required. Village staff can also assist you via email or over the phone. You can utilize the drop box located in the parking lot anytime. Please do not put cash in the drop box. For more information, call (847) 671-4800.

Rabies and Microchip Clinic- September 18

The Humane Society is partnering with the Village to host a low-cost rabies and microchip clinic on September 18 from 11 AM – 2 PM. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Police Station. No appointment is necessary. For more information, go to vofp.com.

