



THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK PRESENTS

# RAILROAD DAZE

June 12  
THRU  
June 15

TOWER PARK  
AT CALWAGNER STREET & FRANKLIN AVENUE

**CARNIVAL HOURS & SPECIALS**

**Thursday, June 12**  
5 TO 10 PM  
UNLIMITED RIDE SPECIAL - \$22

**Friday, June 13**  
5 TO 11 PM

**Saturday, June 14**  
NOON TO 11 PM  
UNLIMITED RIDE SPECIAL  
\$22 FROM NOON TO 5 PM

**Sunday, June 15**  
NOON TO 8 PM  
UNLIMITED RIDE SPECIAL - \$22

**All-Star Entertainment**  
THURSDAY, JUNE 12  
**First Annual Railroad Daze Jazz Night!**

5-5:30 PM **Hester Wildcats Jazz Ensemble**

6:30-8 PM **The Chicago Skyliners Big Band**  
*The music of Count Basie, Buddy Rich, Stan Kenton, and more!*

9-10:30 PM **Chévere**  
*Latin/Jazz/Funk Band with high voltage percussion.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 13  
6:30-7:45 PM **Recycle The Day**  
*High-energy, dance hits from the 70's to today.*

8:30-10:30 PM **7th Heaven**  
*The #1 drawing Chicagoland festival band.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 14  
11 AM - 12:15 PM **Serendipity**  
*Teen girls perform pop, country, and rock hits.*

1 - 2:30 PM **Brock & Abrams**  
*Mike Brock formerly of Herman's Hermits and Bob Abrams formerly of The Buckinghams perform pop hits from the 60's & 70's.*

3 - 4:30 PM **The Max Clark Band**  
*A quintet of musicians dish out tasty Latin flavored tunes.*

5:30-7:30 PM **American English**  
*The Country's #1 Beatles Tribute Band.*

8:30-10:30 PM **Hi Infidelity**  
*Performing 80's classic rock Voted Best Rock Cover Band.*

**TRAIN VIEWING**  
WALK-ON DISPLAYS  
Saturday, 10 AM - 3 PM

Free, unique, one-of-a-kind opportunity to view an impressive display of dozens of trains and to walk on and view interiors.

TRAIN MEMORABILIA & COLLECTIBLE VENDORS  
**ALL ABOARD!**

**Free Admission • All-Star Entertainment**  
**Carnival • Great Variety of Food • Beer & Wine Garden**  
ATM Available • NO Bikes • NO Dogs • NO Skateboards • For More Information 847-671-4800 or www.vofp.com



# Village News



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2014



Mayor's Desk

FROM MAYOR BARRETT F. PEDERSEN

## Village Wins Green Intelligence Award

The West Central Municipal Conference honored Franklin Park for our sustainability efforts with their 2014 Green Intelligence Award at their annual dinner. When Governor Pat Quinn learned that our Village was selected to receive this award, he made himself available to present it to me.

We have had one of the hottest decades on record. As severe weather continues, we will see more droughts, super storms and wildfires. Government leaders at all levels, have the opportunity and the obligation, to make our communities more resistant to these dramatic changes and to curb and end the practices that are devastating our planet.

Franklin Park has made it a priority to adopt sustainable practices when addressing all municipal functions. It has been our goal to be a community that is a model of sustainable living. This prestigious award is a testament to the dedication of our residents in that pursuit.

One of the ways we can make measurable change is to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases we put in the environment. We can do so by reducing driving time, making greater use of bike and walking trails, increase our use of public transit and driving more energy efficient vehicles. We can also make a difference by the simple act of turning off lights and appliances when not in use.

This award took note of the many initiatives Franklin Park has put in place to sustain our environment. The Governor acknowledged our replacement of outdated Village vehicles with more efficient Electric Vehicles, the installation of Electric Vehicle charging stations, our movement to high efficiency street lights, and our community-wide recycling program which provided every household with a 64 gallon recycling bin. We have also worked closely with developers and local businesses looking to expand to remove impervious surfaces to help diminish flooding.

All of us must work together to sustain our precious earth, air and water. I am proud that Franklin Park is on the forefront of this movement and that Governor Quinn and the West Central Municipal Conference made note of your efforts.

Keep It Going!

Our utilization of only natural lawn care on all Village owned properties is another plank in our sustainability pledge.



Our commitment to green practices is evident in the construction of our new Police Station.

Mayor Barrett Pedersen receives the Green Intelligence Award from the West Central Municipal Conference, which was presented to him by Governor Quinn.

Sustainability was our guiding principle in building our new police station and earlier this year, the Village was awarded Gold LEED Certification by the U.S. Green Buildings Council.

This award is especially meaningful as we learn of concrete evidence and data that climate change is real. We will face far more environmental challenges in the near future unless we continue and accelerate our sustainable practices.



**The Village of FRANKLIN PARK**  
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MAYOR

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS  
Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri.  
8-4:30 pm  
Wed. 8-6 pm  
Sat. 9-12 pm

Blood Drive  
June 13th from 3-7 PM  
at the Community Center





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**District 212 Wins Award**

It must be award season in Franklin Park! Please join me in congratulating Leyden High School District 212 on winning the American School Board Journal's Magna Award. This award honors the best practices of school district leadership.

Leyden won for their creation of a Digital Evolution by distributing 3500 Google Chromebooks to its students. This created universal access to web-based digital tools, so critical in 21st Century learning. This narrows the digital divide and gives all students, despite their income level or language, greater learning opportunities.

In 2013, Leyden students created more than 200,000 Google documents, with 3000- 5000 being edited daily by the school. This increased communication as students get consistent feedback from teachers on their writing. The Google Chromebooks also offer the opportunity to create video presentations, analyze more sophisticated data and interact with subject matter experts around the globe.

The results are a more 'connected' classroom, enhanced communication, increased knowledge and a measurable increase in reading scores.

Congratulations to the teachers, students and administrators for spearheading this groundbreaking program.

*Barrett F. Pedersen*  
**BARRETT F. PEDERSEN**



Mayor Barrett Pedersen with Jacob Suarez, this year's winner of the Mayor for a Day Writing Contest. Jacob attended a Village Board Meeting and read his winning essay.

**Franklin Park Focus  
 Don Fulmer**

Ask Franklin Park native Don Fulmer what his favorite summer festival is and he will give you a quick answer- Railroad Daze.

Don Fulmer was one of the original founders of Railroad Daze. Born and raised in Franklin Park, Don was a member of the Franklin Avenue Business Association when area businesses decided the Village needed a signature summer event. It didn't take long for Don to realize that the event should be centered on railroads.

Don had been a railroad enthusiast as a child and worked for over 12 years as yard master and conductor for Indiana Harbor Belt. "Franklin Park is a railroad town. It rose to prominence because of its access to rail freight and its commuter rail lines. The Association knew that any festival should honor our rich railroad heritage," Don said.

That was 19 years ago. The first Railroad Daze had one food vendor, the Banjo Buddies and eight train cars on display. This year's festival will have 16 rail cars including some rare vintage cars that the public can tour. Railroad Daze will also feature a great variety of food vendors, a wine and beer garden, a carnival and entertainment, including a Jazz Night on Thursday.

The one constant in this ever popular festival is Don Fulmer. Don has been the lead volunteer for Railroad Daze throughout its history. He works closely with the Village and is instrumental in finding engines, cabooses and passenger cars for display and arranging for train memorabilia exhibits. Unique to Railroad Daze is the ability to enter and tour the inside of the cars.

This month Don Fulmer is our Franklin Park Focus and our Village and all the visitors who enjoy Railroad Daze owe him a thank you. You will see Don at Railroad Daze, on Saturday, June 14 from 10AM until 3 PM guiding visitors and answering questions.

"One of the most gratifying aspects of this festival is to see young people take an interest in our history and learn more about how railroads helped to build our country," said Don.

For more information on the display cars, please visit our Facebook Page.



**2014 Vehicle Stickers On Sale Now**

The talented East Leyden High School art students competed to design a vehicle sticker that visually demonstrates Franklin Park's railroad heritage. The winning design was submitted by Alyssa Aiello and appears on the 2014 Village vehicle sticker.

Passenger car vehicle stickers need to be displayed on the lower right corner of your windshield by July 1. Passenger stickers cost \$30 and can be purchased online at [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com) or at Village Hall. Seniors receive one free vehicle sticker per household. In the spirit of fostering a more sustainable community, owners of electric vehicles receive a free vehicle sticker and hybrid vehicles pay a reduced rate of \$15.

**Apply Now for Sidewalk Program**

Homeowners can apply for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program again this year, to help replace damaged and cracked concrete or trip hazards on the public sidewalk near their homes. The homeowner and the Village share the cost evenly. Please email Cindy Sliwinski at [CSliwinski@vofp.com](mailto:CSliwinski@vofp.com) or call 847-671-8252 if you would like to be placed on the list. The Village will contact you to make an appointment and discuss the details.

**Permits Now Required by MWRD**

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has become the storm water management agency for all of Cook County. They recently passed an ordinance requiring that all properties in a floodplain or floodway have a permit from the MWRD in order to complete a development on the exterior of a home. This permit must also include an elevation survey and documents indicating compliance by a licensed engineer. The permit takes a minimum of 3 to 4 weeks to process and there is a fee required. The types of developments included are home additions, deck or patio installations and garage expansions. Additionally, if you reside outside the floodplain, you may require a MWRD permit if your projected development is over 0.5 acres. If you have questions, call MWRD at (312) 751-3255.

**Park District Hosts Annual Camp Out for Families**

Plan to camp out under the stars this summer at the Park District of Franklin Park's annual Family Campout! The campout is a great event for beginner campers as it offers access to indoor restrooms and access to the Sunflower Nature Center. This event will take place from June 21-22 at North Park. The campout will offer fun-filled activities such as a campfire, barbeque, games, sing-a-longs and s'mores and much more! Don't miss out on this opportunity to hang out with your friends and family all night long at beautiful North Park. Pre-registration is required. Fees are \$10 (Resident) and \$15 (Non-resident). Please call 847-455-2852 to register.

**Fourth of July Fireworks – Area Schedule**

**Elmwood Park's Freedom Festival** - Friday, July 4 at 9:30PM at Elmwood Park High School located at Thatcher and Fullerton. Gates open at 5 PM with musical entertainment leading up to the fireworks. Food and refreshments will be available. For more information, call 708-452-7300.

**Northlake Fireworks** - Saturday, June 28 at 9:30 PM at Centerpoint Park, on Wolf Road. Entertainment provided from 2 PM to midnight. Food will be available. Call 708-343-8700 for more information.

**Leyden / Veterans Park District Fireworks** - Saturday, July 5 at 9:30 PM at West Leyden High School on Wolf Road. Entertainment featured from 6 - 9:30 PM. Refreshments and food will be available. For more information call 847-455-8616.

Lawn chairs and blankets recommended for all events. No coolers or alcohol, smoking or pets allowed.



Franklin Park's new vehicle sticker was designed by Leyden High School student Alyssa Aiello.



Students from Leyden High School participated in the Student Government Day program and attended the May Village Board Meeting.



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