



The Village of Franklin Park

RECYCLING GUIDE

ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING



PAPER MATERIALS

- Newspapers** - including inserts
- Mixed paper** - greeting cards, gift wrap, paper grocery bags, stationery, envelopes, post cards
- General office paper** - computer & copy paper, stationary, post-it notes
- Magazines, catalogs, phone books**
- Paperback books** - no hard covers
- Paperboard/chipboard** - flattened gift boxes, tissue boxes & food packaging without food residue
- Corrugated cardboard** - flattened shipping boxes, pizza box sections without food residue
- Wet strength carrier stock** - flattened carriers for beer & soda (with non-paper materials removed)
- Milk cartons & drink boxes** - gable top milk & juice cartons & boxes, rinsed clean & flattened



GLASS MATERIALS

Glass containers - glass bottles & jars (clear, brown, green) without caps or lids and rinsed clean



METAL MATERIALS

- Metal cans** - aluminum, tin or steel cans, rinsed clean of food or other products
- Aerosol cans** - must be empty
- Aluminum products** - clean aluminum foil, baking trays
- Paint cans** - without lids & scraped clean



PLASTIC MATERIALS



- PET #1** - plastic bottles & containers including soda bottles, beverage containers, plates, flower pots
- HDPE #2** - plastic bottles & containers including laundry detergent containers, milk & water bottles, cups, margarine tubs, baby wipe containers, shampoo & personal care bottles
- PVC #3** - plastic bottles & containers including health & beauty-aid bottles
- LDPE #4** - plastic containers including ice cream tubs & miscellaneous dairy product containers
- PP #5** - bottles & containers including yogurt & other dairy product tubs, syrup bottles, condiment bottles
- OTHER #7** - plastic 6- & 12-pack rings

NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

- Plastic paint cans & buckets
- Hazardous waste containers including containers for antifreeze, gas & motor oil
- Mirrors, window glass, Pyrex glass & dinnerware
- Cardboard & paper soiled with food residue
- Lumber, carpeting, pipe, roofing & siding materials
- Pots & pans
- Diapers
- Clothing, toys, electronics
- Lightbulbs & fixtures
- Plastic wrap



- PS #6** - foam materials including cups, plates, cartons, packing peanuts, packing blocks
- Plastic bags including grocery store bags, cereal bags



For additional information, call the Village of Franklin Park Department of Health and Human Resources at (847) 671-8240 or visit www.vofp.com.

Recycling items may be placed in your blue recycling bin for weekly pick up. Place material that will not fit in your bin in a paper grocery bag and set it next to the recycling bin. Additional or replacement bins are available at the Village Hall at 9500 Belmont.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

April 2017



Mayor's Desk

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Respect It - Preserve It - Sustain It - PLANET EARTH

Franklin Park is committed to being a sustainable community that works together to make innovative and economically-smart decisions that preserve our environment. Our residents have enthusiastically embraced recycling. In fact, our waste hauler Republic Services says that Franklin Park increased the amount of recycling at a higher rate than any other location that they service.

On page 4 of this newsletter, we have included the Village's Guide to Recycling. It can be cut out and used for quick reference. Please pay special note to the items that cannot be recycled. Consider saving your plastic bags and returning them to Jewel to be recycled by the store.

Homeowners can help sustain our community by composting. Check our website's Sustainability Page for information on how to get started. It also discusses how you can have a lawn that looks good without using herbicides and insecticides that can harm your family's health and the environment. You can incorporate Natural Lawn Care practices that focus on restoring balance to the soil system, including nutrients that make a lawn healthy without dangerous chemicals.

Don't forget to join us at The Park District's Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22 from Noon to 2 PM at North Park. This event will feature information on environmentally safe living, renewable energy, water conservation and

how to get the entire family involved in preserving our planet.

The event will help us all learn how to reduce our carbon footprint and respect the miraculous planet we have been given. Plan to bring your old electronics to be recycled too!

Also, I am inviting everyone to join me at 10:30 AM on Saturday, April 22 to start the celebration as we plant trees at the Police Station. We are very proud that Franklin Park has earned a Tree City USA designation based on our commitment to supporting community forestry in our town.

In the Good Old Summertime

Summer in Franklin Park is always full of fun, fests and excitement. But this year, as we celebrate our 125th Anniversary, we promise a variety of special activities that will honor our Village's rich history and look forward to another happy and prosperous 125 years!

The Anniversary is being commemorated with the opening of the time capsule that was buried 25 years ago. I will be joined by the winner of the Mayor for a Day writing contest for students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade. This year's theme is 'What would you place in a time capsule to be opened in 25 years?' I am looking forward to opening the sealed time capsule and also

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**Save the Date
for Franklin
Park Fest
featuring
Railroad Day
June 8 - 11**



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burying a new capsule to be opened 25 years from now.

Our high school art students competed to design our annual vehicle sticker based around this historic anniversary. The Library is creating a dazzling visual display of Franklin Park through the decades which will be on display during Franklin Park Fest.

Our annual Franklin Park Fest featuring Railroad Day will be held June 8 - June 11. Jazz Night, which has gained interest from around the region, will be held on Thursday evening. Great bands will perform on Friday evening and all day on Saturday and in the evening. Go to our website to see the complete musical line-up.

Train viewing will be held Saturday, June 10 from 10 AM to 3 PM with a display of vintage and specialty train cars. The day will feature exhibitors with unique train memorabilia and collectibles.

In honor of our Anniversary, we are planning special family-focused activities for the young and young at heart all day on Saturday during the Fest. We will have a variety of games and attractions that have delighted children through the decades.

The Anniversary fun will continue throughout the year with a special commemoration at our Veterans Day observance, during the Park District's Fall Fest and at our annual Tree Lighting event as well. For all these events and more, please check our website and our Facebook page and look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

Calling All Volunteers

If you would like to help us plan events related to celebrating the Village's 125th Anniversary or to be a volunteer at our annual Railroad Day, please contact Dafne at 847-671-8236. Volunteers will receive a free Franklin Park Fest t-shirt and a free meal on Railroad Day!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



▲ Remember this? The original Mannheim Street bridge and general store.

Park District Celebrates Earth Day on April 22

The Park District of Franklin Park is hosting its annual Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22 from Noon to 2 PM at North Park. This free, family-oriented event includes local vendors and municipalities' interactive booths, live music, a tree planting, craft projects and more! The booths include demonstrations on how to help the planet by increasing recycling and conserving energy, water and other resources.

These booths also include examples and samples of green practices by local organizations and businesses. The Chicago Water Reclamation District is supplying the Park District with oak tree saplings to be distributed to participants at the event. Local schools will demonstrate what green practices they are learning about in class.

The Village of Franklin Park will provide an opportunity to recycle items from your home. They will accept computer equipment, TVs, printers, phones and cell phones, stereos, game consoles, DVD & VCR players, copiers, MP3/iPod players, UPS batteries, microwaves, toaster ovens, curling irons, hair dryers and electronic tools. Bring expired and unused prescription drugs and the Health Department will ensure they are properly disposed. They will also collect eye glasses for the Lions Club and cell phones with chargers to be recycled for senior citizens to use in an emergency. For more information or a list of interactive booths, call 847-455-2852.

Summer Jobs Available for Students



The Village has seasonal, part-time job openings in the Public Works Department and at Village Hall. Applicants must be at least 16 years old, currently enrolled in high school or college and have a "C" average. Salary is \$8.50 per hour. To apply or obtain more information, call (847) 671-8282 or go to vofp.com for an application and guidelines for the program.

Schedule Your Garage Sale

Residents must register to hold a garage sale with the Clerk's Office at 847-671-8242 or by visiting Village Hall. There is no cost to register. A garage or yard sale sign can only be placed on your property. Sales can be held for a maximum of 30 hours within a three day period. Sale hours cannot be earlier than 8 AM and must end by 7 PM.



Seniors to Apply Now for Grass-Cutting Program



The Village is accepting applications now for the Senior Grass Cutting Program, which will run from April until the end of October. Qualified seniors will pay \$7 per cut. Applications are being mailed to past participants. New applicants should go to Village Hall or call 847-671-8240. If you have previously been on the grass or snow program and your health condition has not changed, you will not need to send in a new doctor's note, but will need to submit an application. You must be living on the premises to qualify. Space is limited, apply early.

Yard Waste and Street Sweeping Begins

Place yard waste in brown biodegradable bags and put out on garbage day with your recycling. Purchase bags at local grocery and hardware stores. Residents can select alternatives to bagging yard waste such as mulching mowers, leaf shredders or backyard compost piles to help you and the Village to save money!

Village street sweeping has begun. Please check posted signs for information on dates, times and parking restrictions. If you have questions, please call 847-671-8200.

Apply for Sidewalk Program by May 1



The Village is accepting applications now for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program to replace damaged and cracked concrete on the public sidewalk near your home. Homeowners and the Village share the cost evenly. Please call at 847-671-8217 to be placed on the list for this summer. The Village will contact you to make an appointment to discuss the details. If you apply after May 1, you will be placed on the list for next year.

