



Barrett F. Pedersen
Mayor

Roberta Johnson
Village Clerk

Village Trustees:
Irene Avitia
Gil Hagerstrom
John Johnson
Bill Ruhl
Karen Special
Andy Ybarra

9500 Belmont Ave.
Franklin Park, IL 60131
847-671-4800
www.vofp.com
villagenews@vofp.com

Emergency 911

Police & Fire
(Non-Emergency)
847-678-2444

**Village Hall
will be
closed
August 31 –
September 2
for Labor Day**

Sabor de mi Tierra/ Hopefest– August 24



Families are invited to attend the annual Sabor de mi Tierra/ Hopefest event scheduled for Saturday, August 24 from 3 to 6 PM. The event is sponsored by U-turn Covenant Church and will be held at 35 North Avenue in Northlake.

The family-focused event will include music, food samples, games, and free face painting, haircuts and book bags with school supplies.

Maintain Lawns and Eliminate Weeds



Residents are encouraged to mow their lawn on a regular basis and eliminate weeds on their property including in alleys and areas behind your home. Grass and weeds cannot exceed six inches in height because mosquitoes and rodents can hide and breed there. The Village has begun issuing tickets to homeowners if their grass is over six inches high. If you are disabled or elderly and need assistance complying, please call us at 847-671-4800. Also, if you see properties that need to be maintained, please alert the Village.

Thank you for your cooperation!



West Nile Virus Precautions

The mosquito-borne West Nile Virus has been detected in our area. While the risk of contracting the virus is small, please take precautions through October. Limit your time outdoors at dusk and sunrise and carefully apply insect repellent with DEET, primarily applied to clothing. Remember to clean gutters and down spouts and to store all containers upside down, cover trash cans and empty birdbaths and wading pools regularly. Village inspectors are larviciding mosquito pools that are found or reported. Backyard catch basin can be treated by calling 847-671-8245.

Avoid Street Flooding

The Village is asking residents for assistance in helping to avoid street flooding during prolonged periods of rain, like the ones we experience during the summer months. Please do not blow or sweep your grass cuttings or seeds into the streets. They will clog the sewers and cause a back-up of standing water onto the street if there is a heavy rain. Instead, please sweep cuttings and seeds up and mulch them or bag them for removal.



Thank you for your cooperation on this matter!

Mayor's Desk

Communicate – Connect - Correspond

If you are reading this newsletter, then you know that our goal is to communicate information to you in a timely fashion. We use a variety of methods to connect the Village to our residents and businesses.

The Village emails a monthly E-News which contains important updates and information about programs and events. It is also used to notify residents of events that may get scheduled before the next printed newsletter is delivered or to provide alerts about weather issues and construction updates. If you are not getting these email alerts, simply email us at villagenews@vofp.com and ask to be added. You can also request information in Polish and Spanish. You can find our newsletters translated into those languages on our website.

Communication, as they say is a two-way street. We always want to hear from you and get your input on local issues and respond to your questions about policies, programs and events. Want to be included when we host our next Telephone Town Hall? Simply provide a land-based telephone number to the Village and we will put you on the call list for the next meeting.

You can also call into our Telephone Town Hall meeting from any phone, toll free at 847-400-0841. Watch our Facebook Page and website for future meeting dates.

We are always trying to employ the most cutting-edge technology to enhance communication. When you download the Village's official smartphone app, you can get quick and easy access to Village news, a directory of information and updates and details on events. The app also includes a service request form so that you can report any problems like a pothole, power outage or a broken light. Download the app for free on iTunes or Google Play.

Food Drive Helps Our Community

Our Year of Giving continues with our citizens generously supporting the recent Food Drive to restock the Leyden Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated and to those who volunteered to work the drop-off site outside of Jewel-Osco! Your generosity helps families in need and contributes to our compassionate, caring community.



Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



Blood Drive – September 6



Give the gift of life by donating blood on Friday, September 6 from 3 – 7:30 PM in the Community Room of the Police Station.



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Trustees Bill Ruhl, Karen Special and John Johnson and Village staff welcomed Jersey Mike's Subs to Franklin Park. The national sandwich chain is located at 2830 Mannheim Road and is adding to our community's retail vitality.



▲ Mayor Pedersen joined the fun at a Block Party held on the 3300 block of Ruby Street. It's not too late to plan a party for your block. You can learn more about how to apply to schedule a party by visiting the Clerk's Office, going to vofp.com or by calling 847-671-8242.



You can also sign up to receive Village updates and information in Polish and Spanish too!

Jesli chcielibyscie Panstwo otrzymywac nasz biuletyn lub inne informacje w jezyku polskim, prosimy o kontakt pod numerem (847) 671- 8252 lub na email ekubkowski@vofp.com.

Inscríbete para recibir las noticias de nuestra comunidad en Español llamando al 847-671-8236 o por correo al dhenriquez@vofp.com.

Des Plaines River Trail Redevelopment Continues



For years, the Des Plaines River Trail has been impacted by chronic issues of flooding, disrepair, and unsafe road crossings. The Village of Franklin Park is an active participant in the Trail Advisory Group (TAG) which is working to identify trail improvements and potential route options. TAG is advocating for the creation of a continuous trail network in Northeastern Illinois and for low- stress biking, walking and horseback riding connections between local communities.

The Des Plaines River Trail Improvements project received \$721,000 of STP funds from the North Central Council of Mayors, \$240,000 from the Cook County "Invest in Cook" grant, \$1,030,000 from the West Central Municipal Conference, and \$100,000 from the Chicago Community Trust. Funds are supporting planning and

engineering efforts to facilitate trail expansion. Currently the trail terminates at North Avenue but the planned expansion would expand and connect it to the Illinois Prairie Path and Miller Meadow near Forest Park.

When completed and connected to existing trail ways, the Des Plaines River Trail would extend from the Wisconsin border to the Stevenson Expressway -- a distance of 50+ miles!



County Offers Low Cost Rabies Vaccines

Cook County's Office of Animal and Rabies Control will host a clinic in Franklin Park on Wednesday, August 28 from 10 AM to 2:45 PM. The clinic will be held outside the Jewel Osco located at 10203 Grand Avenue.

Rabies vaccines and microchips will be available to all dogs, cats and ferrets that are three months old and greater. Owners must be Cook County residents and will need to present a valid government-issued identification proving residency.

The cost of a one-year rabies shot at the clinics is \$7 for dogs and cats. A three-year rabies shot is \$21. Ferret vaccines, which last one-year, are \$9. Only rabies vaccinations are available at the low-cost rabies vaccination clinics. Microchip implantations are provided at no-cost with a rabies vaccine. The registration of the chip in a national database is \$19.95 per animal.

Only cash or checks are accepted at the clinic. For more information, go to <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/low-cost-rabies-clinic>.

Be Smart – Call JULIE Before Digging

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? WAIT! Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling JULIE at 811 before each job. Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call - even small projects like planting trees and shrubs.

Call JULIE at 811 at least 48 hours or two business days prior to digging, tell the operator where you're planning to dig, what type of work you will be doing and your affected local utilities companies will be notified about your intent to dig. Within 48 hours or two business days, they'll send a locator to mark the approximate location of your underground lines, pipes and cables, so you'll know what's below - and be able to dig safely!

For more information or if you have questions, please visit www.call811.com.