



# THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

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Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

## Mayor's Desk

### Economic Growth is Good News for Taxpayers

According to recent studies, last year the total value of properties in our Village grew from \$593 million to \$665 million. The Village of Franklin Park has rebounded very well from the 2009 recession, which decreased property values and slowed economic growth.

Our aggressive economic development efforts have resulted in significant growth of property values for commercial and industrial properties. Franklin Park industrial real estate sales broke records in 2015.

This economic resurgence is good news for our residential taxpayers. With over 1.2 million square feet of new industrial buildings constructed over the past year, major industrial properties are being added to the tax rolls and formerly vacant properties are being occupied.

All of this business growth helps us keep the Village's portion of the property tax stable, especially for residential taxpayers.

### Our Business Partners

We salute our vibrant business community each year at the Village's annual Business Appreciation Luncheon. Great relationships between the Board of Trustees, our Department of Community Development staff and local businesses are essential to retaining and attracting jobs and investment.

This year our keynote speaker was Mary-Rita Moore, President of Triton College. President Moore discussed the innovative ways that Triton partners with business to develop a workforce that meets the needs of employers. Triton has been a leader in preparing students for 21st century careers. Triton College's immersion in state-of-the-art technologies and its embrace of cutting-edge teaching methods are giving our region an advantage by developing a highly skilled and qualified workforce.

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▲ Franklin Park residents took advantage of the opportunity to eliminate old documents, recycle electronics and turn in unused and expired medications at our recent Shred Day event.



▲ Thanks to a grant from the Illinois EPA and West Cook County Solid Waste Agency, the Village was able to plant new trees and to establish a butterfly garden west of the gazebo located at 9501 Belmont Avenue. Thank you for helping to beautify our town!



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen and Village Trustees Karen Special and Jimmy Caporusso enjoyed the live music at Franklin Park Fest



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Village Hall  
will be closed  
September 2nd  
and 4th in  
observance of  
Memorial Day.

## Bicycle Lockers Available



Bicycle lockers, considered to be the safest in the industry, have been located west of the Metra train station and are available for rent. Residents who are interested in renting one on a weekly, monthly or annual basis should contact the Village at (847) 671-4800 for information.

## Recycle to Help Our Village and Our Planet

Did you know that when you recycle properly, you can save taxpayers money? The Village offers a 64 gallon recycling cart to all residents and we encourage you to use it, but please recycle properly. Do not put items into the recycling cart unless you are sure they are recyclable. Putting non-recyclable items into the recycling bin actually costs the taxpayer money. The following items are NOT recyclable:

- Plastic paint cans and buckets
- Hazardous waste containers including containers for antifreeze, gas and motor oil
- Mirrors, window glass, Pyrex glass and dinnerware
- Cardboard and paper soiled with food residue
- Lumber, carpeting, pipe, roofing & siding materials
- Pots and pans
- Clothing, toys and diapers
- Electronics, lightbulbs and fixtures
- Plastic wrap and plastic bags including grocery store bags and cereal bags
- #6 - foam materials including cups, plates, cartons, packing peanuts and packing blocks

Recycling items may be placed in your blue recycling bin for weekly pick up. To see our Recycling Guide go to vofp.com. You can also contact the Mayor's Office at 847-671-8236 to obtain that information.

## Sign Up To Receive Information in Polish and Spanish

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.



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Village Trustees John Johnson, Karen Special and Andy Ybarra and Village Clerk Irene Avitia welcomed Mary-Rita Moore, President of Triton College as the keynote speaker at the annual Business Appreciation Luncheon. Many Franklin Park businesses attended to learn more about Triton's workforce development initiatives.



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen is working with Metra leadership to promote railroad safety.

## West Nile Virus Precautions

Protect yourself and your family by taking simple steps to avoid the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus. Limit your time outdoors especially at dawn and dusk. Wear long-sleeves, pants and socks, and use insect repellent with DEET, primarily applied to clothing. Eliminate breeding sites by cleaning gutters, storing containers upside down, covering trash containers to keep out rainwater and emptying birdbaths and wading pools every few days. Keep grass and weeds cut short and close screen doors tightly. Village inspectors are larviciding mosquito pools that are found and reported. Also, backyard catch basins can be treated by calling 847-671-8245.

## Eliminate Weeds and Maintain Lawns



Residents are encouraged to mow their lawn on a regular basis. Please eliminate weeds growing 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. Please note that the Village will start issuing tickets to homeowners whose grass is over six inches high.

If you are disabled or elderly and need assistance complying with this request, please call us at 847-671-4800. Thank you for your cooperation.

## What Would You Put In a Time Capsule?



The Village is taking suggestions for items to be included in our next time capsule that will be opened in 25 years. This fall we will open the capsule sealed on our 100th Anniversary and bury a new capsule for the future. What should the village include in the capsule? We need your best ideas! What will be interesting to those opening the capsule in 25 years? What will be inspiring or surprising or meaningful? Send your ideas to [villagenews@vofp.com](mailto:villagenews@vofp.com) and watch this newsletter and our Village website at [vofp.com](http://vofp.com) for details on the upcoming time capsule event.



▲ State Representatives Camille Lilly and Kathleen Willis helped to celebrate the Village's 125th Anniversary during the Village's Franklin Park Fest.



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen welcomed State Senator Don Harmon to address the crowd during Franklin Park Fest.

## County Offers Low Cost Rabies Vaccines – August 22



The County's Mobile Rabies Clinic will be in Franklin Park on Tuesday, August 22 from 10 AM to 2:45 PM in the Jewel parking lot at 10203 West Grand Avenue.

The cost of a vaccination is \$7 for a 1 year vaccination, \$21 for 3 year vaccination and \$9 for a 1 year ferret shot. All residents must show a valid identification or proof of residency in Cook County. Only cash or checks are accepted -- no debit or credit cards. All residents must show a valid identification or proof of residency in Cook County.

For more information, go to <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/service/low-cost-rabies-clinic>.