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THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

Mayor's Desk

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

A Season of Giving

It's hard to believe that another holiday season is upon us! It is a season of family, friends and celebration. I look forward every year to lighting the tree in Hammill Square and singing Christmas carols with the families who attend this festive event.

I hope this holiday season you will consider brightening the lives of others who may not be as fortunate as we are. There are many ways to spread holiday cheer like donating to the Leyden Family Services Food Pantry. Throughout the season, Village Hall will be accepting donations of canned or non-perishable packaged food for the Leyden Food Pantry.

Also, we have partnered with our friends at Meal on Wheels to collect cold weather accessories for seniors in need. Please stop by Village Hall and bring new socks, scarves, gloves, hats, ear muffs and blankets which will be distributed when meals are delivered throughout the holiday season.

Remember that there are some among us who are without family in our community. There is no better time to demonstrate your goodwill by visiting an elderly neighbor or a lonely hospitalized veteran.

This holiday season, please take the time to share the true spirit of Christmas. When we share our blessings, they are multiplied.

Make Franklin Park Sparkle and Glow Bright

Don't forget to display your creativity by decorating your home or business for the season. Our Trustees will be scouting the neighborhoods looking for the most festive and fun homes for our Holiday Decorating Contest. You can also call my office at 827-671-8236 to let us know you want your home considered for the contest. Winners will be selected the week before Christmas and recognized at a January Board meeting.

On behalf of the Village Board, I wish you a joyous holiday season, filled with friends, family, health, love and laughter.

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▲ Village Trustees John Johnson, Karen Special and Jimmy Caporusso celebrated the start of the holiday season at the annual Tree-Lighting event.



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Please bring an unwrapped toy to the Franklin Park Police Department and drop it off in the lobby at 9451 Belmont Ave. Toys will be accepted through December 8. Thank you for bringing the joy of Christmas to a child in need.



Trash Pick-up Delayed for Holidays

The Village of Franklin Park's trash pick-up will be delayed one day in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day. Pick-up for trash and recycling will take place on Tuesday, December 26 and Tuesday, January 2.



Wondering what to do with expired or unwanted medications? Bring them to the Police Station! A prescription drug drop-off box is located in the lobby. Drug drop-off is completely anonymous. Use a marker to black out your name and address on labels and recycle the bottles too. For more information call 847-678-2444. Remember, never flush drugs down the toilet as they can pollute our water system.

Blood Drive – Donate on December 8

The last Blood Drive of the year will be held on Friday, December 8 from 3-7:30 PM at the Franklin Park Police Station in the Community Room. The drive is held in partnership with Life Source and the Village's Senior Commission. Thank you to everyone who has donated this year. Your donation could make the difference in supplying the gift of life to someone in need.

Recycling *Holiday Recycling Guide* **Recycling**

<p>Nice (recyclable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gift boxes Tissue paper Shoe boxes Christmas tree (non-artificial) Holiday cards/envelopes Gift bags (if paper) Wrapping paper (non-metallic) 	<p>Naughty (not recyclable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bubble wrap (consider reusing) Foam peanuts (Some UPS stores will accept and re-use) Ribbon and bows (consider reusing) Anything on the tree Sticky gift labels Gift bags if coated, laminated, dyed Metallic wrapping paper (consider reusing) Soiled disposable tableware
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Village Will Recycle Christmas Trees

Public Works will remove discarded Christmas trees and chip and mulch them to support landscaping efforts. Pick up will take place on January 8 and 16. Put your tree on the front parkway by the curb and do not place them in the alley. Please be sure to remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel and other decorations.



The Marketplace Open Now!



Illinois residents can shop around for health care plans and learn more about resources available to guide your choices. Go to www.getcovered.illinois.gov to compare plans available or to make an appointment for assistance to select the coverage that is right for you. Open enrollment runs through December 15.



▲ Franklin Park was awarded the 2017 Biosolids Beneficial Reuse Award by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). We are proud to be a leader in seeking alternatives to using dangerous chemicals and finding new ways to promote sustainable practices.

Good Storm Water Management Means Less Flooding

You may have noticed that our Village has not experienced as much flooding recently. What's the reason for this decrease? It's due to Franklin Park's proactive approach in working with businesses to include appropriate levels of storm water detention when they build a new facility.

We know that new business developments add vitality to our community by improving the general look of our town and by bringing much needed new tax revenue to help lessen the burden on our homeowners. But we don't recognize that they also offer another advantage to our community in terms of storm water management.

In fact, Franklin Park has added over 57 million gallons of storm water detention since 2015! Included in this total is 24.5 million gallons of detention added by companies to ensure they provide adequate storm water storage to their properties, including developments by Digital Realty, Panattoni, Molto Development, Pritzker and others. Franklin Park also received 32.5 million gallons of storm water detention as a result of the Illinois Tollway expansion.

Storm water will continue to create a challenge for our town. But, the Village is working diligently to make sure businesses do their part in reducing the likelihood that storm water runoff ends up in our neighborhoods.



**Village Hall
Holiday Hours**

December 21 - Closes at 3 PM
Dec 22, 23, & 25 - Closed
January 1 - Closed



▲ Franklin Park police vehicles are being converted to biofuels to save money and help our environment! All 2016 and 17 Ford Explorer models will be running on cleaner-burning propane which will save a projected \$20,000 in fuel per year and will also reduce wear and tear on engines.



▲ Al Gelato expanded into a facility in Franklin Park to house its storage, production, and office space. The company manufactures and provides their gelato to grocery stores, high end restaurants and airlines. Village officials attended the ribbon-cutting at 3220 Mannheim Road.



▲ The Franklin Park Fire Department, in cooperation with the Illinois Fire Service Institute, hosted a class on forcible entry. Area firefighters practiced gaining entry into buildings during a fire and rescuing homeowners behind locked doors that they couldn't open.

Winter Parking Restrictions Apply

The Village's No Parking on Designated Snow Routes policy is in effect. Parking is not allowed on designated streets after a 2" snow fall until snow clearing operations are complete. Secondary streets have a no parking restriction after a 2" snow fall from 9 AM to 9 PM on the odd address numbered side of the street and 9 PM to 9 AM on the even address side. Check signs in your area for restrictions. If you are unsure if snow operations have been completed, call the Police Department's non-emergency number 847-678-2444 for assistance.