



Village News



Mayor's Desk

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**Village Hall
will be
closed on
Monday,
February 19.**

Chamber Scholarship Program – Apply Now

The Chamber by O'Hare is offering three scholarship opportunities to all Franklin Park, Schiller Park, and River Grove residents. Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to a full-time student accepted at an accredited college, university, or community college. The third \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a full-time current or incoming Triton College student pursuing a degree in an engineering technology/manufacturing-related academic area.

If you have questions or would like an application, please email either info@chamberbyohare.org or patzinga@triton.edu. Please include a contact phone number with your email. The Chamber must receive completed applications and all required information by February 20, 2018.



Clearing Snow Helps Everyone

The Village is asking residents and business owners to please clean around fire hydrants when cleaning snow from their properties and driveways. Firefighters will have a difficult time locating buried hydrants during a fire when every second counts. Please clear an area of about 3 feet around a hydrant to give firefighters adequate access. If you cannot participate, please contact the Fire Department at 847-678-2400.

Also, residents are encouraged to clear public sidewalks in front of their property in the interest of public safety. Many residents,

including the elderly walk on the sidewalks to get to school, work or to access public transportation. Cleared sidewalks allow postal workers and delivery people to move around with ease. It also means that our emergency responders will have quick access to homes. Please do not shovel snow into the street or onto your neighbor's property. Thank you for your cooperation!

Blood Drive – Donate on March 9

The first Blood Drive of the year will be held on Friday, March 9 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 for providing the gift of life to someone in need!

Leyden Family Services At Village Hall

Leyden Family Services will be at Village Hall on Wednesday, February 14 and 28 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM to help residents who have questions or need help applying for the government assistance programs including Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP and others. They can also assist with doctor bills that you do not understand. Please remember to bring your award letter from Social Security and paycheck stubs that show the amount of income you receive. Many of the programs require additional information to be brought with you so make sure to read the Document Checklist BEFORE you visit at vofp.com.

We're Here To Help!

Our mission in Franklin Park is to treat you, the resident, the taxpayer, as a valued customer. You deserve value in the services, assistance and programs the Village provides. You also deserve prompt attention. Toward that end, our staff has been trained in customer service. We also have Polish and Spanish speaking staff available to assist you if needed.

Your feedback is important so that we may gauge our service delivery and improve and upgrade our programs. We have developed a Customer Satisfaction Survey that is now available at Village Hall and will soon be on-line.

Whether you have requested a building permit, a zoning variance, a business license, paid your water bill in person or obtained a garage sale permit, we want to know how you felt about your interaction with the Village.

Please take a moment and fill out the survey at the front desk or on-line after any interactions with the Village. Knowing your needs will help us meet your needs.

Senior Property Tax Exemptions – Apply NOW

Want to pay less in property taxes? Check your property tax bill to

make sure you are receiving all the exemptions for which you are eligible. Homeowners, born in or before 1952, are eligible to receive a Senior Homeowner Exemption. Remember, you must apply annually to receive this exemption. The Senior Freeze Exemption is available if you have an annual household income of \$65,000 or less. There are also exemptions available for Disabled Persons, Disabled Veterans and Returning Veterans. To get more information regarding these exemptions, go to www.cookcountyassessor.com and click on exemptions or call 312-443-7550. The deadline to apply is February 7. In the past the deadline has been extended to March 1 but an extension has yet to be announced. Check the website for updates.

If you are over the age of 65, the State of Illinois has a Real Estate Tax Deferral program that allows you to defer your real estate taxes until the home is sold. To check eligibility and get an application, go to www.cookcountytreasurer.com.

Apply today- you've earned it!

Enhanced Paramedic Training

Our Fire Department is ahead of schedule in supporting an unfunded

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mandate by Loyola Hospital. Loyola requires that all system paramedics be certified in the areas of Advanced Cardiac, Pediatric and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support or risk losing the Village's license by the end of 2019. We are pleased to say that the Fire Department has now been certified ahead of schedule.

These advanced skills add to the abilities of our Emergency Medical Services team. This is especially important since we had a 13% increase in emergency responses in 2017 and are currently averaging 13 calls per day in 2018. If we continue at this pace, our call volume will increase by 27% this year. This increase in training and enhanced skill set will benefit the citizens of Franklin Park.


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Need a Passport? Visit Village Hall!

The Village Clerk's Office provides a full-service passport application process for anyone needing to obtain a US passport. They can also take passport photos for a flat fee of \$13 when you apply or you can bring photos with you. To apply, the following is required:

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship
- Proof of identity (Driver's License or State ID)
- Two recent color passport photographs - 2 in. x 2 in.
- Two personal checks, certified checks, or money orders
- A completed application form

Please note that there are special requirements for children under the age of 16. Applications are accepted Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM, on Wednesday from 8 AM to 5 PM and on Saturday from 9 AM to 11 AM. If you have questions, call 847-671-8242.



▲ The Village recently celebrated the opening of a new retail establishment. 1000 Ideas Furniture, located at 10220 W. Grand Avenue, is a family-owned small business that sells functional, affordable and attractive furniture and household essentials.



Special Needs Registry Available In Franklin Park

Do you have a family member with a special need or permanent disability? The Franklin Park Police Department offers a program that gives law enforcement officials quick access to critical information about a registered individual with special needs during an emergency situation. Residents or family members are encouraged to complete the Special Needs Assistance Program (SNAP) application at the Police Station. Adults and children with disabilities such as Alzheimer's, Autism, Schizophrenia, Dementia, or any other mental or developmental disorder can be registered. The information is maintained in a confidential database and includes emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, known routines or triggers, favorite attractions or special needs of the individual.

To learn more about the SNAP program, please contact the Police Chief at 847-671-8203 or visit the Police Station to complete the application. Please include a recent photo of the individual with the application.



Village Loans Medical Equipment to Residents



Have you recently had surgery or an accident? Do you or your family member need crutches or a walker? The Village can help! The Health Department maintains a Community Closet filled with medical appliances like canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, seats to aid in bathing and much more all available to be loaned out to area residents. If you are interested in borrowing an item or would like to donate items, please visit Village Hall or call 847-671-8282.

Do you use social media?



Then make sure you "Like" the Village's Facebook Page at Village of Franklin Park. It's a good way to stay current on events and activities in our Village.

We also have a Spanish version at Village of Franklin Park en Espanol and one in Polish at w języku polskim w języku polskim.