

Village News



Franklin Park's Family Fun Day was held during Franklin Park Fest. Families were able to view trains, play games and enjoy the music and free face painting and petting zoo.



Mayor's Desk



Summertime Fun at the Fest

Franklin Park Fest was a wonderful way to start our summer. Each year the Fest attracts more visitors and neighbors. Our fantastic musical entertainment, the great selection of food vendors, the carnival and Family Fun Day all drew big crowds. Svengoolie was a Fest favorite for children of all ages. The vintage and unique railroad cars on display on Railroad Day attracted train enthusiasts from around the region.



▲ Schiller Park Mayor Nick Caiafa congratulated Mayor Barrett Pedersen, joined by his two sons, Graham and Dylan, upon being named the West Central Municipal Conference's Mayor of the Year. Mayor Pedersen was given the Donald E Stevens Award of Excellence for his exemplary leadership and devotion to the Village and to the region. He was lauded for his vision in making Franklin Park a leading manufacturing center and a safe, stable, family-friendly community. He announced that he was looking forward to running for another term as Mayor.

Sustaining Summer

Summers can bring sizzling heat and air conditioners not only use tons of energy but they take tons of our money as well. Here are a few hints that might help save your wallet and our planet.

Make sure that windows and doors seal tightly. Be sure to latch your windows. We want the hot air to stay out and the cooler air to stay in. Check attic fans, fireplace flues and bath fans too.

Change your filters often. Your unit will run more efficiently.

Insulate your attic. This will save both cooling and heating costs.

LED lightbulbs produce less heat. The bulbs

STREET DANCE

Friday, July 12
6-11 pm **FUN**

Ladies Night 6:30pm
Semple 8:30pm

Illinois Park and Recreation Association's Outstanding event 2017 award winner!
You don't want to miss this unforgettable annual Summer event! Live music, local food vendors, children's activities and much more will fill the street. Bring your family out to Franklin Avenue and have a fun-filled summer night with your Franklin Park friends and neighbors.

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Tax Appeal Workshop
July 9,
6-8 PM
at the
Police Station



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last longer and produce light more efficiently.

Consider a Smart thermostat. You can pre-set times and temperature and even control remotely with an app. This allows you to conserve energy when there is a temperature change and you may not be at home. Visit our website's Sustainability Page for more information on rebates for energy efficiency upgrades available from local utilities.

STAY COOL! STAY GREEN!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Support the Leyden Food Pantry – July 20

Look for volunteers in the Jewel Osco parking lot located at 10203 West Grand Ave. on Saturday, July 20 from 9 AM to 2 PM who will be accepting nonperishable food items. Consider purchasing extra items while shopping that day to support the Village's effort to fight hunger!



▲ Mayor Pedersen and State Representative Kathleen Willis visited with Svengoolie during Family Fun Day.

Host a Block Party!

Want to enjoy time with your neighbors this summer? Why not schedule a Block Party! It's a great way to catch-up with friends and to make new ones too. Block Parties can be held from Noon to 10 PM. You can review the regulations and apply to schedule a Block Party by visiting the Clerk's Office or on-line at vofp.com. An application should be submitted to the Clerk's Office for approval 30 days prior to the party date. For more information, call 847-671-8242.

Tax Appeal Workshop – July 9

As part of the triennial assessment process, the Northern Suburbs, including Franklin Park will be re-assessed this year. If you think that your new proposed assessed valuation is too high compared to similar properties in your area, you can file an appeal. The Assessor's Office will host a Workshop on July 9, from 6 to 8 PM at the Police Station to assist you. Bring a copy of your most recent tax bill. You can also file an appeal on line at cookcountyassessor.com by July 22.

Village's Water Quality Report Available

A copy of our annual water quality report is now available on-line. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2018. Go to http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/FRANKLIN_PARK_Water_Quality_Report_2019_English.pdf. If you would like this report in Polish, please go to http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/FRANKLIN_PARK_Water_Quality_Report_2019_polish.pdf. If you would like this report in Spanish, please go to http://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/FRANKLIN_PARK_Water_Quality_Report_2019_spanish.pdf. If you would like a paper copy, call 847-671-8252 and indicate if you will pick up at Village Hall or if you would like a copy mailed to you.



▲ Thank you to the many volunteers who helped to make our annual Railroad Day a fun and safe event for everyone!



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen welcomed Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, River Grove Village Clerk Marjorie Manchen, State Senator Don Harmon and area residents to Franklin Park Fest.

Shred and Recycle Day - July 13



The Village of Franklin Park and State Representative Camille Lilly will host a free shred event on Saturday, July 13 from 9 AM to Noon at the Police Station. Bring documents that contain your personally identifiable information and outdated medical records to be safely shredded.

The Village will also collect electronics for proper recycling. Go to vofp.com to see the complete list of items accepted. The Police Department will accept medications and prescription drugs to ensure safe disposal. Also, bring your outdated cell phones and chargers too!

This is a residential shredding only (no commercial shredding) event and shredding will be accepted until the shred truck reaches capacity.

Village-Wide Garage Sale – July 26, 27, 28



Want to eliminate some of your stuff? Consider selling it during the Village-wide Garage Sale! Do you like to hunt for bargains? Then shop the Village's three-day event on July 26, 27, and 28 from 8 AM to 7 PM daily. The list of homes participating in the sale will be available at the Clerk's Office at Village Hall and on our website at vofp.com a few days before the sale dates. If you would like your address to be included for the sale, please email clerk@vofp.com or call 847-671-8242 by no later than July 23. Registration to participate is not necessary, but your address will not be included on the list unless you register.

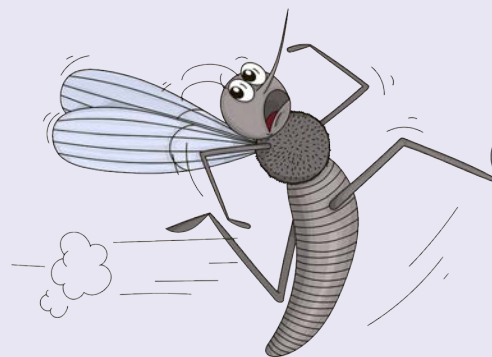
Relay for Life – July 19



On Friday, July 19, local participants will join together at the annual Relay For Life of Leyden & Norwood Townships at Elmwood Park High School to help beat our biggest rival - cancer. The event runs from 6 PM to Midnight. Bring your family to a fun-filled evening that will include entertainment, food and more. Join us to walk the track and fundraise towards the mission of the American Cancer Society: to

Save Lives, Celebrate Lives, and Lead the Fight for a World without Cancer! If you would like to register a team or get more information call 708-633-7771 or email to Heidi.gonzalez@cancer.org.

Take Precautions To Avoid West Nile Virus



Avoid the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus by limiting 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. Empty 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 reported. Also, backyard catch basins can be treated by calling 847-671-8245.