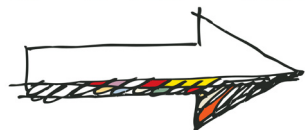


Village-Wide Garage Sale – July 14, 15, 16

GARAGE SALE



Do you have too much stuff? Need to clean-up? Try selling your items during the Village-wide Garage Sale! Looking for a bargain? Check out the deals at the participating homes during the three-day event on July 14, 15 and 16 from 8 AM to 7 PM daily.

A few days before the sale, a list of homes participating will be available at the Clerk's Office at Village Hall or on our website. If you would like your address to be included, please email clerk@vofp.com or call 847-671-8242 by no later than July 10. Registration to participate is not necessary, but your address will not be included on the list unless you register. Go to vofp.com for the list of participating addresses.

Relay for Life – August 4



Relay for Life needs your help in the battle to raise awareness and funds to stop cancer. Franklin Park, with our neighboring towns of Schiller Park, Northlake, Rosemont, Elmwood Park, River Grove and Harwood Heights will host the event on Friday, August 4 at the Elmwood Park High School from 6 PM to 6 AM. Be a part of this fun-filled evening and support a great cause. Want to learn more? Call 847-913-2864. Participate and honor those we lost and celebrate our survivors.



▲ Franklin Park's Family Fun Day was held during Franklin Park Fest. Area families gathered in the park to celebrate the Village's 125th anniversary and to see the trains, to play games and to enjoy the music, face painting and petting zoo.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

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July 2017



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Our Community Celebrates

Our annual Franklin Park Fest was a huge success. Visitors from around the region joined Franklin Parkers in enjoying the music, the food and the carnival. Train enthusiasts came out in droves to view unique and vintage train cars, train memorabilia and to celebrate our heritage at Railroad Day on Saturday.

Jazz Night, featuring the Buddy Rich Big Band, drew its largest crowd. We further celebrated our heritage by commemorating our Village's 125th Anniversary by honoring some of the Founding Families of Franklin Park. The Library produced a wonderful exhibit full of Franklin Park history with great stories about our town. This newsletter features photos from this fun-filled Fest!

Green is Gold!!

Employing sustainable practices in your home and garden not only preserves the environment, but saves money as well.

Using lawn clippings to mulch, instead of bagging it as yard waste, also reduces your costs.

Rain barrels are a type of green infrastructure that captures rainwater from your roof and saves it for when you need it. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, rain barrels can also help prevent sewer overflows and flooding. Make sure to leave the valve at the bottom of the barrel open a little year round to ensure that there is sufficient capacity when it rains. To obtain a rain barrel, go to www.mwrd.org.

Use your dishwasher and washing machine only when full. Switching from hot water to warm water will cut your energy use in half.

Recycling – A Goal for 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.

You can go to the Village's website to obtain our Recycling Guide which outlines what can be recycled and how to recycle properly. You can also contact the Mayor's Office at 847-671-8236 to obtain that information.

Join your neighbors in making it a goal to recycle correctly!

Enjoy your summer, healthfully, safely and sustainably.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen was pleased to welcome former Governor Pat Quinn to the Village's 125th anniversary celebration. The Mayor thanked Governor Quinn for all he did during his term to help the people and businesses of Franklin Park.



▲ Members of the Latoria and Marconi families attended the 125th anniversary celebration and were presented with keys to the Village from Mayor Pedersen. Both families have made lasting impacts on our Village.



▲ Jean & Clyde Dawson are the second generation owners of Sax Tiedemann, one of the Village's oldest businesses. Jean's family is one of the long-time families of Franklin Park.



▲ Mayor Pedersen, Village Clerk Irene Avitia, MWRD Commissioner Kari Steele, and residents Collinette Marshall and, Mike Vallone enjoyed celebrating the Village's anniversary during Jazz Night.



▲ Starbucks is now open for business at the northwest corner of Grand and Mannheim in Franklin Park! Mayor Barrett Pedersen and Village Trustees John Johnson, Karen Special and Andy Ybarra attended the grand opening with Chamber of Commerce President Ken Kollar and Village staff. The new retail facility features a drive-thru, an outdoor patio, a bright and a spacious interior.

Village to Host Shred and Recycle Day – July 22

Help protect yourself from identity theft by attending a free shred event hosted by the Village of Franklin Park, State Representative Camille Lilly and AT&T on Saturday, July 22 from 9 AM to Noon at the Police Station. Bring documents that contain your personally identifiable information such as old bank statements, tax returns, bills, receipts, credit card applications and outdated medical records to be safely shredded. Please remember to remove all paper clips, staples, and other bindings.

The Village will also collect electronics for proper recycling including TVs, computer equipment, printers, cell phones, DVD & VCR players, keyboards, MP3/iPod players, microwaves, toasters and other electronic equipment and tools. A complete list of items accepted is on the Village website at voftp.com. The Police Department will also accept medications and prescription drugs to ensure safe disposal.

Please note that there is a limit of only two boxes of material to be shredded per car. Cardboard boxes cannot be left at event. This is a residential shredding only (no commercial shredding) event and shredding will be accepted until shred trucks reach capacity.



Take Precautions to Avoid West Nile Virus



Summer brings the risk of the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus so protect yourself and your family by taking simple steps now. Avoid bites 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 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.

Your Opinion Counts!

The Illinois Tollway is in the planning stage for rebuilding and widening the Central Tri-State, I- 294, and is seeking input from residents and businesses.

The 294 project, from Balmoral Street to 95th Street, aims to provide congestion relief, improved access, advanced technology and possible public transit options. That project goes through Franklin Park on the Tri-State Tollway.

The Tollway would like information about your travel habits. You can take their survey until July 14, at <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3408155/294survey>.

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