

# THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

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## Mayor's Desk

### MOVING-FRANKLIN PARK

Franklin Park is a premier location for industry including major manufacturers and logistics companies that serve the global marketplace. Our proximity to O'Hare International Airport makes our streets an important part of how this region moves freight.

Franklin Avenue is a main route with national, regional and local truck traffic. With the completion of Illinois 390 and the construction of Illinois 490, Franklin Avenue's importance to the regional network is further enhanced.

#### Franklin Avenue Improvement Project

The Village has received a \$22,960,000 IDOT grant to support the Franklin Park Improvement Project, which includes the design and reconstruction of Franklin Avenue from Mannheim to Runge Roads. This project was the highest scoring project in the Illinois Competitive Freight Grant Program. The project is in cooperation with the Cook County Highway Department, the Cook County Economic Development Department, Canadian Pacific Railroad and the West Central Municipal Conference. Working together with our regional partners and private developers, we will improve the roadway and continue to support a vital, expanding industrial community.

The Project will improve infrastructure and will widen and reconstruct the road, allowing us to take full advantage of other roadway improvements. There will be direct access to the O'Hare Industrial Corridor and new entrance and exit ramps that connect to I-490 and then to I-294.

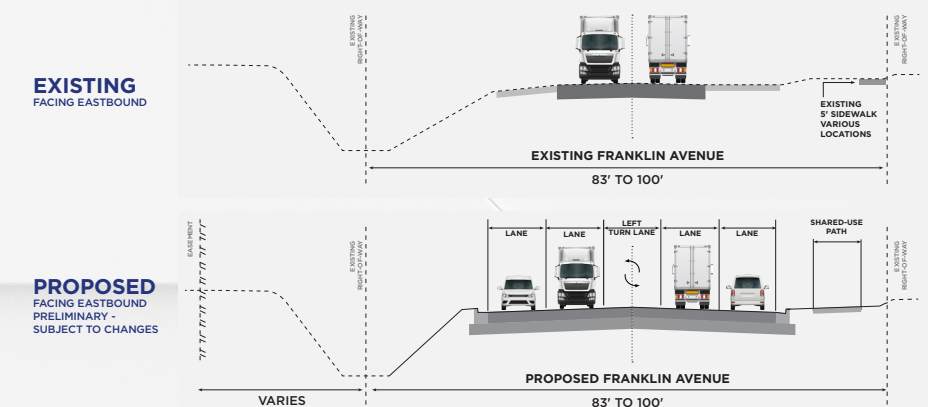
The Project offers many benefits to our Village. This increased connectivity will better position us for job creation and new investment. Modern traffic signals and improved lighting will increase safety. Bike-pedestrian paths will enhance our quality of life. Congestion relief will save business money and improve our air quality. New storm sewers will reduce flooding even further.

Phase 1 Preliminary Engineering is scheduled to be completed early 2019. Design work would begin in 2019 and construction would be completed by 2023.

Phase 1 of the project was presented to the community at a public meeting on June 7. More meetings are being planned. You can find more detailed information on our website.

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### TYPICAL ROADWAY



## Village-Wide Garage Sale – July 13, 14, 15



Do you have too much stuff? Then sell it during the Village-wide Garage Sale! Are you on the hunt for that one of a kind treasure? Then plan to shop until you drop during the three-day event on July 13, 14 and 15 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 or on our website a few days before the sale begins. If you would like your address to be included, please email clerk@vofp.com or call 847-671-8242 no later than July 9. 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 3



Relay for Life of Leyden and Norwood Townships are joining forces in the effort to raise awareness and funds to stop cancer. Form a team to walk or simply join us as we celebrate the survivors on Friday, August 3 from 6 PM to Midnight at Elmwood Park High School. Bring the family to a fun-filled evening that will include a DJ, entertainment, food and more. For more information on how to participate, call 708-633-7771.

## Help Restock Leyden's Food Pantry – July 21



The Village is co-sponsoring a Food Drive to support local families in need. Volunteers will be stationed outside our local Jewel Osco on Saturday, July 21 from 9 AM to 2 PM to accept donations of non-perishable food

items. Please consider purchasing an extra item or two for those in need while shopping at the Jewel store located at 10203 West Grand Avenue on that day. Thank you for your support in fighting hunger!

## 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.



VARIES



▲ Metra saluted our long-time Railroad Day organizer Don Fulmer by naming a train in his honor at this year's festival!



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen welcomed River Grove Mayor Dave Guerin, State Senator Don Harmon and Schiller Park Mayor Nick Caiafa to Franklin Park Fest!



Beautiful blooming catalpa trees were planted on the parkway in Franklin Park last year and this spring as part of a \$15,000 grant from the Chicagoland Regional Tree Initiative managed through the Morton Arboretum. Special thanks to the Village's tree planting crew who always do a professional job planting, mulching and maintaining the trees!



### Village's 2017 Water Quality Report Available

Each year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires communities to prepare a Consumer Confidence Report that provides information on the quality of their local drinking water. The Village of Franklin Park is committed to supplying drinking water that meets or exceeds all state and federal standards. A copy of the report can be viewed at [voftp.com](http://voftp.com). You can also request that a copy be sent to you by calling 847-671-8217.

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