



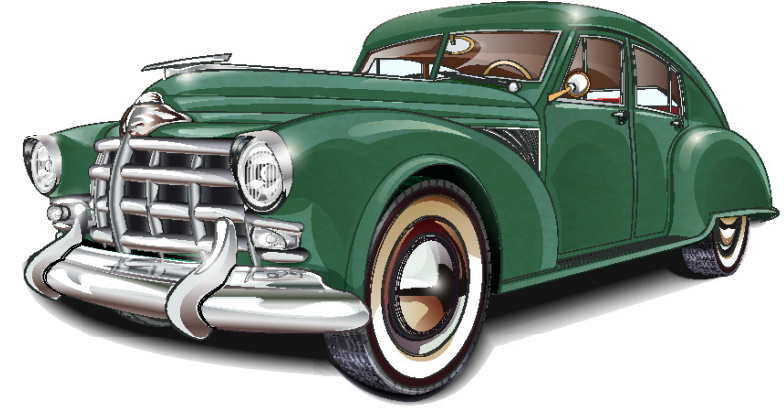
# Village News



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

## Village Car Show - July 25

Plan to meet up with friends and neighbors for a fun-filled night listening to live music and viewing all types of antique, classic, custom, and modified cars competing for trophies and cash prizes on Friday, July 25 from 5 to 11 PM. The Village's Car Show takes place during the Park District's annual Street Dance on Franklin Avenue and admission to both events is free! Mori Milk and Ice Cream Company will provide free chocolate milk dispensed from an old fashioned Good Humor truck! For more information, call 847-671-4800.



The Park District of Franklin Park & The Village of Franklin Park presents

## 23rd Annual Street Dance 2014

Friday, July 25  
5:00-11:00 p.m.  
Downtown Franklin Park

Great music for everyone starting at 6:30 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

A Variety of Local Food Vendors  
Classic Car Show  
Beer Garden  
Children's Area featuring: kid's inflatables, Park District craft corner, an entertainer and face painting  
Show your patriotic spirit and wear Red, White, and Blue!





**50** years with you!

The Park District of Franklin Park is celebrating "50 Years with You!"  
For more information, call 847-455-2852 or visit [www.fpparks.org](http://www.fpparks.org)



### Mayor's Desk

### JULY, 2014

FROM MAYOR BARRETT F. PEDERSEN

## Infrastructure Renewal Project Begins on Scott Street

Franklin Park is moving forward and paving our way to a better and safer future.

As a result, many homes in the area could see much needed relief from sewer backups in their homes because the infrastructure project will separate the combined sanitary and storm-water sewers.

Improved and well-maintained streets provide increased public safety as our emergency vehicles can better access homes and businesses. Well-maintained streets, curbs and sidewalks enhance our neighborhoods and increase and stabilize our home values. And upgraded water mains prevent water stoppages and costly emergency repairs. Upgraded sewers remove waste water and storm water without interruption. These improvements make our community more attractive to business and investment.

The Scott Street Basin is located primarily in a flood plain and the sewers are deteriorating because they were built in the 1940s and 50s.

The construction will be done in two phases. The first phase improves the following streets:

- Westbrook from Scott Street to Fullerton Avenue
- Herrick from Silver Creek to Westbrook
- Richard Avenue from Silver Creek to Elder Lane

This spring we have begun work on the Scott Street Basin project which is scheduled for completion next summer. This important infrastructure renewal project includes new water mains, separation of the combined sewers, new roads, sidewalks, curbs, and sanitary service hook-ups within the public right-of-way. Nicor is taking advantage of the construction process by replacing an old natural gas main in the area with a new, modern gas main.

The second phase will improve Elder from Westbrook to Richard, Hawthorne from Grand to Elder, and Wrightwood from Westbrook to Hawthorne.

This significant improvement is the beginning of a comprehensive multi-year program that will vastly improve our aging infrastructure; from streets, curbs and sidewalks to sewers and water lines. Soon you will be able to view the improvement plans and drawings, learn about the construction timeline and watch our progress on our website.



◀ NICOR replaced an old natural gas main on Westbrook.

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**Fire Department Increases Efficiencies and Gets Ambulances to Your Door Faster**

The Franklin Park Fire Department has made another significant step in further safeguarding the public welfare. By re-deploying the ambulance at the Elm Street Station and transferring the ambulance back to Station #2, where it was prior to 2010, we have increased efficiency in emergency services.

Our Fire Department studied the number of calls this ambulance responded to since 2010 and found that 90% of the calls were from an area closer to the other two Fire Stations. Also, calls increased for the area north of the Canadian Pacific tracks.

Additionally, studies indicated that the Atlantic Street Station ambulance was able to reach the East-side of town more rapidly due to the completion of the Grand Avenue Underpass.

It is important to note there have been no staff reductions at the Fire Department. In fact, with the hiring of three new Firefighters/Paramedics last March, the Department has two more Firefighters than the Ordinance calls for.

I want to thank Fire Chief Iovinelli, the three Battalion Chiefs, and the Fire Department for undertaking these studies which have resulted in reduced response times, increased safety by getting ambulances to your door faster and efficiencies in staffing.

**Street Dance and Auto Show in July**

Railroad Daze was a great success with visitors from as far as Long Beach, California venturing to Franklin Park to see our vintage rail cars, sample great food and drink, listen to wonderful music and enjoy the carnival. There are many more great summer events coming up, including the Park District's Street Dance and the Village's Car Show on July 25. You will find more information for both events in this newsletter and on our website. Plan to come out, reconnect with your neighbors and enjoy our summer weather!

Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

**BARRETT F. PEDERSEN**  
MAYOR

▶ The Village recently restored a low spot on the embankment of the Jack B. Williams Reservoir to help limit area flooding.



**J.B. Williams Reservoir Restoration Projects Completed**

The Village has completed a maintenance project to restore a low spot on the South and East-side of the embankment of the Jack B. Williams Reservoir. This action will help limit area flooding during large rainfall events. The low spot was rebuilt allowing the reservoir to overflow at the intended spillway and prevent unintentional overflow into residential streets and yards on the Southeast corner.

Also, the Village has installed a check valve at the end of the storm sewer at George Street to allow storm water to discharge directly into the Jack B. Williams Reservoir. This installation will help prevent back-up through the sewer system and onto the streets near-by.



▶ Mayor Barrett Pedersen enjoys some hot jazz and cool breezes with Randy and Rosemary Zarn who traveled from Long Beach, California for Franklin Park's Inaugural Jazz Night!

**Relay for Life - An Organized Overnight Fundraising Walk**

Each year, millions of people around the world participate in a Relay for Life event to raise funds and awareness in the fight against cancer. Franklin Park's annual Relay for Life event will be held on Friday, July 18 at 6 PM at East Leyden High School. Teams will walk all night as part of this fundraising event for the American Cancer Society that ends at 6AM Saturday morning. Put together a team to walk or come out and cheer on your family and friends. The event will include music, contests, raffles and MORE! Participate and honor the loved ones we have lost and celebrate our survivors. For more information, call 312-279-7276.



**Village-Wide Garage Sale — July 18-20**

Do you love garage sales? It's time to go shopping at the Village-wide Garage Sale on July 18, 19 and 20 from 8AM to 7PM daily. If you would like to host a sale, register with the Clerk's Office at 847-671-8242 or at clerk@vofp.com. A list of participating addresses will be available at Village Hall or on the website a few days before the sale. Go to www.vofp.com for the listing.

**Sponsors Needed for Summer Car Shows**

The Village is looking for sponsors for three Car Show events planned for late summer. The Car Shows, scheduled for August 14, 28 and September 4 on Franklin Avenue, will include a live band and food vendors. If you are interested in sponsoring the event or displaying a car (no charge!), please contact Eric Richard at 847-671-8278 or erichard@vofp.com.



**Sign-up to Receive Public Safety Notifications**

The Franklin Park Police Department encourages residents and businesses to sign-up to receive important safety alerts. The system allows the Village to telephone all contacts or only targeted areas of the Village in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action to help ensure life safety. Emergency notices include road closures, a missing child alert, utility outages, chemical spills or evacuation notices. Please go to the Village website at www.vofp.com and click the red Public Safety Notifications icon on the Homepage.

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