

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK  
PRESENTS THE 20TH ANNUAL

**JUNE 11-14**

**LIVE MUSICAL  
ENTERTAINMENT**

**JUNE 11 JAZZ NIGHT**  
4:45 PM – 10:30 PM

**JUNE 12**  
6:30 PM – 10:30 PM

**JUNE 13**  
11 AM – 10:30 PM

DAILY CARNIVAL

GREAT VARIETY OF FOOD

BEER & WINE GARDEN

**TRAIN  
VIEWING**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**  
10 AM - 3 PM



One-of-a-kind, unique ability to walk-on and view interiors of over a dozen trains. Mini train rides for kids, train memorabilia and collectibles.

ATM Available | NO BIKES  
NO Dogs | NO Skateboards



For more information on the Railroad Daze Festival, a complete musical line-up and information on train viewing, call (847) 671-4800 or visit [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com).

**RAILROAD DAZE**



★ **FREE ADMISSION** ★

📍 B-12 Tower at Franklin Avenue and Calwagner Street in Franklin Park, IL.

## Apply Now For Sidewalk Program

Homeowners can apply for the 50/50 Sidewalk Program again this year, to help replace damaged and cracked concrete or trip hazards on the public sidewalk near their homes. The homeowner and the Village share the cost evenly. Please email [jlauro@vofp.com](mailto:jlauro@vofp.com) or call 847-671-8252 if you would like to be placed on the list. The Village will contact you to make an appointment and discuss the details.



## Relay For Life - Get Involved Now

Want to be part of the effort to help raise funds to aid in the fight against cancer? Plan to participate in this year's Relay for Life. Franklin Park's annual event will be held over night beginning at 6 PM on Friday, July 17 at the Gazebo. Teams will walk all night as part of this fundraising event sponsored by the American Cancer Society. Want to learn more? Go to a planning meeting scheduled for June 9 and July 14 at 6:30 PM at the Community Center. Participate and honor those that we have lost and celebrate our survivors. For more information, call 847-913-2864.



# Village News



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

JUNE, 2015

Mayor's Desk

FROM MAYOR BARRETT F. PEDERSEN

## WELCOME JUNE! WELCOME SUMMER!

The Village of  
FRANKLIN PARK  
Barrett F. Pedersen  
Mayor

No one enjoys the coming of summer as much as Midwesterners. After our long winters and cool springs, summer is the season we embrace wholeheartedly.

Tommy Thomson  
Village Clerk

The summer is full of festivals and outdoors events, and of course, our great Franklin Park tradition, Railroad Daze on June 11 - 14. Please check our website and Facebook often for more family-friendly events and festivals throughout the region.

Trustees:  
James Caporusso  
John Johnson  
Cheryl McLean  
Bill Ruhl  
Karen Special  
Andy Ybarra

### Welcome to Our New Board Members

Last month, we welcomed a new Trustee to our Board, welcomed back two Trustees and thanked a retiring Board member for his service.

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Retiring Trustee Randy Petersen served on the Village Board for the past four years. He has made a lasting contribution to our community with a distinguished career of over 44 years of public service to Franklin Park, including as our Police Chief. Our entire Village thanks Mr. Petersen for his service and we look forward to his continued involvement in our community.

Police & Fire  
(Non-Emergency)  
847-678-2444

James Caporusso is our newest Board member and was sworn in by Judge Pat Rogers at the May 4th Board of Trustees meeting. He will be Chairing the Water and Sewer Committee. He is excited to take on this important task as the Village proceeds with critical water and sewer repairs, renewals and replacements. It is our goal to complete these important public health and safety improvements in the most cost efficient and expeditious way possible.

Blood Drive –  
June 12th from  
3-7 PM at the  
Community Center

Returning to the Board is Bill Ruhl, who will put his experience and perspective as a police officer to good use as he chairs our Police and Fire Committee. Trustee Ruhl knows that keeping our families safe and our neighborhoods secure is a fundamental mandate of our administration. Mr. Ruhl will make sure our police and fire personnel have the resources they need to continue to run first class operations while respecting the taxpayer dollar.



▲ Mayor Barrett thanked retiring Trustee Randy Petersen for serving as a Trustee on the Village Board for the past four years.

Also sworn-in last month for another term was Trustee Cheryl McLean. Trustee McLean was a driving force in founding our 'Let's Move' Initiative. Her Chairmanship of the Health, Human Resources, Sustainability and Senior Committee will allow us to continue to pursue healthy, recreational options for our citizens, explore increased access to health care and continue to promote healthy food alternatives. Franklin Park is one of Illinois' most sustainable communities. Trustee McLean will work closely with me to make sure we not only maintain our sustainable practices, but that we continue to innovate and lead in efforts to protect our environment.

### MAYOR FOR A DAY!

Also interested in public service and maintaining a healthy community, were the students who participated in our annual writing contest. This year the students were asked how they would make Franklin Park a healthier community if they were 'Mayor for a Day'.



## ◀ Mayor's Desk Continued from Page 1.



▲ Village Trustees Bill Ruhl, Cheryl McLean and James Caporusso were sworn in on May 4, 2015 and joined Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Village Clerk Tommy Thomson and Trustees Andy Ybarra, John Johnson and Karen Special.

It was heartening to read the over 100 entries from 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. They were concerned for our environment and understood the value of recycling. They showed genuine compassion towards our seniors and wanted to make sure all in our community had access to medical care and healthy eating options. A recurring theme in their essays was related to smoking. These young people feel strongly that smoking not only damages the health of the smoker but dangerously pollutes the air of all around them.

These informed, concerned young citizens make me feel that this next generation will be careful stewards of our environment and our health and that our future is in good hands.

This year's winner is Frank Klein from Passow School and the runners up are Natalie Sosa from Roy School and Sabrina Wasilewski at North School.

They are all invited to read their essay at our Board Meeting and will be presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift certificate. In addition, I will read the book 'Mayor for A Day' to Frank's class at Passow School and he will spend time with me at Village Hall learning more about what I do on a daily basis..

Join me in congratulating all the winners along with the all fine young men and women who are dedicated to making Franklin Park a healthier community.

Have a happy, *healthy* and safe summer!

**BARRETT F. PEDERSEN**  
MAYOR

## Vehicle Stickers On Sale Now



Passenger car vehicle stickers are available for purchase now and must be displayed on the lower right corner of your windshield by July 1. Passenger car stickers cost \$30. Vehicle stickers for all types of vehicles, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc., can be purchased online at [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com), at Village Hall and via mail for renewals. Seniors receive one free vehicle sticker per household. Owners of electric vehicles receive a free vehicle sticker and hybrid vehicles pay a reduced rate of \$15. Call 847-671-8200 with questions.



◀ East Leyden High School art student Hanna Argo submitted the winning design for the 2015 vehicle sticker and was recognized at a Village Board meeting

## Ordinance Amends Overnight Parking Rules

An ordinance to amend parking restrictions in Franklin Park will take effect on July 1. Vehicles parked on Village residential streets between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM will be required to display a valid Village vehicle sticker, a placard or an overnight parking permit or they will be ticketed. Parking restrictions were adjusted in order to help residents comply with existing regulations and to make it easier to obtain permission for overnight parking by non-residents.



## Parking Placards Are Now Offered

Regulations were amended to address the changing needs of the Village and its residents. The new parking placard provides a solution to the increase in the number of requests for parking of vehicles not owned by residents seeking overnight parking and for those who have small business vehicles requiring overnight parking.

Parking placards are an option for residents who bring a small business vehicle that is registered outside of Franklin Park to their home and need to park it in the Village overnight. It is also a good option for homes that have frequent overnight guests.

## Changes In Overnight Parking Requests

Also beginning on July 1, the Franklin Park Police Station will no longer take requests for overnight parking for guests over the phone. Overnight parking permits will only be available for purchase in person at the Police Station. Either the Village's parking placard or a parking permit must be displayed on the windshield of the overnight guest's vehicle or it will be ticketed.

The parking placards and permits were created in response to the thousands of phone calls made to the Police Department by residents and non-residents requesting the need to park a non-resident vehicle overnight. "These new overnight parking rules make it fairer for all residents throughout the community," said Mayor Pedersen. "The overnight parking changes will streamline the process to register for overnight parking and free up our police officers to focus on public safety."

The new parking placard costs \$40, with only two placards permitted per household and can be transferred between vehicles within the same household. The placard must be hung on the vehicle's rear view mirror, making it highly visible to patrol officers.

## Overnight Parking Permits Now Available In Advance

Overnight parking permits cost \$1.00 each and are good for one day only. Overnight permits are for sale at the Franklin Park Police Station, 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Permits must be displayed on the dashboard, in clear sight.

Residents are encouraged to purchase overnight parking permits in advance and have them available in their homes in anticipation of overnight guests to avoid having to visit the Police Station to purchase one at the last minute. Residents may purchase up to 10 passes at a time, but must provide the date of use for each permit at time of purchase.

Placards can be purchased at Village Hall and residents must provide proof of address. Placards will be valid for one year from July 1 through June 30, regardless when they are purchased. Vehicles must be parked on the block for which the vehicle sticker, parking placard or overnight permit is registered.

If you have questions, go to the Village website at [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com) or call 847-671-8200, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 6AM – 10 PM.

## Community Presentation On Overnight Parking Changes - June 18

The Police Department will also host a special Community Presentation to discuss the overnight parking changes that will take effect in Franklin Park beginning on July 1. The presentation will be held on Thursday, June 18 at 6:30 PM in the Community Room in the Police Station. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding new options for overnight parking in the village. Also, after the meeting, there will be a tour of the Police Station. If you have questions, call 847-671-8200.