

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

presents

FAMILY FUN DAY

Celebrating Franklin Park's 125th Anniversary

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

NOON TO 4PM



RAILROAD DAY TRAIN VIEWING 10AM TO 3PM

VIEW OVER A DOZEN VINTAGE AND CLASSIC TRAINS INCLUDING INTERIORS. ENJOY FREE MINI TRAIN RIDES FOR KIDS, TRAIN MEMORABILIA, AND COLLECTIBLES!

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED, SATURDAY IN THE PARK AS WE CELEBRATE OUR ANNIVERSARY WITH LIVE MUSIC, FREE PONY RIDES, A PETTING ZOO, GAMES, GIVE-A-WAYS, AND MUCH MORE!

CARNIVAL OPENS AT NOON



HISTORICAL EXHIBIT AND DISPLAYS

FREE ADMISSION



In the park, near Franklin Avenue and Calwagner Street



NO Bikes | NO Dogs | NO Skateboards
For more information, 847-671-4800 or www.vofp.com



THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

June 2017



Mayor's Desk

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Celebrating Our Anniversary and Looking to the Future

This year, as our Village celebrates our 125th Anniversary, we look back with pride at the community we have become; our safe neighborhoods, our reliable infrastructure, our vibrant businesses, our respect for the environment and most importantly, our caring and committed residents.

As we reflect on who we are, we also look to the future. This year's Mayor for a Day essay contest asked our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders what they would place in a time capsule to be opened in 25 years.

Though many students included technology and noted the impact of our digital world, many more took note of our need to connect on a personal level and to remember that our underlying values will last longer than the latest app.

Each year I am the one who is educated by these students. I learn of their dreams and

their concerns. I also learn that our future is in good hands with these capable, thoughtful and compassionate young people.

What Would You Put In a Time Capsule?

The Village is taking suggestions for items to be included in our next time capsule that will be opened in 25 years. This fall we will open the capsule sealed on our 100th Anniversary and seal a new capsule for the future.

Put on your creative thinking caps and give us your best ideas! What will be interesting to those opening the capsule in 25 years? What will be inspiring or surprising or meaningful? Send your ideas to villagenews@vofp.com and watch our website and newsletter for details on the upcoming Time Capsule event.

What Would I Put In a Time Capsule?

First, I would include a copy of the Leyden High School 2017 Year Book and copies of three newspapers, the Franklin Park Herald Journal, Chicago Sun Times, and Chicago Tribune.

Next, I would place a copy of the book *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson. This groundbreaking book alerted Americans to a variety of environmental concerns and rang the alarm bell that we were not respecting our planet. Her work led to world-wide environmental activism and awareness, the cessation of DDT on American crops and the creation of the US

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▲ Elyssa Diaz, 5th grade student of Mrs. Klien at Pietrini School, reads her winning essay at the Village Board meeting.



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**Blood Drive –
June 9 from
3-7:30 PM in the
Community Room
at the Franklin Park
Police Station**



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Environmental Protection Agency. This book inspired my interest in environmental issues, my passion for sustainability, and my pursuit of public office.

As we face climate disruption, species extinction and increasing environmental challenges, I hope the placement of this book will remind future generations that Mother Earth is our home and deserves loving care. I also hope that in 25 years we can look back and say that we heeded Rachel Carson's warnings and we are a cleaner, safer and more sustainable planet.

Worn With Pride, Retired With Dignity

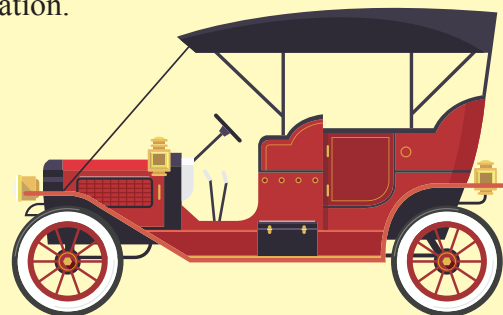
The American Legion Post 974 collects and retires military uniforms with the dignity they should be bestowed. These uniforms were worn with pride and honor by our fine men and women of the Armed services. The Legion also properly disposes of unserviceable flags.

The Legion will collect retired flags and uniforms at our annual Franklin Park Fest on June 10. Residents can also drop off these items at the American Legion, 9757 Pacific Avenue. We thank the Legion for this service to our nation, state and community.

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Car Show – June 11

The Village of Franklin Park is co-sponsoring a Car Show with Harpo's VIP on Sunday, June 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM. The event will include custom, classic and street rod cars competing for trophies. Join the fun with a 50's flashback DJ! Food and drinks available! The Car Show will be held at the Underpass Lounge parking lot. Call 847-455-7277 for more information.



▲ Village Officials welcomed T-Mobile to their new location at Mannheim and Crown Roads, just north of Grand Avenue.



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen and Village Trustees Bill Ruhl, Cheryl McLean, Andy Ybarra and John Johnson cut the ribbon to one of the largest industrial redevelopments in Franklin Park at 3400 Wolf Road. Panattoni Development Company completed construction last year of the 491,089 square foot industrial building which is ready for warehousing, distribution and manufacturing users.

2017 Vehicle Sticker Celebrates Village's Anniversary

The 2017 vehicle design was created by Julia Zielinski an art student at East Leyden High School. Her winning design celebrates Franklin Park's 125th anniversary by demonstrating our Village's railroad heritage, small-town charm and industrial growth. Anniversary events are planned throughout the year including a Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 10 during our annual Franklin Park Fest (see page 4.)

Vehicle stickers are on sale 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 vehicles, including cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc., can be purchased online at 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 847-671-4800 with questions.



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.

Lawn Maintenance Required



Residents should mow their lawn on a regular basis and eliminate weeds in alleys and areas behind homes. Grass and weeds cannot exceed six inches in height because mosquitoes and rodents can breed there. The Village will start issuing tickets to homeowners if their grass is over six inches high. If you are disabled or elderly and need assistance complying, please call us at 847-671-4800. Thank you for your cooperation!

Make Recycling A Goal



Recycling is one of the best ways for you to have a positive impact on the world in which we live. Harmful chemicals and greenhouse gasses are released from garbage in landfill sites. Recycling helps to reduce the pollution caused by waste and save on energy needed to produce and ship new items. In Franklin Park, we provide 64 gallon recycling bins to residents to encourage recycling. We also

publish a Recycling Guide to help you understand what can and cannot be recycled. Make it a goal to fill your recycling bin! To learn more, go to vofp.com.