# THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK presents FAMILY FUN DAY **SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2018 11 AM TO 3PM**

CARNIVAL **OPENS** AT NOON

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED SATURDAY IN THE PARK! FREE PONY RIDES. PETTING ZOO. FACE PAINTING. TRAIN VIEWING. GAMES. GIVE-A-WAYS. AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

**STEVE "MONGO** MCMICHAEL, **1985 BEARS SUPER BOWL** CHAMPION, WILL SIGN FREE AUTOGRAPHS. FROM 🔊 11 AM UNTIL 1 PM!





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

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

Mayor's Desk 🎍

# **Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon**

Each year we take the opportunity to thank Franklin Park businesses for their investment in our community. These businesses employ thousands of workers and make our Village a vital center for industry.

We are continuing to see growth in our Village. In 2017, over 1.3 million square feet was developed. Currently we have 2.2 million square feet of new development under construction. CenterPoint Properties, Bridge Development, Ridge Development and Molto Properties are constructing state-of-the art manufacturing and distribution facilities.

Businesses are also growing in Franklin Park. Koch Foods added 250 new jobs upon the completion of their \$14 million expansion. Digital Realty is adding another 18 acres to their campus on Grand Avenue.

A primary reason for companies expanding and locating in Franklin Park is our proximity to O' Hare International Airport and the adjacent rail and highway infrastructure. Access and connectivity is a critical factor for 21st century businesses. Our luncheon keynote speaker, Tollway Chairman Bob Schillerstrom, has been an outspoken advocate for transportation improvements that increase access for suburban businesses and build their industrial corridors.

**TRAIN VIEWING** 

10 AM - 3 PM

WALK ON AND

**VIEW INTERIORS!** 

**ADMISSION** 

FREE

At the luncheon, Chairman Schillerstrom outlined the Tollway's plans for the reconstruction of the Central Tri-State, I 294, that will greatly reduce traffic congestion. He also noted the benefits of the new 390 and the upcoming 490 which will have exit and entrance ramps onto Franklin Avenue. The Taft Avenue Extension will provide quicker routes to and around O' Hare and will lessen truck traffic on our local streets.

Franklin Park businesses are the backbone of our Village and we appreciate their investment in our Village and their confidence in our administration. Thanks to all.

### Summer Lawns

Summer brings the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy picnics, local festivals and backyard BBQ's with friends. Keeping our lawns well maintained supports the attractiveness of our neighborhoods. But did vou know it also supports our health? Unkempt, over grown lawns and weeds are breeding grounds for rodents, mosquitoes and ticks which can spread illnesses.

The Village has started 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. Also, if you see properties that need to be maintained, please alert the Village at inspections@vofp.com. Thank you for your cooperation!

Illinois Tollway Chairman Bob Schillerstrom updates Franklin Park businesses on the 'Move Illinois' program designed to reduce congestion and increase connectivity

# June 2018

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

The Village is also investing in the reconstruction of Franklin Avenue which will support new growth along that corridor.

Have a healthy, safe and FUN summer!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



Barrett F. Pedersen Mayor

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#### Emergency 911

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









Romano's has opened its new location in downtown Franklin Park at 9660 Franklin Avenue. The restaurant is serving the same food everyone has come to love including pizza, panzerotti, arancini and more, all made fresh daily!



The Village of Franklin Park invites you to a public information meeting to discuss the Franklin Avenue Improvement Project which will explore improvements along Franklin Avenue from Runge Street to east of Mannheim Road. The Village of Franklin Park Comprehensive Plan has identified this road as a main route that supports local businesses and provides major transportation and economic benefits to the Village of Franklin Park.

To create a gateway and increase access to the industrial corridor, approximately 1.8 miles of Franklin Avenue must be improved, including the reconstruction and widening of the roadway, new storm sewer, new roadway lighting, modernization of traffic signals and a shared-use path for bicyclists and pedestrians.

# **PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**



#### Centre at North Park | 10040 Addison Avenue | Franklin Park, IL 60131 Thursday, June 7, 2018 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

The Centre at North Park is ADA compliant. For more information or special assistance, please contact Berenice Vallecillos of Morreale Communications at (312) 300-6874 or by email at bvallecillos@morrealecomm.com at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting

## 2018 Vehicle Sticker Honors Former Mayor



The 2018 Village vehicle sticker is on sale now. The sticker design was selected as the winning entry in the annual contest in conjunction with the Art Department at East Leyden High School. Dana Villamena's design honors Jack B. Williams who was Mayor of Franklin Park from 1969 until his death in 1996.

During his time in office, Mayor Williams worked to solve problems of jet noise from O'Hare Airport and flooding from the Des Plaines River. He connected the Village to the deep tunnel at River Road. A retention basin in Franklin Park is named in his honor. Mayor Williams was an Army combat medic during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Mayor Williams was a registered pharmacist who operated two pharmacies in Franklin Park from 1949 to 1969 and played clarinet with one of the country's best swing orchestras of the era.

Vehicle stickers must be displayed on the lower right corner of your windshield by July 1. Every vehicle registered to a Franklin Park resident needs a vehicle sticker. Passenger car stickers cost \$30. 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.

### Water Survey Regarding Cross Connections and Service Lines

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that all water systems in the State have an effective Cross Connection Control Program. Cross connections within the public water supply are a serious concern, as they can allow contaminants or pollutants to enter the public water system through what is called "backflow". Backflow occurs when a drop-in water pressure causes your water to flow in the opposite direction. This can allow contaminated or polluted water to flow back into your drinking water. Given the IEPA regulations and the dangers that exist from unprotected cross connections, it is necessary to establish and maintain an effective cross connection control program to protect both the integrity of Franklin Park's water supply as well as to protect our water customers.

In order to provide the best program possible, the Village has contracted with Backflow Solutions, Inc. to inspect our water supply. Backflow Solutions, Inc. is a professional service company fully devoted to helping public and private water systems with development, implementation and maintenance of cross connection control program.

Also, the Village is required by law to determine what type of service lines exists for all connections in our Village. If you are unsure about how to determine if you have a lead or copper water service line, there is easy to use information on our website to help you at vofp.com or you can call 847-671-8252.

Please complete the survey recently mailed and return it to the Village. You can also complete it on-line at www.bsiprograms.com/surveys. If you have questions regarding cross connections, go to vofp.com or call 800-414-4990.

## Hazardous Material Disposal Site Information

The release of used motor oil can have adverse effects on the environment. One gallon of used oil can make a million gallons of fresh water undrinkable. It is illegal to dump oil in garbage and landfills.

The Household Hazardous Waste facility in Naperville is open and available to all residents of Illinois and will accept all household hazardous waste items including oils or other materials purchased for cleaning or maintaining a home. Business waste is not accepted. The facility is located at 156 Fort Hill Drive and open from 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. For questions on what is accepted, call (630) 420 – 6095. Information about additional drop-off sites is available on our website at vofp.com on the Recycling Page.

