

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

presents



Franklin Park

FEST

FEATURING RAILROAD DAY

EXPANDED
VENDOR AREA
WITH A WIDE
VARIETY OF FOOD

FREE
ADMISSION

FREE LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT

JUNE 9 – JUNE 12

Franklin Avenue & Calwagner Street (9700 Franklin Ave.)

DAILY CARNIVAL

OPENS

5PM

June 9 & 10

Noon

June 11 & 12

RAILROAD DAY

TRAIN VIEWING

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, June 11

10AM – 3PM

Walk on and view the interiors of a rarely seen collection of trains. This year, we're featuring the Nickel Plate Road Locomotive No. 765. Enjoy mini train rides for kids, train memorabilia and collectables.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, June 9 - Jazz Night

- 4:45 - 5:45PM The Max Clark Band (Latin Jazz)
- 6:30 - 8:00PM Bobby Lewis Quintet (Legendary Jazz Trumpeter) featuring Alejo Poveda
- 9:00 - 10:30PM Deacon Blues (America's Premier Steely Dan Tribute)

Friday, June 10

- 6:30 - 7:45PM The New Invaders (A 60s Flashback)
- 8:30 - 10:30PM 7th Heaven (Chicago's #1 Festival Band)

Saturday, June 11

- 11:00AM - 12:15PM Rosie & The Rivets (Classic Oldies)
- 1:00 - 2:15PM EZFM (Soft Rock)
- 3:00 - 4:30PM Classical Blast (Rock & Bach)
- 5:15 - 6:00PM Anthony Holmes (Acoustic Pop)
- 6:45 - 8:15PM Heartache Tonight (Salute to The Eagles)
- 9:00 - 10:30PM Kashmir (The Led Zeppelin Concert)

- ★ NEW & IMPROVED STAGE & SOUND SYSTEM
- ★ BEER & WINE GARDEN ★ PICNIC AREA
- ★ BRING YOUR BLANKETS OR LAWN CHAIRS

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

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

May 2016



Mayor's Desk

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Franklin Park Businesses Fuel the Economic Engine for the Region

It was my pleasure to welcome our guests to the annual Business Appreciation Luncheon last month.

The Annual Lunch is our opportunity as a Village to thank these businesses for locating, expanding and investing in our community. This much anticipated event also allows me the opportunity to update our business leaders on the Village initiatives and policies designed to make doing business WITH the Village and IN the Village more convenient.

I was pleased to report to the attendees that Franklin Park had a phenomenal year in 2015 in regards to securing funding to help improve and maintain our infrastructure. The Village was awarded \$2.3 million in grants and \$9.3 million in low-interest loans to fund infrastructure and economic development projects throughout Franklin Park.

Franklin Park Designated An Enterprise Zone

In January we learned that the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Development (DCEO) awarded the Village of Franklin Park with a designation of an Enterprise Zone. This economic development tool will enhance our ability to compete for companies looking to locate in the Chicago area and provide our existing companies with an incentive to invest locally.

Our Department of Community Development and Zoning continued its efforts to retain and attract new businesses and support the redevelopment of underutilized properties. Our industrial and retail vacancy rates continue to drop as businesses take advantage of the Village's excellent locational assets and development opportunities. We are excited to have over 1.2 million square feet of industrial space in the construction pipeline for 2016.

In 2015, 83 businesses, totaling 1.4 million square feet of commercial and industrial space and representing 1195 jobs, applied for occupancy to expand or locate in Franklin Park.

We are also continuing to improve our business environment by working on several planning projects that will attract new business, but more importantly, make it even more advantageous for our businesses to expand and thrive right here in our Village. Among the numerous projects are the Franklin Park Comprehensive Plan, the O'Hare Sub-region Truck Routing and Infrastructure Plan, a Brownfields Grant Assessment Program and the Franklin Park O'Hare Industrial Corridor Plan.

Intergovernmental Relationships Help Businesses Succeed

We were pleased to have Congressman Michael Quigley as our keynote speaker at this year's event. The Congressman updated our guests on key initiatives in Washington,

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Village Hall
will be closed
Monday, May 30
in observance
of Memorial Day.



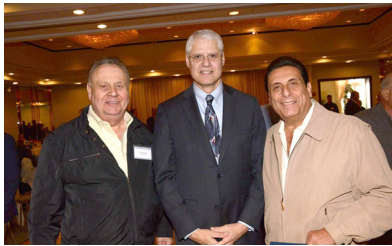
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DC. The Congressman also applauded our efforts in job training and stressed the importance of our local partnerships with Triton College and Leyden High School. He noted the need to train workers for jobs that are available now in local factories and businesses to facilitate their ability to compete globally.

Our local businesses were pleased to hear of the Village's continuing economic development efforts. And we were glad to have the opportunity to publicly thank these, innovators and job creators for continuing to make Franklin Park their home.

You can learn more about the Village's planning and development projects in the **2015 Year in Review** on our website or contact our Department of Community Development and Zoning at 847-671-8300.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen personally thanked business owners for continuing to make Franklin Park their home. The Mayor also addressed the audience and indicated that the Village's industrial vacancy rate has dropped from 9.3% in 2014 to 6.1% in 2015.



▲ Congressman Michael Quigley discussed the importance of modernizing our infrastructure to assist businesses to succeed. He applauded the Village's efforts to work with our governmental partners to secure funding to implement important economic development projects in Franklin Park.



▲ Local business owner Angelo Lollino of Alamo Foods, a supplier of coffee and gelato to Mariano's grocery stores, spoke at the event and said that the Village's "Open for Business" attitude was one of the main reasons he chose to locate his business in Franklin Park.



▲ Village Trustees Karen Special and Cheryl McLean were pleased to attend the luncheon and to thank our business community for making over \$175 million of investment in our community this year.

Volunteers Needed at Railroad Day – June 11

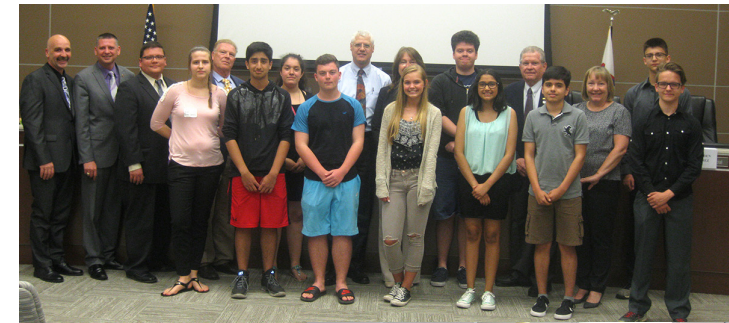
Volunteers help to make our annual event a success! Sign-up now to lend a hand during the Village's beloved Railroad Day on Saturday, June 11 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Volunteers will get the first look at some of the unique and vintage rail cars on display and receive a free souvenir t-shirt and food voucher. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Dafne at 847-671-8236.

Memorial Day Observance



The Village of Franklin Park will host the annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30, at 11 AM to pay tribute to our deceased Franklin Park veterans from all branches of service. Everyone is welcome to attend the event, held at the Village's Veteran's Monument, which will feature an honor guard from the American Legion Franklin Park Post 974, a ceremonial presentation of the memorial wreath, a 21 Gun Salute. For information, call 847-671-8236.

Student Government Day



▲ Students from Leyden High School participated in Student Government Day at Village Hall with Mayor Barrett Pedersen and the department heads to learn more about what it takes to manage our Village government. The students also participated in a mock Board Meeting to discuss policy issues and report on programs designed to assist our residents and businesses.



Franklin Park Addresses Storm Water Issues

Flood mitigation infrastructure projects are a key priority for our Village. Franklin Park's industrial area located north of I-294 experiences recurring flooding in moderate to severe storm events. The Village is coordinating with the Illinois Tollway to address storm water issues through the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project (EOWA). The improvements, including four detention basins and new storm sewers, are designed to increase the level of flood protection for the area.

In addition, Village and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) regulations require that new commercial and industrial development and redevelopment projects in Franklin Park provide on-site water detention and retention to reduce storm water run-off. These projects may include designing separate sewers, higher capacity storm water systems and the integration of green infrastructure, all with the goal of helping to deter flooding in Franklin Park.

Also, the Village and MWRD are offering free rain barrels to qualified property owners which will allow them to direct water from gutters into a barrel to store the water for future use. By keeping this water out of the sewer system, residents help prevent sewer overflows and reduce storm water runoff.

Update on Quiet Zone Status

The Village of Franklin Park, jointly with the Village of River Grove, has successfully completed an application for review to the agencies charged with the authority to approve a quiet zone designation from the Scott Street grade crossing to Thatcher Avenue.

A quiet zone is a designated section of railroad where train horns are discretionary by the engineer. Metra passenger trains will continue to sound their horn when approaching the station. This designation requires specific steps be met, including completion of safety measures mandated by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to stop the requirement for trains to use their horns as they approach the grade crossings. It is estimated that it will entail approximately one million dollars in repairs and changes be made to satisfy the federal requirements, most of which would be needed at the Metra Station pedestrian crossing and pedestrian crossing gates at Calwagner Street. The Village is looking at ways to complete these improvements in order to meet the requirements and obtain approval. Please watch our website and this newsletter for additional updates.

Apply Now for Sidewalk Program

Homeowners can apply now for the Village's 50/50 Sidewalk Program to replace damaged and cracked concrete or trip hazards on the public sidewalk near your home. The homeowner and the Village share the cost evenly. Please email: ekubkowski@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. Work will begin in July.



◀ The Village is excited to have steam locomotive no. 765 at this year's Railroad Day on Saturday, June 11! Bring the whole family to see this high-stepping, fourteen-wheeled, magnificent machine that stands 15 feet tall, weighs 404 tons, goes over 60 miles an hour and has been restored to the way it looked and sounded when it was built by the Lima Locomotive Works in 1944.



Jobs Available with the Village

The Village has seasonal job openings for students in the Public Works Department and at Village Hall. Applicants must be at least 16 years old, currently enrolled in high school or college and have a "C" average. Salary is \$8.50 per hour. The Village is also seeking to fill year-round, full-time positions. To apply or obtain more information call (847) 671-8282 or download a Village Job Application.