

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

presents

**FREE
ADMISSION**

**FREE LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT**

Franklin Park

FEST

FEATURING RAILROAD DAY

**EXPANDED
VENDOR AREA
WITH A WIDE
VARIETY OF FOOD**



JUNE 8 - JUNE 11, 2017

Franklin Avenue & Calwagner Street (9700 Franklin Ave.)

DAILY CARNIVAL

OPENS

5PM

June 8 & 9

Noon

June 10 & 11



RAILROAD DAY

TRAIN VIEWING

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, June 10

10AM - 3PM

Walk on and view the interiors of a rarely seen collection of trains. Enjoy mini train rides for kids, train memorabilia and collectables. Join the fun as Franklin Park celebrates its 125th anniversary!

THE VILLAGE OF
FRANKLIN PARK
125
YEARS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, June 8 - Jazz Night

6:30 - 8:00PM Bobby Lewis Quintet (Legendary Jazz Trumpeter) featuring Olejo Poveda

9:00 - 10:30PM The Buddy Rich Big Band featuring Gregg Potter with Buddy's daughter, Cathy Rich

Friday, June 9

6:30 - 8:00PM Kashmir (The Led Zeppelin Concert)

8:45 - 10:30PM Think Floyd USA (Pink Floyd Tribute Band)

Saturday, June 10

11:00AM - 12:30PM Caliente (Soul with a Latin Groove)

1:15 - 2:45PM Vic Lombardi & The Chicago Seven (R&B Hits)

3:30 - 5:00PM The Dream Police (Tribute to Cheap Trick)

5:45 - 7:45PM Dirty Dan's Cool Rockin' Daddies (Roadhouse)

8:30 - 10:30PM 7th Heaven (Chicago's #1 Festival Band)

★ **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 2017



Mayor's Desk

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Do What You Love

My dear friend and mentor, Ed McElroy, who we lost last year, always gave great advice to both my sons and to me.

He counseled me that if you find something you love doing, you will never work a day in your life. Being Mayor of our great Village is a job I love. I am truly honored to have been re-elected and I am grateful for your support and the trust you have placed in me.

I pledge to work diligently to fulfill that trust. Together, we will continue to make Franklin Park a great place to live and raise a family.

Teamwork

It takes a dedicated team to keep our Village moving forward. I am pleased to be able to continue working with Trustees John Johnson, Karen Special and Andy Ybarra, who were reelected as well. I also want to welcome our new Village Clerk, Irene Avitia. This team is committed to our community and will be working closely with me and our excellent staff to provide the highest quality Village services in the most cost efficient manner.

We are part of a dynamic region that offers unmatched locational advantages. Franklin Park has small town charm and a high quality of life while also having proximity to all the cultural and recreational offerings of a large city. We are located in the transportation hub of the Midwest and at the crossroads for the movement of goods and services in North America and beyond.

I look forward to working with my neighboring Mayors as we address the challenges and opportunities facing our

region. Congratulations to our immediate neighbors, Schiller Park President Nick Caiafa, Bensenville Village President Frank DeSimone and River Grove Village President David Guerin.

Moving Forward

Our goals for the future include not only maintaining Franklin Park as an economic powerhouse, but to build on our success and to continue to attract new jobs and investment. We envision thriving and vibrant commercial and retail corridors. New stores and restaurants and recreational offerings attract new families and enhance the quality of life for all our residents.

We want to make sure that all ages enjoy a high quality of life in our Village. We are exploring expanding senior services and recreational programming.

We continue to upgrade and improve our infrastructure. Beyond streets, sidewalks and sewers, we look to add new bike routes that will connect with the Schiller Woods Forest Preserve and the Des Plaines River Trail. Connecting our schools, parks and shopping districts through bike and walking paths will make us a healthier and more vital community.

Our commitment to being a sustainable community adds to our quality of life as well. We have instituted water and energy savings at all Village facilities. We are planting more trees, using chemical free lawn products and encouraging alternative vehicles.

Our sustainability efforts help improve our air

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Barrett F. Pedersen
Mayor

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Village Clerk

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

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**Village Hall
will be closed
Monday, May 29
in observance of
Memorial Day**



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quality, protect our water table and respect our planet. That greatly increases the quality of life for all.

Honoring Our Past

As we look to our future, don't forget that we are celebrating our 125th Anniversary this summer. There will be continued updates on our festivities in our newsletter, on our website and on Facebook.

I look forward to building on the achievements of Franklin Park's past as we shape a better, brighter and greener future.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



▲ Franklin Park offers a "Community Garden" to our residents interested in planting and growing vegetables. It is located adjacent to Village Hall.

Kids to Parks Day – May 20



Kids to Parks Day, which will be celebrated on May 20, is a national day of outdoor play organized by National Park Trust to broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors. The Village recently passed a resolution supporting this effort and hopes to inspire families to get outdoors! Whether it's a visit to one of America's national parks or simply enjoying one of the many local playgrounds, walking trails or forest preserves in or near Franklin Park, everyone should use the day as an opportunity to foster a more active lifestyle!



▲ Volunteers are needed to assist with train viewing on Saturday, June 10. Join us and you will receive a free Franklin Park Fest t-shirt and a free meal on Railroad Day! Call us at 847-671-8236.

Memorial Day - Take a Moment to Remember



While we think of Memorial Day as the official beginning of summer and a great day to have a family barbecue, it is also the day we remember all who have served in our Armed Forces and especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

The Village of Franklin Park will host the annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 29, at 11 AM at the Village's Veteran's Monument. The event will pay tribute to our deceased Franklin Park veterans from all branches of service and will feature an honor guard from the American Legion Franklin Park Post 974, a ceremonial presentation of the memorial wreath, a 21 Gun Salute and a reading of the names of the departed veterans. Everyone is welcome to attend the event. For information, contact the Mayor's Office at 847-671-8236.

Coverage for Outside Water Lines Available



Did you know that homeowners are responsible for the water lines that run from your home underground to the utility's shut off valve? The Village endorses a program that offers voluntary warranty protection at an affordable price for external water or sewer lines and in-home plumbing for homeowners.

Service Line Warranties of America's (SLWA) Warranty Program offers protection against normal wear and tear, which is not covered under most traditional homeowner policies. If lines break or leak, SLWA will repair the line using local, licensed contractors who are familiar with local code and can ensure a timely response. This program provides up to \$3,000 per incident for in-home plumbing repairs with no annual or lifetime limits, service fees or deductibles.

For questions about this service, or to enroll, please contact Service Line Warranties of America at 866-922-9006 or visit www.slwofa.com.

Maintaining Lawns and Disposing of Yard Waste

Residents are encouraged to mow their lawn on a regular basis. Please take care to eliminate weeds growing in alleys and areas behind your home. Grass and weeds cannot exceed six inches in height because mosquitoes and rodents can hide and breed there.

Remember, yard waste cannot be put in the trash or recycling bin and must go in brown biodegradable bags and put out on garbage day. Bags can be purchased at local grocery and hardware stores. Residents can select alternatives to bagging yard waste such as mulching mowers, leaf shredders or backyard compost piles to help you and the Village to save money!



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RAILROAD DAY

10AM - 3PM
SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017

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Featuring a dazzling display of vintage and specialty train cars.
 Watch our website at vofp.com and Facebook Page
 at Village of Franklin Park for updates.