



Admission is free!

Winterfest at Hammill Square

presented by

The Village of Franklin Park

Annual Tree Lighting

Thursday, November 30th

6 to 8 PM

**Hammill Square Gazebo
at Belmont & Edgington**

Children can have photos taken
with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

- ★ Enjoy holiday music performed by District 84 elementary school students.
- ★ Help decorate our Village Tree! Bring an ornament from home or make one at the Park District's Children's Craft Table.
- ★ Winterfest will feature food and holiday items for sale. Enjoy refreshments, served by our Village Mayor and Trustees. Celebrate the season with your neighbors!
- ★ Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Leyden Food Pantry. New socks will be collected by District 84 PTA. The Village will be collecting old and non-working lights and electrical cords to be recycled.



THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

November 2017



Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Mayor's Desk

A Snapshot of Time in Our Village

As part of our commemoration of Franklin Park's 125th Anniversary, we opened a Time Capsule buried in 1992. Unfortunately, some of the items were wet and not recoverable including a booklet of essays prepared by schoolchildren. Despite this, it was very interesting to note the passage of time as seen through the items in the capsule. We discovered letters wishing us well, newspapers, Library brochures and Village historical and program information. So many artifacts were paper and it drew a strong contrast to today's digital world.

Included in the capsule were badges and ID tags from Village staff and law enforcement. There was also a golf club, a gym uniform from the high school, a Park District t-shirt, a US flag and a commemorative plaque.

What has not changed is the commitment of our dedicated staff and first responders to our Village. We will be preserving these items and will let you know where they will be displayed.

We also presented items to be sealed in a capsule to be opened in 2042. This capsule will include sports memorabilia noting championships since 1992 including the Blackhawks Stanley Cup Championships, the White Sox World Series win and of course a W flag and t-shirt from our World Series Champion Chicago Cubs. We are also including different models of cell phones, a laptop and a notebook. It will be fascinating to

see how far technology takes us in 25 years. We added bricks from the original Motorola Building and a sledge hammer used by Digital Realty to demolish the old building, clearly showing Franklin Park's passage into a new digital economy.

No snapshot in time would be complete without souvenirs from our Franklin Park Fest and Railroad Day festivals and our Anniversary celebration.

The Board and I included a letter to future generations, hoping they will be living in a peaceful world and in an environment with abundant water, clean air and plentiful food. As such, we included a copy of the book *Silent Spring* which inspired the world to begin a sustainability movement. Also in the letter, the Board

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► Mayor Barrett Pedersen reminds everyone that it is not too late to get your flu shot!



Barrett F. Pedersen
Mayor

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Village Clerk

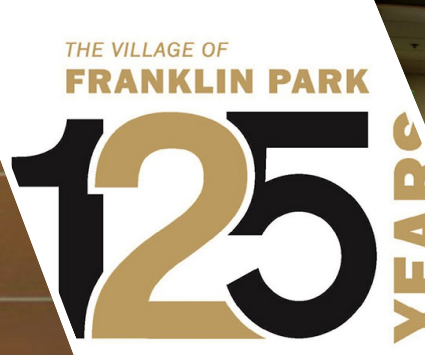
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**Village Hall
will be closed on
Nov 10 and 11
in observance of
Veterans Day
and November
23, 24, 25, for
Thanksgiving**



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and I offered our hope that Franklin Park will continue to be a family-friendly community that cherishes diversity, liberty and individuality.

Giving Thanks

Opening the Time Capsule caused me to reflect on how our Village has progressed. It made me appreciate how fortunate I am to be part of a team with our Trustees and staff that have the opportunity to work for the betterment of our community.

I feel grateful to live in this community and I feel grateful to serve this community.

On behalf of the Board, we wish you the Happiest of Thanksgivings.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Thank You For Serving – Village Hosts Veterans Day Observance



The Village of Franklin Park, together with the American Legion Post 974, will host a Veteran's Day Observance on Saturday, November, 11 at 11 AM. The event will honor veterans from all of our nation's conflicts with a special program that will include the dedication of new names to the

Veterans Monument. Everyone is invited to attend. The event will be held at the Veterans Monument, located on Belmont Ave., west of Village Hall. For more information, call 847-671-8236.

Police Department Supports No Shave November

This year the Franklin Park Police Department will participate in NO-Shave November to help raise cancer awareness. Throughout November, the department will relax its policy on facial hair and permit officers to grow beards. Our officers will donate the money they typically spend on shaving and waxing to cancer prevention organizations including Prevent Cancer, Fight Colorectal Cancer and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For more information on No Shave November, visit www.no-shave.org.



Property Tax Seminar and Assistance – November 14



A special Property Tax Appeal Workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 14, from 6 to 7:30 PM at the Franklin Park Police Station. Officials from Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Mike Cabonargi's Office will help residents file an appeal at the workshop and explain how you can file one on-line by the November 29 deadline at <https://appeals.cookcountyboardofreview.com>.

There will be a short presentation on the process and to answer questions at 6 PM. Please bring a copy of your second installment tax bill if possible. For more information, call the Village at 847-671-8236.

Village Needs Tree for Holiday Display

The Franklin Park gazebo will soon be decorated for the holiday season and the Christmas tree is always our centerpiece. Do you have a large evergreen you would like to donate to serve as the Village's Christmas tree? Our Streets Department will remove and transport the tree and your family will be invited to help Mayor Pedersen and area children to light it up at the annual event on Thursday, November 30. Please call 847-671- 8252 with questions or to donate a tree.



Holiday Food Drive at Village Hall



Please donate non-perishable food items to support the Leyden Township Food Pantry's Holiday Food Drive. A drop-off box is located at Village Hall through-out the holiday season. Thank you for helping those in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!



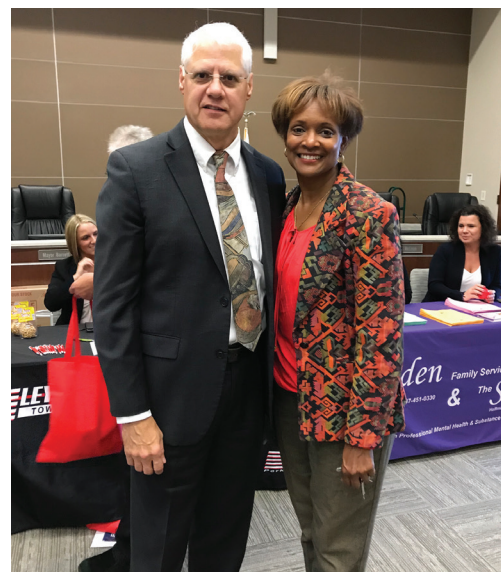
Final Branch Pick-up

The last pick-up of branches for the year will take place on November 13. Please have your branches ready by 7 AM that morning. If you have questions regarding size and weight restrictions, please call 847-671-8252.

▲ Welcome to Franklin Park! Grupo Omniflife SA de CV develops, manufactures, and markets nutritional foods, drinks, and dietary supplements and offers weight-loss products, vitamins and mineral supplements, as well as a line of beauty care products. They are located at 10007 Grand Ave.

Bus Tour of Holiday Decorations - December 1

Sign-up now to participate in the Chamber by O'Hare's Holiday Bus Tour. The tour will feature the beautiful Christmas tree at Millennium Park. The next stop is the popular and festive Christkindlmarket in downtown Chicago's Daley Plaza which offers unique holiday gifts, a merry atmosphere and a great selection of refreshments. You will have adequate time to walk and shop both locations. The bus loads at 4:30 PM and departs from the Ice Arena in Franklin Park and will return around 9:30 PM. The price is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 6-16 years old. Seating is limited so reserve early! Pre-payment is required. Call Gaye Faro at 708-865-9510.



▲ Senator Don Harmon, Representatives Camille Lilly and Kathleen Willis and Congressman Mike Quigley co-sponsored the Health Fair which featured 20 vendors. Attendees could renew their driver's license with the Secretary of State, obtain flu shots and free health screenings, dispose of prescription drugs and learn about health and wellness programs.

Light Up Our Village



Each year, our residents compete to see who will be selected as the best decorated home in our Village. There are no rules other than to demonstrate your festive holiday spirit and just let your creativity shine! No need to apply – our judges will begin driving through town after December 1 to select winners. The winners will be recognized at a Board meeting and will receive a prize. Let's get out those lights and make Franklin Park sparkle!