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Mayor's Desk

New Agreement with Rush Medical Center Will Save Lives

Over 250 people attended and 45 vendors participated in our Annual Senior Health and Resource Fair last month. I want to thank Senators Harmon and Martwick for sponsoring this important and informative event and thank Representatives Lilly and Willis for attending. Our partnership with Schiller Park Mayor Nick Caiafa and River Grove Mayor Dave Guerin has grown this event into a regional resource for information on local, county and state services available to the senior community. Attendees learned about new health advances and obtained new health information which is vital to maintaining wellness.

do the most good. This increases patient survival and improves outcome for stroke survivors.

There is no cost to Franklin Park or our residents for this service. The unit, which will be of great benefit to our residents, is totally funded by a grant to Rush University Medical Center.

I want to thank all the staff that uncovered this valuable resource for our residents. I also want to encourage them to continue working with the Board and me to bring the latest in health, safety and life-saving innovations to our Village.

Mobile Stroke Unit for Franklin Park

The Village has authorized an agreement for mobile stroke unit services with Rush University Medical Center which further underlines our commitment to wellness. The agreement allows the Rush Comprehensive Stroke Center to dispatch their mobile stroke unit whenever our Fire Department indicates a stroke could be occurring. The unit has a CT scanner on-board which facilitates brain imaging and state-of-the-art telecommunications capabilities that connect doctors at Rush Medical Center who can offer virtual treatment.

Census Update

Every decade the US Census Bureau undertakes a count of all residents. The Bureau is gearing up for that effort now and is hiring for a variety of good paying, jobs with flexible hours and paid training. Complete information can be found at 2020census.gov/jobs or by calling the Mayor's Office at 847-671-8236.

This mobile unit, of which there are only 15 in the country, saves valuable time with stroke diagnosis and treatment. The ability to treat a stroke patient on the way to the hospital shaves critical minutes off the time when every second counts. The goal is to provide optimal treatment to stroke patients within the first "golden hour" after symptom onset, when it will

Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving is the time to reflect on what we are grateful for in our lives, I am very thankful for the privilege and honor of serving this wonderful community. I wish all of Franklin Park a healthy, safe and meaningful holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Admission is free!

Winterfest at Hammill Square

presented by

The Village of Franklin Park Annual Tree Lighting

Thursday
December 5th
6 to 8 PM

Hammill Square Gazebo
at Belmont & Edgington

- * 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.
- * Enjoy refreshments served by our Village 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.

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

Village Hall will be closed on Nov 11 in observance of Veterans Day. The Village will close at 4:30 PM on November 27 and will be closed November 28, 29, and 30 for Thanksgiving.



▲ Rush University Medical Center's new Mobile Stroke Unit will soon be in service in Franklin Park and will help to save time with stroke diagnosis and treatment.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Focuses on Scams – November 14

Plan to attend the next Community Watch meeting on Thursday, November 14 at 6 PM at the Franklin Park Police Station. Don't miss this informative session which will include information on how to avoid scams related to the IRS, gift cards, coupons, home security programs and social engineering which includes efforts to trick you into giving up your passwords and bank information. The Director of Police will also discuss code enforcement and take questions from attendees.

Everyone is Welcome at the Village's Veterans Day Observance – November 11

The Village of Franklin Park and the American Legion Post 974 invites everyone to attend their annual Veterans Day Observance on Monday, November, 11 at 11 AM. The program will honor all military veterans who have served our country and will include the dedication of new names to the Veterans Monument. The event will be held at the Veterans Monument, located on Belmont Avenue, west of Village Hall. For more information, call 847-671-8236.

In our September newsletter, we made an incorrect reference to the Village's 2% Sales Tax dedicated to repairing our streets. It should have said the Village's 1% Sales Tax. Thank you.



◀ Bruce Sewick, Chief Executive Officer at Leyden Family Service thanked Mayor Pedersen for the Village's ongoing support. They provide a range of counseling, treatment and preventative care services for adults, adolescents, senior citizens, children and families in our community. To learn more, or to make a donation, go to www.leydenfamilyservice.org.



▲ The Senior Health Fair provided free health screenings and information regarding programs available to support a healthy lifestyle. Mayor Pedersen took the opportunity to get his flu shot because he knows that one of the best ways to help avoid getting the flu is to get a flu vaccination.

Municipal Aggregation Program to Restart in January

From 2012 to 2014, the Village participated in a Municipal Aggregation program because it was able to negotiate an energy rate that was lower than the rate ComEd offered to residents. However, since 2014, the rate ComEd provided has been the lowest rate available, so the Village suspended the program.

The Board recently voted to restart the Municipal Aggregation program because the Village's program now will feature 100% renewable energy, unlike what ComEd supplies. The program's rate will be identical to ComEd's rate; it will not be higher or lower. Additionally, the supplier (Eligo Energy) will provide the Village with monetary funds to be used for renewable energy projects, such as electric car charging stations. The program will begin in January and have a two-year term.

Residents will receive a letter from the Village explaining the program which will be mailed in mid-November. Residents can opt out of the program at no charge, if they do not wish to participate.

Please note that no one from ComEd, Eligo, or the Village will call or visit your home to ask you to enroll. If you are contacted and told that you must enroll, you may file a complaint with the Illinois Commerce Commission.



Enter the Best Decorated Home for the Holidays Contest

It's time to decorate your home for holidays! The Village is challenging our residents to add some sparkle and glow and let their holiday spirit flow! Those selected as the best decorated home for the holidays will be recognized at a Board meeting and will receive a prize.

This year, the Village is requesting that anyone who wants to be considered MUST enter the contest by sending an email to villagenews@vofp.com that includes your name, address, email, phone number and a photo of your home. Homeowners can also register to participate by calling 847-671-8236.

The committee will view all of the nominated homes and select the winners only from those who contacted the Village. Decorations should adhere to the spirit of the season. Nominations will be accepted from December 2 - 14. The winner will be notified and recognized at the first board meeting in January.

Safe Passage for Students on Bikes

The Village will be installing road markings called sharrows which will be used to indicate a shared lane environment for bicycles and automobiles. The goal is to improve safe passage for students traveling by bike to and from school. Sharrows and signs will be installed on northbound and southbound streets, to include on Scott from Fullerton to Addison, on Calwagner from Grand to King, on Edgington from Grand to King and on Elm from Grand to Belmont.

Final Leaf Pick-up for the Season -- Or Consider Mulching!

Leaves must be put in brown biodegradable bags and placed near your trash and recycling for pick-up by Republic Services. Leaves cannot be picked-up if put in plastic bags or in the street. Pick-up will continue until December 2. Consider skipping the raking or blowing and just cut the leaves up and leave them on the lawn. They make excellent fertilizer and you don't have to pay for it. This is a great way to nourish your grass over the winter. You can also mulch leaves and scatter them onto vegetable gardens and flower beds. Not only do you avoid the work of raking, blowing and bagging leaves, you are also choosing a sustainable and cost-effective method of cleaning up your yard. You save by not purchasing bags and you save tax dollars on the cost to haul the leaves away!

Do NOT sweep or blow your leaves in to the street. Leaves, grass or debris blown into the street block our sewers which can cause flooding and damage street sweepers. Also, burning leaves is not permitted.

The Department of Public Works will sweep Village curbs through late November. Please remember to check signs on your block for parking restrictions. For more information, call 847-671-8252.