



# THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

October 2017



Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



Barrett F. Pedersen  
Mayor

Irene Avitia  
Village Clerk

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

9500 Belmont Ave.  
Franklin Park, IL 60131  
847-671-4800  
www.vofp.com  
villagenews@vofp.com

Emergency 911

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

Village Hall  
will be  
closed on  
Monday,  
October 9  
for  
Columbus  
Day



## Trick or Treat

The Village's official Trick or Treat hours are 3 to 7 PM on Halloween. Remember to "shop local" to purchase costumes, decorations and treats. Also, consider passing out Nestlé's Baby Ruth and Butterfinger candy bars which are only produced in Franklin Park!



## Nominate a Local Veteran for the Monument

Please submit the name of a veteran from Franklin Park with a copy of their DD-214 form to the Village Clerk, at Village Hall, by October 13 to ensure the name will be added to the monument before our Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11. For more information, call (847) 671-8244.



## Leaf Pick-up and Street Sweeping Information

Leaves must be placed in brown biodegradable bags and placed near your trash and recycling for pick-up. Bags can be purchased at local grocery and hardware stores. Leaves cannot be picked-up if they are placed in plastic bags or in the street. Do not put or blow leaves into the street. It clogs the street sweepers and sewers and causes unnecessary flooding and maintenance costs. Also, burning leaves is not permitted in Franklin Park. For more information, call 847-671-8252.

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



▲ A Cook County Department of Homeland Security grant provided eight new portable radios valued at approximately \$40,000. The radios are equipped with interoperability channels that will facilitate communications between local police and fire, county police, state police, and federal agencies during large-scale incidents. Also a grant from the Professional Law Enforcement Association provided a new, lightweight, bullet-proof vest, valued at \$900. The vest is for our canine officer Voodoo.

## Leyden High Schools Career Fair & Business Expo – November 8

Do you need a job? Are you a company that needs to hire? Need to sharpen your resume? Then attend the Leyden High Schools Career Fair and Business Expo on Wednesday, November 8! Learn about local businesses and the opportunities they have for qualified candidates. Visit with faculty from Triton and Leyden High Schools to learn about obtaining new skills or updating current ones and discover the latest trends in technology. The free event is co-sponsored by the Chamber by O'Hare and is open to students, parents, businesses and community members. The Fair will be held 11:15 AM to 3 PM at the East Leyden Field House at 3400 Rose Street. For more information or to reserve booth space, call 847-451-3031.

## Mayor's Desk

### Our Firefighters Support Our Veterans

The last few months have demonstrated the critical role played by our first responders. The recovery efforts from the catastrophic hurricanes, the rescues of schoolchildren in the Mexico City earthquake and the anniversary of the terror attacks on September 11 all remind us that these brave men and women put themselves in harm's way for us each and every day.

Our firefighters are also coming to the rescue of veterans and their families. I could not be prouder to announce that the Franklin Park Fire Department, in cooperation with American Legion Post 974, is raising money for Fisher House. Fisher House provides housing at no cost for veterans and their families undergoing treatment at Hines VA Hospital.

On Fridays, you will see our firefighters wearing bright RED t-shirts instead of their uniforms to support our troops. RED stands for Remember Everyone Deployed. The firefighters are required to purchase their own t-shirt and the proceeds from the sales of the shirts were matched by the American Legion, resulting in a donation of \$1,125 to Fisher House. If you wish to buy a shirt or make a donation, please contact the American Legion Post or the fire Department.

### Take Fire Prevention Seriously

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14 and reminds us to focus on fire prevention and safety. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts - Plan 2 Ways Out!" which encourages families to have an evacuation plan to save lives if there is a fire in their home. Our Franklin Park Fire Department is on the cutting edge of offering educational and fire

prevention information to our residents and businesses. Key suggestions for your home safety plan include:

- Have smoke alarms in working order on every floor; check the batteries monthly.
- Make your fire extinguishers accessible and make sure everyone in the family knows where they are located and how to use them.
- Identify two exits from each room and each floor and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice a home fire drill at least twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different exits you have identified.

Mayor's Desk Continued on Page 2. ►



▲ Proceeds from the sale of these red t-shirts go to support Hines VA Hospital's Fisher House.



### ◀ Mayor's Desk Continued from Page 1.

- Teach your children how to escape on their own in case you are not home or cannot help them.
- Make sure your address is clearly visible and easy for the Fire Department to see.
- Always close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

You can learn more about fire safety and have a fun afternoon at the Fire Department's Open House on Saturday, October 14. More information about that event is featured in this newsletter.

### Digital Realty Makes Sustainability Their Goal

Data centers consume a great deal of energy. But Digital Realty, making their home in sustainable Franklin Park, has made measurable efforts to increase energy efficiency. Digital set a goal of reducing energy consumption by 2024. They met and exceeded their goal by the end of 2016!

Digital Realty also received their second LEED certification at their Franklin Park campus. Congratulations to Digital Realty for being a great corporate citizen and a great steward of our planet!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



▲ Chipotle is open for business in Franklin Park! Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Trustees Karen Special, John Johnson and Andy Ybarra, Clerk Irene Avitia and Village staff welcomed the new restaurant to town. Chipotle Mexican Grill is located at 2926 Mannheim Road. Chipotle offers food made from fresh, high-quality raw ingredients that are sustainably grown.

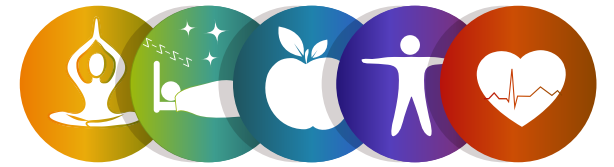
### Fire Department's Open House – Oct 14

The Franklin Park Fire Department invites everyone to their annual Open House on Saturday, October 14 from 11 AM to 3 PM at Fire Station #2 at 10001 W. Addison. Children will have the opportunity to meet our firefighters and paramedics, see fire engines and ambulances up close, and get to use a fire hose! There will be games, give-a-ways, free hot dogs, popcorn, donuts and other refreshments too! Families can learn how to be safe by utilizing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Remember, working smoke alarms save lives -- test yours every month! For more information, call 847.678.2400.



### Health and Resource Fair – October 20

Mayor Barrett Pedersen and Senator Don Harmon will host a Health and Resource Fair on Friday, October 20 from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Community Room of the Police Station. The event is FREE and will provide important information to help you live a healthy life.



Several medical tests will be available for FREE including glucose testing, blood pressure readings and cholesterol testing. Flu shots will be provided on-site (fee required).

The Fair will also include vendors with important information regarding government programs and community resources to support senior living.

The Illinois Secretary of State will be at the Fair to allow you to renew your Driver's License or State ID. Please note, this service is for simple renewals and tests will NOT be administered. The Police Department will collect unwanted medications too. There will be lots of giveaways and more! Refreshments will be served! Go to [vofp.com](http://vofp.com) or call 847-671-8282 for details.

### National Prescription Drug Take Back Day – October 28

You can do your part in fighting prescription drug addiction by bringing your unused or expired medications to the Franklin Park Police Station. Simply drop-off any unwanted drugs, including over the counter medications between the hours of 7 AM to 7 PM to ensure they will be disposed of safely. Accepted items include, all prescription medications, over-the counter medications, medicated ointments, medicated shampoos, liquids containing medications, prescription and over-the-counter inhalers and needles.

Do not flush drugs down the toilet because these substances are bad for our environment--the ground, water, and air around us. Turn in any expired and unused prescription drugs to ensure they are disposed of properly. If you have questions, please call 847-671-8200.

**National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY**

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

**October 28, 2017**

### Senior Snow Removal Program - Apply Now!

Senior citizens, 65 or older and disabled residents can apply now for the Village-subsidized Senior Snow Removal Program. The program allows participants to pay a discounted fee per service request. If you were previously enrolled in the program, you MUST enroll again. Applications are available at Village Hall or by calling 847-671-8240. Apply early before the program fills up!

### Leyden Family Services at Village Hall

Leyden Family Services will be at Village Hall on Wednesday, Oct 11 and 25 from 9:30 AM to Noon to help residents who have questions or need help applying for the government assistance programs. Bring your Social Security award letter and paycheck stubs that show the amount of income you receive. Many programs require additional information to be brought with you so read the Document Checklist BEFORE you visit at [vofp.com](http://vofp.com).