



# VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

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## Mayor's Desk

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

### Spotlight on Senior Health and Wellness

I am pleased to again host our annual Senior Health and Resource Fair with State Senator Don Harmon on Thursday, October 25 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Park District's Centre at North Park. We will have dozens of vendors on site to provide health screenings and helpful information to support our senior community.

The Health Fair will include free basic health screenings including blood pressure checks and glucose and cholesterol tests. With winter on the way, influenza season will soon be upon us so plan to get your flu and pneumonia shot at the Fair. In addition, health care providers and government officials will be on hand to answer your questions and provide resources to support your ability to live a healthy lifestyle.

No registration is necessary to attend the event. To learn more about the Fair see the article on page 3 of this newsletter and on our website at vofp.com. See you at the Fair!

#### Quiet Zone Update

It is always a joy in autumn to be able to open our windows and enjoy the cool fall air. But in Franklin Park, it also means we hear the train horns.

We have received many inquiries about what can be done to stop the horns and let us all get a good night's rest! Limiting train horn noise and getting a Quiet Zone designation has always been a top priority. Over the past few years, we have taken many steps to get closer to that designation.

The Village has received a \$975,000 Rail Safety Grant which will fund a significant portion of the safety improvements needed at the pedestrian crossing at the Calwagner and 25th Street grade crossings and the Metra

Station. Those improvements are, by law, required to be designed and constructed by Metra. Metra has reported that it will design the improvements next year and construct the improvements in 2020.

These improvements would help Franklin Park become eligible for a Quiet Zone designation.

A neighboring community that now has a Quiet Zone designation indicates that the train engineers do not always honor the Quiet Zone restrictions. The Board and I are dedicated to receiving the designation in Franklin Park.

We share our residents' frustration with this annoyance and we know it is a long process. The Federal Government has complete jurisdiction over the railroads and we are working closely with Congressman Mike Quigley and Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth.

#### Practice Fire Prevention

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice. It is critically important to practice an escape route for your family in case of a fire. And remember to check the batteries on your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors!

You can learn more about fire safety and have a fun afternoon at the Fire Department's Open House on Saturday, October 13. More information about that event is featured in this newsletter.

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### Leaf Pick-up and Street Sweeping Information

Leaves must be put 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.



### 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.



### 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 the discounted rate of \$19 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!

### Do You Need Help With Government Programs?

Leyden Family Services will be at Village Hall on Wednesday, Oct 10 and 24 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM to help residents who have questions or need help applying for the government assistance programs like Medicare, Medicaid, LIHEAP and other programs. Staff can also help you to understand your medical bills, with prescription assistance, to get license plate discounts and free train and bus passes!

Also free Energy Kits are available for qualified low income residents. Kits include a 7 plug Advance power strip, LED lightbulbs, energy efficient shower heads, and nightlights.

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.



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2018 Career Fair  
and Business Expo  
November 7  
11:15 AM to 3 PM  
West Leyden  
Field House  
LeydenCTE.com



## Village Hall to Host Early Voting

Take advantage of the opportunity to vote early in Franklin Park for the November 6, Gubernatorial Election. Early Voting will take place at Village Hall, behind the Clerk's Office in the conference room, with easy access from the parking lot. You can visit Village Hall to vote early from October 22 through November 5. Hours are:

**Monday – Friday Oct. 22 - Oct. 26**  
9 AM – 5 PM

**Monday – Friday Oct. 29 - Nov. 2**  
9 AM - 7 PM

**Saturday, Oct. 27 & Nov. 3**  
9 AM - 5 PM

**Sunday, Oct. 28 & Nov. 4**  
10 AM - 4 PM

**Monday, Nov. 5**  
9 AM – 5 PM



▲ Bridge Point Franklin Park had a ribbon cutting ceremony for two of their three new Class A industrial buildings. Bridge Development had purchased the 37 acre site on Franklin Avenue from the Magellan Pipeline Company in 2017. The site was a brownfield, but was assessed under funding from the Cook County Brownfield Assessment project. Two of three buildings are finished, and the third building is expected to be completed next year. The three new buildings at 10601 Franklin Avenue will total 656,300 square feet of new industrial space, and are estimated to bring 131 jobs to the Village of Franklin Park.

## Fire Department's Open House - October 13

The Franklin Park Fire Department will host its annual Open House on Saturday, October 13 from 11 AM to 3 PM at Fire Station #2, located at 10001 W. Addison. Come meet our firefighters and paramedics, get an up close look at the fire engines and ambulances, and learn how to use a fire hose! The event will include games, give-a-ways, free hot dogs, popcorn, donuts and other refreshments too! 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.



## Senior Health and Resource Fair – October 25

Mayor Barrett Pedersen and State Senator Don Harmon invite everyone to our annual Health and Resource Fair on Thursday, October 25 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Park District's Centre at North Park. The event is FREE and will provide valuable health and wellness information, sample products and free health care screenings!

Medical specialist will be on hand to test your blood pressure and glucose. Flu and pneumonia shots will be given too. There will be representatives from health agencies that will provide important information to help you live a healthy life!

The Illinois Secretary of State will be at the Fair to renew your Driver's License or State ID. Vendors with important information regarding government programs and community resources to support senior living will also be there to answer your questions.

Plan to bring your expired and unwanted medication for proper disposal by the Police Department. There will be lots of fun giveaways and much 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 27

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Saturday, October 28th  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal



Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic. In fact, a majority of abused prescription drugs were obtained from family and friends, often from the home medicine cabinet.

National Take Back Day is an opportunity for everyone to safely dispose of drugs to help prevent addiction and overdose deaths. Clean out your medicine cabinets and turn in your prescription drugs - safely and anonymously - to

the Franklin Park Police Station. Simply drop-off any unwanted drugs between the hours of 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, October 27. 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.

Please do not flush drugs down the toilet because these substances are bad for our environment. If you have questions, please call 847-678-2444.

## Chamber to Host Breakfast with Your Representatives – October 17

The Chamber by O'Hare invites everyone to a free breakfast to meet our area representatives on Wednesday, October 17 at 8 AM at Triton College in the Student Center. This is an excellent opportunity to talk face to face with the people who represent you in the Illinois Legislature. Our State Senators and Representatives will address the event and also take questions from attendees.

Please RSVP at [chamberbyohare.org](http://chamberbyohare.org) or to Gaye Faro at 708-865-9510.



▲ The Village's official Trick or Treat hours are 3 to 7 PM on Halloween. Last year Mayor Pedersen handed out Nestlé's Baby Ruth and Butterfinger candy bars which are only produced in Franklin Park!