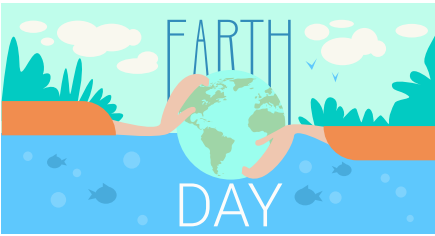


# Senior Grass-Cutting Program – Apply Now!

The Village's Senior Grass-Cutting Program, which runs from April through the end of October, is now open for registration! Qualified seniors will pay \$10 per cut. Applications are mailed to past participants. New applicants should go to Village Hall or call 847-671-8240. If you have previously been on the grass or snow program and your health condition has not changed, you will not need to send in a new doctor's note, but will need to submit an application. You must live on the premises. Space is limited, so apply soon! We can also provide a list of vendors you can work with directly if you prefer. Information is available at [vofp.com](http://vofp.com). Vendors rates vary.



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## Park District's Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 21, Noon to 2 PM Center at North Park

Bring your unused or expired medications to the Village's table at the event. Recycle your electronics and old cell phones too! Learn about water conservation, reducing electricity usage and more!

**Leyden Family Services Is Here To Help!**

Need help applying for government programs? Leyden Family Services can help! Staff from Leyden Family Services will be at Village Hall to assist you with applying for Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, Medicare Savings Program and LIHEAP.

Can't make sense of your doctor or hospital bills? They can help you with understanding your medical bills and can provide prescription assistance too. They can assist you with getting license plate discounts and free train and bus passes as well.

Mark your calendars! Staff will be at Village Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 AM on Wednesday, April 11, and 25 and May 9 and 23. No appointment is necessary, just stop in! Please remember to bring your award letter from Social Security and paycheck stubs that show the amount of income you receive. Also, check the Document Checklist BEFORE you visit at [vofp.com](http://vofp.com) to see if additional items are required.

## Senior Resources Available

Growing older brings many new challenges and questions. The Village's website has helpful information and resources available that can help seniors sort out issues pertaining to aging in place, emergency preparedness for the elderly, home modifications for senior safety and more. Check out our Senior Services page at [vofp.com](http://vofp.com). We also have information on Meals on Wheels service and links to government agencies. Also, follow us on Facebook at Village of Franklin Park.

# THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

# Senior News

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## Free Seminars on Identity Theft and Reverse Mortgages



### FREE INFORMATION SEMINARS!

If it seems too good to be true,  
it probably is!

We have all heard the sad stories about people who have been hurt financially by a scam that included identity theft. These types of crimes are increasing in part because identity theft is often very difficult to recognize. To help you learn more about how to protect yourself, I will be hosting a **FREE seminar on Thursday, April 12 at 10:30 AM.**

A representative from the Office of Illinois Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza will discuss how you can identify potential scams and frauds. This highly informative session will also highlight the ways you can protect and prepare yourself against falling victim to identity theft. The discussion will include ways to protect your personal information and how to keep it from falling into the hands of identity thieves.

The seminar will be held at the Community Café in the Park District's North Park facility at 10040 Addison. Bring your friends and stay for lunch at the Café!

Turn on the TV and you are bound to see an ad for reverse mortgages. But do you really understand how they work? To help you learn more about the advantages and disadvantages of reverse mortgages versus other financial alternatives, I will be hosting a **FREE seminar on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 PM.**

The seminar will be held in the Community Room of the Police Station, located at 9451 West Belmont.

Registration is not required for either seminar. The events will also include information from other organizations that serve our community. Refreshments will be served too! For more information, call 847-671-8236.



## Our Seniors Are Our Inspiration

Meet Colinette Marshall. Colinette is a proud member of the Franklin Park American Legion Women's Auxiliary. Recently she was pleased to work on an event to help homeless veterans by serving them meals at the Legion and distributing much needed toiletries, clothing, food and blankets. Colinette is an active volunteer at Village events too and was indispensable

in planning events related to Franklin Park's 125th Anniversary celebration last year. She loves to travel with her husband and keeps in contact with friends and family through Facebook.

If you know an inspirational senior citizen, email us at [villagenews@vofp.com](mailto:villagenews@vofp.com) or call 847-671-8282.