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**Donate Blood**  
**September 8**  
**3 PM - 7:30 PM**  
**at the Police**  
**Station**

## Passport Services Available at Village Hall

The Office of the Village Clerk provides a full-service passport application process for anyone needing to obtain a US passport. Before applying, you will need to bring the following items to the Clerk's Office:

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship
- Proof of identity (Driver's License or State ID)
- Two recent color passport photographs - 2 in. x 2 in. (see more below)
- Two personal checks, certified checks, or money orders
- Application form

If you don't already have a passport photo, don't worry, the Clerk's Office can take one for you! For a flat fee of \$13.00, passport photos can be taken at the time of your application. No more running to the local photo center just to take a couple of snapshots only to find out that they don't meet the specification of the U.S. Department of Customs!

Applications are accepted Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM, on Wednesday from 8 AM to 5 PM and on Saturday from 9 AM to 11 AM. Special appointments can be arranged by contacting the Clerk's Office. Also, please note that there are special requirements for a child under the age of 16. For more information, call 847.671.8242.



## Mayor's Desk

### September – A Time To Remember

This year, on September 11th, our Village will participate in a Patriot Walk sponsored by Sax Tiedeman. As a nation, as a people, as a community, we will come together to honor all the victims as well as the heroes of that horrible attack on American soil.

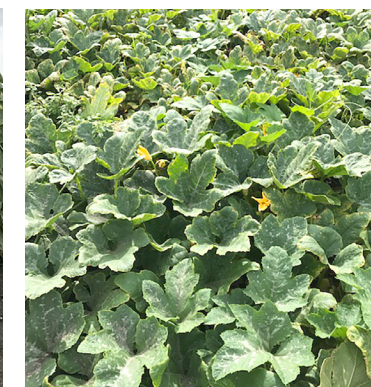
Patriot Day, as September 11th is now known, is a national day of service and remembrance for the thousands of lives lost during the attacks. It is also an opportunity to pay tribute to the brave first responders; law enforcement, firefighters and members of the medical community, who ran toward danger that day to help their fellow Americans.

It was indeed a dark day in our history. But it was also a day that demonstrated the valor and courage of those heroes – a courage they show every day as they willingly put themselves in harm's way

for our safety. In Franklin Park, we are fortunate to have dedicated men and women as first responders who will always be ready, not just to do their duty, but to go above and beyond to help their fellow man.

Americans from all walks of life, backgrounds, races and religions also came forward to volunteer to help in the rescue and recovery efforts after the attacks. September 11, 2001 brought all Americans together. It made us recommit to our shared principles and beliefs and it made us value our liberty. Today, our nation needs that pause to thank our first responders and to honor that unique American spirit that has allowed us to be the longest surviving democracy in the history of the world.

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▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Trustee Andy Ybarra and MWRD Commissioner Kari Steele joined biosolid engineers at the Village's King Street Pumping Station. Corn, pumpkins and sunflowers, were grown by utilizing the biosolids process, a more sustainable alternatives to using chemical fertilizers. This bountiful harvest will be given to local food pantries and charities.



**Saturday,**  
**September 23**

9:00 am (5K) - \$20

9:05 am (3K) - \$10

10 am (mile) - \$5

North Park, 10040 Addison



Get up and get moving with our annual fall races. This year we have the addition of the Express 3K! Run through our friendly Franklin Park neighborhood while your neighbors cheer you on! At the finish line we will celebrate your accomplishments with light refreshments and a DJ!





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Please join me on September 11th and take a moment to thank our first responders and to remember that spark of patriotism that sets Lady Liberty's light a blaze.

*Franklin Park Patriot Walk  
Monday September 11 - 6 PM  
Sax Tiedeman Funeral Home, 9568 Belmont Avenue*

Everyone is invited to attend and participate in this event.

### Growing a More Sustainable Future

Recently, engineers at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) contacted us about their innovative Biosolids Program. Composted biosolids are a product of wastewater treatment that supplies organic matter and improves soil structure to allow plants to more effectively utilize nutrients.

The MWRD has been successfully using biosolids on golf courses, athletic fields, public parks and schools in the Chicago area for more than 30 years. We were excited to participate in the biosolids program because better soil and healthier plants require less maintenance and make for more robust and durable landscaping.

Seven truckloads of the composted biosolids, which looks and feels like dark, fine-textured topsoil, was delivered to the area outside of the King Street Pumping Station. The Village planted heirloom corn, pumpkin and sunflower seeds that have flourished into crops that will soon be harvested and donated to local charities.

The Village is always seeking alternatives to using dangerous chemicals and to find ways to promote sustainable practices. Everything we do with the MWRD always turns out green for our Village.

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### Submit Names Now for Veteran's Monument



Do you know a veteran from Franklin Park? Please submit their name to have it added to our Veteran's Monument. Interested veterans or family members must provide a copy of the veterans DD-214 form to Office of the Village Clerk, at Village Hall, by October 13 to ensure the name will be added to the monument in time for the Village's Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11. For more information, please call 847-671-8242

### Leyden Family Services

Leyden Family Services will be at Village Hall on Wednesday, September 6 and 20 from 9:30 AM to Noon to help residents who have questions or need help applying for the government assistance programs. For more information go to [vofp.com](http://vofp.com).

### Building Permits Required

In order to ensure that construction is done safely and in compliance with building codes, the Village requires that permits be obtained for nearly all residential work, including carpentry, concrete, plumbing, fencing, roofing, masonry, signage, electrical, fire safety and HVAC. Permits should be prominently displayed on the work site. If you suspect work is being performed without the proper building permits, please report the exact property address and nature of your concern to the Building Department at [inspections@building2@vofp.com](mailto:inspections@building2@vofp.com).

### Park District Celebrates Fall with Parade and Pumpkin Fest – October 1



The Park District of Franklin Park will host the 40th annual Eddie Biondo Fall Fest parade on Sunday, October 1st at 1 PM. Celebrate the season with your family and neighbors by watching the floats, marching bands, our local schools, area businesses and civic organizations all showcasing the heart of Franklin Park. The parade starts at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Scott Street and will head east on Grand, then north on 25th Avenue (Rose Street), then west on Addison, and will end at Scott Street at the Park District's Centre at North Park.

Continue celebrating at North Park with Pumpkin Fest immediately after the parade! Families can decorate pumpkins and take them home. The event also includes music, activities and great food! The Park District's Center at North Park is located at 10040 W. Addison. For more information call 847-455-2852 or visit [www.fpparks.org](http://www.fpparks.org) for details and to access a parade entry form.

### Village Begins Leaf Pick-up

Please put leaves in brown biodegradable bags only and place them 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, sewers and causes unnecessary flooding and maintenance costs. Also, burning leaves is not permitted in Franklin Park.

Fall is a great time to mulch your leaves to sprinkle over plants and shrubs to help retain water and protect them over the long winter months. You can also skip the raking and simply mow over your leaves a few times and leave them on your lawn to add nutrients and provide protection from winter weather.

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.



◀ Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Mayor Barrett Pedersen, Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri and area Mayors discussed the brownfields grant received from the US EPA. The grant allowed communities to assess brownfield sites for potential redevelopment in the future. Franklin Park was part of the coalition which included Bellwood, Forest Park, Maywood, Melrose Park, Northlake and Schiller Park.