



# VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

9451



# THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

September 2018



## Mayor's Desk



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

## Donate Blood – September 14

The next Community  
Blood Drive will  
be held on Friday,  
September 14, from  
3 to 7:30 PM at the  
Police Station in the  
Community Room.

Mayor's Desk Continued on Page 2. ▶



## Village Starts Leaf Pick-up Service

Residents are reminded to place 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 and sewers and causes unnecessary flooding and maintenance costs. Also, remember that burning leaves is not permitted in Franklin Park.

Consider mulching your leaves to sprinkle over plants and shrubs to help retain water and to protect them over the 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.

## No Burn Notice

The Franklin Park fire Department reminds residents that fire pits are not legal in our Village. There is a "No Open Burning" ordinance in Franklin Park, despite what home centers and stores will tell you. If you have questions, please contact the Fire Department at 847- 671-8798 for more information.



▲ Thank you State Representative Camille Lilly for sponsoring a shred truck and to our Public Works Department for helping residents to recycle their unwanted electronics at a recent event in our Village.



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen assisted residents in shredding their personal documents to help protect against identity theft.

## Safety First - Always

After a summer of fun, our kids are heading back to school. Sometimes it is hard to get kids back into a routine. We all know those first few days can be a struggle. But Franklin Park's children are our most precious asset. While it is important to buy them new clothes and backpacks, it is also critical to remind our children of safety fundamentals too.

### Back to School Safety Tips

Families should practice walking the route to school with younger students until parents are confident they can make it on their own.

- Quiz children on what traffic lights and signs mean.
- Look and listen - look both ways TWICE and take out the earbuds.
- Show your kids exactly where to wait for the bus.
- Remind children to never walk BEHIND a bus so the driver can see them.
- Obey the crossing guards.
- Teach your child their home address and your phone number.

Our kids learn more from our actions than our words. If we practice common sense safety rules, they will follow our example.

### Tips for Parents

- Follow the rules for drop-off and pick-up and watch for one way streets on school days.
- Obey the posted school zone speed limits.

- Never pass a stopped school bus.
- Stop behind the line at crosswalks so kids do not have to go around you.
- Be alert – stay off the phone and do not text.

### Railroad Crossing Safety

We all must be extra vigilant at rail crossings and the start of the school year is a good time to remind our students how to properly cross.

- NEVER go around or under a stopped train!
- Do not cross when the gates are down or the lights are flashing, even if you do not see a train.
- Wait until all warning signals are off and gates are raised before crossing.
- Always check to see if another train is coming after your train passes.
- Stand behind the yellow line at the platform.
- Put down the phone, remove earbuds and put away the book when crossing the tracks.

Please follow these safety rules and have a great - and safe - school year!

### Did You Know?

Our Franklin Avenue Reconstruction Project is being made possible by a \$23 million grant from the Illinois Competitive Freight



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

Program. But did you know that our submission, in concert with Cook County, was deemed the #1 project in the state?

One of the reasons cited in awarding the grant was the significance of Franklin Park's collaboration with others throughout the O'Hare Corridor.

By working together with our regional partners, we are making great strides for our Village!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



### Crystal Creek Letter of Map Revision Approved

The Village is pleased to announce that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) accepted the flood insurance study and Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) application sponsored jointly by the Villages of Franklin Park and Schiller Park. The effective date of the LOMR is December 7, 2018. This date allows for a 90 day public comment period, followed by a 30 day period for FEMA to evaluate and respond to any public comments received. A copy of the FEMA cover letter, approved LOMR determination, revised flood zone maps, flood insurance study profiles and tables are included in a PDF format on our website at vofp.com.

Please note that the effective date of the map must pass before this map can be utilized for changes to mortgage agreements and flood insurance policies. In the meantime, the Village recommends that home owners keep their flood insurance policies up to date if required by the terms of their mortgage agreements. If you have questions regarding the appropriate level of flood insurance required, contact your flood insurance broker.



### Triton's Fall Family Fun Fest – Sept. 29

Celebrate fall with a day of fun activities at Triton College's Fall Family Fun Fest on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 AM to 2 PM, in Triton's Botanical Gardens located on the east side of campus at 2000 Fifth Ave., in River Grove.

The free event includes games, activities and exhibits designed for adults and children of all ages. Get creative at the noodle necklace and mask-making stations and show off your skills with the jumbo ring toss, bucket toss and youth obstacle course. Plan to visit the Fun with Legos™ exhibit, play the 'Mexican Lottery' and commemorate the wonderful event with the family photo booth.

The Great Triton Treasure Hunt encourages families to work together to figure out clues that take them to various areas around Triton's campus. Each child who completes the challenge will receive multiple prizes. "Operation Lifesaver" offers an inside look at how police officers protect us and the fire safety exhibit will provide some great tips for keeping the family out of harm's way.

Food prepared by students of Triton's Hospitality Program will be available for purchase at the event. You can also satisfy your sweet tooth at the sugar cookie decorating station. For more information, call 708- 456-0300, Ext. 3674.



### Park District's Fall Parade and Pumpkin Fest – September 30

The Park District of Franklin Park will host its annual Eddie Biondo Fall Fest parade on Sunday, September 30 at 1 PM. Kick-off the fall season with your family and neighbors by watching the floats, marching bands, our local schools, area businesses and civic organizations march through the Village. The parade starts at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Scott Street and will move 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 North Park.

Plan to stay at North Park to enjoy Pumpkin Fest immediately after the parade! Families can decorate pumpkins to bring 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.

### Park District's Community Fun Run – September 22

Get up and get running with our annual fall races with the Park District's annual Community Fun Run that includes a 5K / 3K or Mile Run! Run through our friendly Franklin Park neighborhood while your family and neighbors cheer you on as you accomplish your fitness goals. At the finish line we will celebrate your accomplishments! The run will be held on Saturday, September 22 at 9 AM (check-in times are earlier). Get all the details including check-in times, the race route and the registration form at [www.fpparks.org](http://www.fpparks.org) or by calling 847- 455-2852.



### 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

