

# Village News



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▲ Mayor Pedersen and staff recycle office material at Village Hall.

## Mayor's Desk

### Helping to Save You Money and Save Our Planet

While Franklin Park residents have increased the amount of garbage that is recycled, we can still do better. Over 50% of recyclable products we use end up in the garbage cart and not the recycling cart.

How does this hurt you, the taxpayer? You pay higher garbage fees monthly because we are not recycling products that have value. That means our waste hauler has to pay more to haul our garbage more than 100 miles away every week to put our garbage, which often contains some recyclables, into a landfill where it stays for hundreds of years.

How can you help cut these cost? Recycle more paper, card board, glass, plastic, bottles and other plastic recyclables. Look for the recycling symbol on anything you are throwing away and recycle whenever possible. Our waste hauler, Republic Services reports that thousands of cans and plastic beverage bottles are thrown in the trash instead of in the recycling cart. When you order pizza in a box, separate the soiled portion of card board from the clean card board, and then recycle the clean card board. Don't throw spoiled vegetables or fruit in the garbage; compost them in the back yard. If

you need help with composting or recycling, call Andy Smolen in Public Works at 847-708-2963.

If your recycling cart is getting filled every week and you need more capacity, Republic Services is willing to give you a larger recycling cart. Call Barb Collins at 847-671-8240 to get another cart.

Ultimately, our goal is to reduce the cost of removing garbage from the Village. It will benefit us when the Village negotiates a new contract with our waste hauler.

### New Parking Placards Pay Dividends in Safety!

Changes to our overnight parking regulations have been well received by our residents. The new rules, which began in July, require that all vehicles must display a valid Village sticker, a placard or an overnight parking permit.

Residents tell us that the new parking placards are especially helpful. Residents can bring a business vehicle home regularly after work if needed. The placard costs \$40 and can be transferred between vehicles within the household for which it is registered. The placard

## Village Seeks Veteran Names for Monument



Would you like to submit the name of a veteran from Franklin Park to have it added to our Veteran's Monument? Interested veterans or family members must submit a copy of the veterans DD-214 form to Tommy Thomson, Village Clerk, at Village Hall, by October 16 to ensure the name will be added to the monument before our Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11. For more information, please call [847-671-8244](tel:847-671-8244).

## Franklin Park Military Days – October 17 & 18

The Village of Franklin Park and Leyden Township will sponsor Military Days on Saturday, October 17 from 9 AM to 5 PM and on Sunday, October 18 from 9 AM to 3 PM in the lot next to the Police Station. This year's event will have a World War II theme and will include battle reenactments, character actors, vintage equipment, camps and demonstrations. Military paraphernalia will be available. The United States Navy Ceremonial Band is scheduled to perform.

Plan to bring the entire family to this event and Veterans are encouraged to attend in uniform. Please watch the Village website at [vofp.com](http://vofp.com) for more information.

## Telephone Town Hall – September 29

Our next Telephone Town Hall will take place on September 29 at 6:30 PM. Residents who have provided a phone number to the Village will receive a call inviting them to listen in on a live discussion with Mayor Barrett Pedersen and will also be able to ask questions. Not on the call list? No worries! If you do not receive a call from the Village at that time, call 847-400-0841 to join in at no charge. Also, to sign up for future calls, simply include your phone number (land-based phones only – cell phones cannot be called) on your water bill and the Village will update its records. You can also go to Village Hall or call us at 847-671-4800.



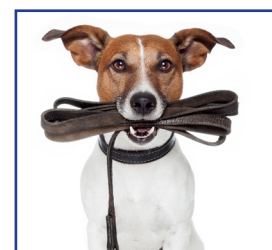
## Donate Blood – September 11



The next Community Blood Drive which will be held on Friday, September 11, from 3 to 7:30 PM at the Community Center. Donate and help impact the life of someone in need. Prepare for your donation by eating well and staying hydrated.

## Dog Waste Complaints

Under Village Code, dog owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs on public and private property. Failing to do so is a ticketable offense. Residents can report violations to the Police Department by calling the non-emergency number at (847) 678-2444. Please provide an exact address of complaint.





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must be hung on the vehicle's rear view mirror, making it highly visible to patrol officers.

Also, overnight parking permits may be purchased in advance and you may purchase up to ten permits at a time. Then simply write in the date of use and display on the dashboard of your visiting guest.

Residents tell me the new placards have saved them money by not having to purchase parking permits on a daily basis. Being able to buy overnight permits for visiting guests is also an added convenience.

Most importantly, our police officers relate that this has saved them valuable time and they are better able to dedicate their efforts in preventing crime and increasing safety in our neighborhoods.

Easily identifying unwanted vehicles on our streets and increasing the efficiency of law enforcement is a benefit to our community.

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## Cook County Board President Attends Groundbreaking



◀ *Trustee James Caporusso, Clerk Tommy Thomson, Trustee John Johnson, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, Trustee Cheryl McLean, Trustee Bill Ruhl, Trustee Karen Special and Mayor Barrett Pedersen break ground for infrastructure improvements.*

Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle joined Mayor Barrett Pedersen on August 12 for a ground breaking event for the Cullerton Street Industrial Area Project which is already underway. The Cook County Bureau of Economic Development awarded the project a \$3 million low-interest loan through the first BUILT in Cook HUD Section 108 Loan Program to assist with financing. The project also received a \$1.3 million grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation to assist with financing. Businesses and property owners in the area have also committed to financing a large portion of the project through a Special Service Area (SSA). President Preckwinkle and Mayor Pedersen both discussed the importance of business and government collaboration in retaining and creating jobs.

## Residents Share Ideas at First Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

On August 4, residents and community stakeholders attended the first Franklin Park Comprehensive Plan public meeting to learn more about the planning process and share ideas about the strengths and challenges of the Village. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) staff is currently producing a report on existing conditions in the Village. The public will be invited again in the fall for a visioning workshop to establish goals for the comprehensive plan. You can stay up-to-date and participate in the planning process by monitoring the project webpage at [www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/lta/franklin-park](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/programs-and-resources/lta/franklin-park). Call the Department of Community Development and Zoning at [847-671-8276](tel:847-671-8276) with questions or comments.



## Park District's Fall Parade and Pumpkin Fest – October 4

The Park District of Franklin Park invites everyone to come out for the 38th annual Eddie Biondo parade on Sunday, October 4 at 1 PM. The parade will move from the intersection of Grand Avenue and Scott Street, head east on Grand, then north on 25th Avenue (Rose Street), then west on Addison, and end at Scott Street at North Park. Join your friends, family and neighbors to see colorful floats, marching bands, local Franklin Park schools, horses, antique cars, clowns, local businesses and civic organizations.

The fun does not stop after the parade. Continue celebrating at North Park with Pumpkin Fest! Kids can paint pumpkins and take some home! The afternoon is filled with family fun, including music, games and great food! For more information call [847-455-2852](tel:847-455-2852).



## Report Building Permit Violations



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@vofp.com](mailto:inspections@vofp.com).

## Water Conservation Saves Money

Did you know that a leaking faucet or toilet is the number one water waster in a home? To learn more helpful water conservation tips, go to the Village website at [www.vofp.com](http://www.vofp.com) and see how you can cut costs on your monthly water bill. Also, residents in single family homes can contact the Department of Public Works to request assistance in finding a water leak in your home which may be inflating your bill. Email [ekubkowski@vofp.com](mailto:ekubkowski@vofp.com) for more details and include your name, address and phone number.

