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FRANKLIN PARK'S RAILROAD DAZE FESTIVAL HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

All Star Entertainment Includes First Ever Jazz Night

Franklin Park, IL – The Village of Franklin Park and Mayor Barrett Pedersen invite everyone to attend the time honored tradition of Railroad Daze. This year's festival will take place on Thursday, June 12th through Sunday, June 15. General Admission for Railroad Daze is *free!* The festival will be held at the B-12 Tower at Franklin Avenue and Calwagner Street in Franklin Park, IL.

“This year's festival will be better than ever,” stated Mayor Barrett Pedersen. “We will feature some of the best rock, pop, jazz and contemporary music, a great selection of food from area restaurants and the carnival will include ride specials so that families can affordably enjoy all that we have to offer.”

For train enthusiasts, the highlight will be the very popular train viewing on Saturday, June 14 from 10AM until 3PM. Approximately 16 trains, coaches, and engines will be lined-up to allow visitors the rare opportunity to walk in and view the interiors of the trains as well. Also on Saturday only, dozens of booths displaying an amazing assortment of train memorabilia and collectibles will be open at the festival.

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“Train fans, from around the region, flock to Franklin Park every year to view these one-of a-kind railroad cars,” said Mayor Pedersen. “Franklin Park was established around the railroads and each year, our Railroad Daze festival honors this rich heritage. I urge everybody to come out and get on board!”

This year, for the first time, the festival will include live music on Thursday night which will be dedicated to jazz.

“In the past, many Railroad Daze attendees requested an evening of jazz,” said Mayor Pedersen. “We put together a fantastic line-up of top bands for Thursday evening and we are hoping that Jazz Night will soon become a ‘new’ tradition in Franklin Park.”

On Thursday, June 12th, Jazz Night will kick-off at 5PM, with our very own Hester Wildcats Jazz Ensemble, followed by The Chicago Skyliners Big Band from 6:30-8PM and Chévere, a high voltage percussion *Latin/Jazz/Blues* band that will entertain the crowd from 9-10:30PM.

During Railroad Daze, visitors are welcome to park at any legal parking space in a lot or on the street anywhere in the Village. ADA Parking is available at the Franklin Park Post Office located at 9760 Franklin Avenue. Seating is available at all major attractions and areas of Railroad Daze. Visitors are encouraged to bring personal lawn chairs and folding chairs as well.

For more information call 847-671-4800 or go to www.vofp.com to download more information about the festival including the complete musical line-up.