

Village News



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Desk

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Mon. Tues. Thurs. Fri.
8-4:30 pm
Wed. 8-6 pm
Sat. 9-12 pm

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

May 28 and 30
for Memorial Day

Transportation and Economic Vitality

Never has the linkage between transportation systems and economic vitality been more critical. We live in a world that demands on-time delivery and requires more dependence on truck movement than ever before. Population and economic growth are primarily occurring in metropolitan areas such as ours. If we cannot move goods to the marketplace and workers to the work place, our business communities cannot thrive. But that growing demand, coupled with rising fuel costs, is putting a strain on our local roads and transportation systems and that subsequently strains our economy.

Last month, I met with Victor Mendez, Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration in Washington DC, to address our transportation issues including finding federal support for local infrastructure repairs and restoration. As one of Illinois' largest industrial employers, I explained to Mr. Mendez how critical it is to Franklin Park's future that federal funding be directed to local level systems.

We must all work together to decrease congestion, increase mobility and enhance our economic competitiveness. We must continue to maintain our interstates and bridges. But local arterials that feed these systems must be repaired and restored. We want to continue to find ways to move truck traffic out of our neighborhoods, therefore requiring better access to our industrial parks from non-residential streets.

Working with our federal, state, and regional partners, Franklin Park will continue to find resources to fund our critical needs. We will continue to be innovative in our approach so that we can attract jobs and increase mobility for our businesses while protecting neighborhoods.

Just as we have been outspoken in our advocacy for completion of the Western Bypass and the utilization of high speed rail, we are equally committed to finding federal funding for our local roads and streets.

We owe that to you, our taxpayer.



Mayor Barrett Pedersen and Victor Mendez, Federal Highway Administrator discuss funding for transportation issues in Franklin Park.

Budget Hearings

As I discussed last month, we are completing our budget for the fiscal year and will use it as a blueprint as we set our agenda for growth and opportunity. Budget hearings will be held at Village Hall on May 9, 23 and 31 at 7:00 PM to allow department heads to present their budgets to the Trustees. The Village Comptroller and staff will provide insight into the budget and will answer questions.


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New Businesses Open in Franklin Park

Several new businesses chose to open up in Franklin Park last month. **US Global Petroleum**, a company that specializes in oil and petroleum mixing has located to 9101 Fullerton Avenue and **Benchmark Tuning** is now open for business and providing vehicle tune-ups at 9120 Medill Ave. **Il Sputino**, a new Italian Café is located at 3853 Carnation St. Three new hair salons have located in our Village including **Giggles Beauty Salon** at 9760 Grand Ave. and **Bladz of Glory**, located at 9704 Franklin Avenue. In addition, **Kid's Zone Inc.** provides hair cuts for children and recently opened at 9704 Grand Ave. Welcome!



Mayor Barrett Pedersen attends the opening of Il Sputino.

Railroad Daze June 9-12

Mark your calendar and plan to attend our annual Railroad Daze event, scheduled for June 9-12 and held at the B-12 Tower located at Franklin Avenue and Calwagner Street. Admission is free. Attractions include a daily carnival, top notch entertainment on Friday and Saturday and a wide variety of local food vendors. On Saturday, June 11 from 10AM to 3PM over a dozen trains will be on display and will include the opportunity to walk-on and view the inside too.

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. During Railroad Daze, visitors are welcome to park at any legal parking space in a lot or on the street anywhere in the Village. Parking for the disabled is available at the Franklin Park Post Office located at 9760 Franklin Avenue. Please see our flyer on page 4 of this newsletter to participate in this fun, family-focused tradition!



Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous waste can be dropped-off behind the Naperville Fire Station located at 1979 Brookdale Road, on Saturday and Sunday ONLY from 9AM to 2PM, excluding holidays. Household hazardous waste items are materials purchased for cleaning or maintaining a home. Business waste is not accepted. The facility is open and available to all residents of Illinois. For a complete list of what is accepted, call 630-420-4190 or go to www.naperville.il.us/hhw. The City of Chicago also operates a facility on Goose Island at 1150 N. Branch Street and can be contacted at 312-744-7672 for details.

Free Electronic Recycling Program

The Village has opened an E-Recycling site that is FREE to all Franklin Park residents, schools and businesses. Electronic items can be dropped off in the recycling container at 9360 Franklin Avenue (directly north of Franklin & Martens intersection), Monday through Friday, from 7AM to 3PM, excluding Village holidays.

Items accepted for recycling are monitors, laptops, TVs, computers, printers, cell phones, Pads, keyboards & mice, scanners, copiers, multifunction machines, FAX machines, MP3/iPod players, terminals (green screen), stereos, game consoles, phones, DVD & VCR players, electric typewriters, electric cash registers, microwave ovens, toaster ovens, curling irons, hair dryers, electronic tools.

When dropping off, please place your items inside the cardboard containers. Thank you!

Memorial Day Observance

Please plan to attend Franklin Park's annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30, at 11:00 AM at the Village's Veteran's Memorial site at 9500 Belmont Avenue. The ceremony will honor our deceased Franklin Park veterans from all service branches and will feature the Franklin Park American Legion's military formalities, the ceremonial Laying of The Wreath and 21 Gun Salute as well as a reading of the names of the departed veterans. For information, contact the Mayor's Office at 847-671-8236.





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Olson's Ace Hardware Donates Flowers to the Village

Thanks to the generous donation of Olson's Ace Hardware, you will soon see colorful blossoms appearing in our Village. Olson's has again donated flats of flowers this year and will assist the Village in planting along the parkway on Grand Avenue. The Village is looking for volunteers to help plant on May 18 at 9:00 AM. If you would like to be a part of the effort to make Franklin Park beautiful, please call the Streets Department at 847-671-8252.

Senior Grass Cutting Program – Apply Now

The Village is accepting applications for the Senior Grass Cutting Program now, which will begin in May and runs throughout the summer and into early fall. Qualified Seniors will pay \$7 per cut. You can obtain an application at Village Hall or by calling 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.

Open Enrollment at Senior Towers

Senior Towers, located on Franklin Avenue in Franklin Park, is now in open enrollment and accepting applications. The facility is part of the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) and provides housing for low income seniors. For more information, contact Gail Singleton at 847-455-0189 or at GSingleton@HACC.org. Or go to www.TheHACC.org, and proceed to the "Enter the HACC" Website and click on the link that says "Public Housing Wait List" to access the application.



Student Government Day

Recently, Mayor Barrett Pedersen hosted students from East Leyden High School at Village Hall as part of the school's Student Government Day. The students spent the day shadowing the Mayor, Trustee Tom Brimie and department heads to better understand how the Village operates. In total, 17 students participated in the annual event.

Award to Bolingbrook Police Department

Police Chief Mike Witz presents the Bolingbrook Police Department with a plaque of appreciation for their donation of 911 back up equipment for the Franklin Park Fire Station #2. The equipment donated is valued at approximately \$250,000.



Upcoming Meetings

- May 2**
 Police & Fire Commission – 6PM
 Board of Trustees - 7PM
- May 3**
 Library Board - 7:30PM
- May 5**
 Adjudication Court – 10AM
 Senior Citizen Commission - 6PM
- May 10**
 ETS 911 Board - 9AM
 Police Pension Board – 5PM
- May 11**
 Zoning Board of Appeals – 7PM
- May 16**
 Board of Trustees - 7PM
- May 19**
 Adjudication Court – 10AM
- May 24**
 Park District Board – 7PM
- May 25**
 Plan Commission – 7PM
- May 26**
 Economic Dev. Commission – 8AM
- June 2**
 Adjudication Court – 10AM
 Senior Citizen Commission – 6PM
- June 6**
 Police & Fire Commission – 6PM
 Board of Trustees - 7PM
- June 7**
 Library Board – 7:30PM
- June 14**
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June 9-12, 2011

Tower Park • Calwagner St. & Franklin Ave.

Variety of Great Local Food • Beer & Wine Garden

Brand New Carnival • Great Entertainment • Free Admission

Thursday, June 9
5:00pm till 10:00pm
(Carnival only)

**Carnival Unlimited
Ride Special
\$20.00**



Friday, June 10
5:00pm till 11:00pm

JakTripper - 6:30pm
Classic Rock!

Maggie Speaks - 9:00pm
Chicago's #1 Party Band!



Saturday, June 11
10:00am till 5:00pm

**Train Viewing -
10:00am till 3:00pm**
Unique Walk-on Train Display!

**Carnival Unlimited Ride
Special Noon till 5:00pm - \$20.00**

Two Star - 3:00pm
Hot Chicago Band!



Saturday, June 11
5:00pm till 11:00pm

Looney Train - 6:30pm
Franklin Park's Very Own!



The Buckingham's - 9:00pm
Chicago's Very Own!

Hits include:
Kind of a Drag,
Don't You Care,
Susan, Mercy, many more..



The State Affair - 4:00pm
Alternative Rock!



Sunday, June 12

Noon till 8:00pm

Carnival Unlimited Ride Special - \$20.00



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