

# Village News



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2011

## Mayor's Desk

FROM MAYOR BARRETT F. PEDERSEN



## You Made Your Voice Heard

The enthusiastic response to our trash survey gave us definitive results and allowed the Board to move forward to negotiate a trash removal contract that will meet your needs AND lower our costs.

We were delighted to learn that our residents are happy with their current service. The survey indicated our resident's desire to continue with unlimited trash removed weekly, including yard waste and bulk items. This new contract will also supply residences with a new 64 gallon recycling cart, allowing us all to recycle more. In the survey, you requested detailed recycling information. A Recycling Guide brochure will be provided with your new cart and we will be offering additional information on what can and cannot be recycled on our website. By recycling, we ease the stress on our environment and landfills, which eventually help to reduce our Village's trash costs. Small things like

mulching grass when mowing instead of bagging the grass-clippings, helps to cut down on waste.

**The new garbage fee will be \$22.96 per month per household and for Seniors, age 65 or older with documentation, the service will be free!** Again, this includes all current services, unlimited bulk pick-up and our new recycling carts.

We also addressed service issues as we negotiated the new contract. Many of you told us that yard waste bags were not always removed. You also expressed concerns that trash cans were not put back properly and sometimes were carelessly strewn about the streets and alleys.

Allied Waste has assured us they will remedy these issues. Please let us know if you continue to experience problems.

Because YOU took the time to let your VOICE be heard, we were able to get a great new contract that gives us a high level of service at a reduced fee.

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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  
October 10  
for Columbus Day

## County Tax Incentives allows the Hill Group to stay in Franklin Park

Hill Group President Robert Krier, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen held a press conference at the company's headquarters to announce that Hill was able to add 30 full-time jobs and 25 construction jobs after utilizing county tax incentives to allow the company to remain in Franklin Park. The Hill Group considered relocating to another state but instead expanded in Franklin Park by purchasing 19.4 acres and renovating three buildings by taking advantage of Cook County tax incentives.





# Can This Be Recycled?

Studies show recycling participation increases when residents clearly know what can and cannot be recycled. In addition, people tend to begin to consider packaging options and materials that are recyclable when purchasing the things they need.

Soon Franklin Park residents will receive a new 64 gallon recycling bin and detailed information about what can and cannot be recycled. Below is a list of items that can be recycled

in the program. Many items that are not accepted may be recycled by other means. Please visit the website, [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) or call Allied Waste at (708) 345-7050 for other possible options.

Cardboard containers should be broken down and placed next to the recycling cart.

All food and beverage containers should be rinsed and free of food. Please remove caps and lids.

## What Can Be Recycled

Newspaper

Mixed Paper: advertisements, direct mail, office paper, office paper, stationery, envelopes, paper bags, gift wrap

Magazines, catalogs and telephone books

Cardboard and boxboard

Soda and beer carrying cases

Glass bottles and jars

Aluminum cans, foil and trays

Tin and steel cans, including empty aerosol cans and paint cans

Plastic bottles and containers coded #1- #7 (except #6)

Six or twelve pack rings

Milk and juice cartons

## What Cannot Be Recycled

Plastic bags and film

Styrofoam or packing peanuts

Plastic take-out containers, cups, plates, or utensils

Needles or syringes

Disposable diapers or rags

Mirror and window glass, compact fluorescent and other light bulbs

Electronic items

Printer or toner cartridges

Items such as pizza boxes, napkins and tissues soiled with grease or food residue

Toys and ceramics

Motor oil, insecticide and hazardous chemical containers

## Recycling – It Really Does Matter

Why should I recycle? These simple facts may surprise you.



### PAPER

- One ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees from being cut down, 380 gallons of oil, 3 cubic yards of landfill space and 7,000 gallons of water.
- Recycling paper reduces air pollution by 74% and water pollution by 35%.
- In one year, the U.S. throws away enough office paper to build a wall 12 feet high and 12 feet wide to stretch from California to New York.



### PLASTIC

- Recycling plastic reduces energy consumption by 85-90%. Plastics account for 6% of municipal waste stream by weight; however, by volume or space used, plastics accounts for 18%
- Plastics are derived from petroleum



### ALUMINUM

- Recycling one pound of aluminum (about 16 pop cans) saves 7.5 kilowatt hours of electricity.
- Recycling aluminum reduces air pollution by 95% and water pollution by 97%.
- American throw enough aluminum away to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet every three months.





## Buy Local - Franklin Park Supporting the 3/50 Project

The Village of Franklin Park is hoping residents and local business owners will participate in an exciting effort to increase consumer spending in a way that delivers the greatest amount of financial benefit to our local economy.

The 3 / 50 Project asks consumers to pick three local, independent businesses, including locally owned restaurants, they would not want to live without and then to commit to spending a combined \$50 a month across all three establishments.

"During these difficult economic times, many of our local business owners have been deeply impacted by the downturn in the economy," stated Barrett Pedersen, Mayor of the Village of Franklin Park. "We are hoping that our residents will participate in the 3 / 50 Project because it not only helps our local businesses, it also boosts our local economy. At this time, customer loyalty is important. This innovative program is being used across the country and will help solidify the relationship between the customer and the retail establishment."

In fact, the numbers are impressive. For every \$100 spent in locally owned stores, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays here. If you spend it online, nothing returns to the Village.

Village Trustee Tom Brimie has met with local business owners to encourage participation and is pleased that so many businesses have already signed onto the program. He has also spoken to residents, asking them to consider supporting the program.

"It is unrealistic to ask residents to avoid big box retailers so we are embracing a more balanced approach to help the local economy," said Brimie. "We are asking them to consider what three businesses they would miss if they closed up shop in Franklin Park and to spend \$50 a month there, instead of outside of the community. The project itself is very simple, yet the impact to our businesses and our community can be tremendous."

Businesses can go to [www.the350project.net](http://www.the350project.net) to sign up as a participating business and download free promotional materials like fliers and window signs. Shoppers can go to the site to sign up as a supporter and to view a listing of participating businesses.

Save your local economy...  
*three stores at a time.*



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### Some Financial Good News

It is no secret that the Village has faced some financial hurdles due to some past practices. The Board and I have made putting our financial house in order our highest priority. Last month, Standard & Poor's (S&P) issued Franklin Park an investment grade bond rating for the first time in the Village's history. The rating agency recognized that our finances were finally deemed worthy enough to receive an investment grade rating. S&P cited the Village's efforts at professionalizing our financial management, streamlining our operations and stabilizing our budgets as the reasons for the upgrade.

This rating is clear evidence that the commitment of the Board and the dedication and hard work of our staff is paying off for our taxpayers. I can promise you that even during these recessionary times, we will continue to improve our financial standing through our disciplined spending and conservative budget approach.

Because we received this favorable bond rating, the Village will be able to insure and issue bonds for the police station at a substantial cost savings, between \$2-3 million over the life of the bonds.

### The Sweet Spot

Did you know that the only place in the world where Baby Ruth and Butterfinger candy bars are produced is right here in Franklin Park? Let's support our 'hometown' candy bars by including them in Trick and Treat bags.

Also, let's support all our local merchants. Buy your Halloween costumes, candy, party goods and as much merchandise as possible IN Franklin Park. It helps our retail neighbors and it helps our Village!

### It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas

Once school starts it seems like the holidays come quickly upon us. We want all of Franklin Park to be part of our special Holiday Celebration.

The Christmas Tree in Hammil Square is the centerpiece for our holiday events. If you have a large evergreen you would like to donate as our holiday tree, please phone 847-671-8236. We will honor your family's donation and you will be honoring our Village.

In these tough economic times, the holidays may be a little tougher for some of our families. We hope to make our Holiday celebration the best ever so that we can all enjoy some good old fashioned fun. In order to maximize what we can offer the children of Franklin Park, we are asking our business community, to help us with this festival. Sponsorships are available at all levels to enhance the festivities. Please contact my office at 847-671-8236 if you would like to be a sponsor during the holiday season.

  
BARRETT F. PEDERSEN



# Community Notes

**FALL CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY - EXPECT DELAYS** The Fullerton Avenue bridge is being replaced causing Fullerton to be closed to all traffic from Silver Creek Road to Ruby Street. The project is expected to be completed by late June 2012. Please use an alternative route, such as Mannheim to North to 25th Street or Scott to Armitage to 25th Street.

Two resurfacing projects are underway in Franklin Park. IDOT will be resurfacing Wolf Road from Grand Avenue to Franklin Street and Mannheim Road from Waveland Avenue to Belmont Avenue. Both streets will remain open to traffic during resurfacing, but you should expect delays. Resurfacing is expected to be completed by October 31.

**TRICK OR TREAT - BE SAFE** The established Trick or Treat hours for the Village are from 3-8:30PM on Monday, October 31. Remember, safety first! Children should carry or wear something lit after dark such as a flashlight, glow bracelet or necklace, or flashing attire for visibility. Light-up shoes are also practical. Avoid costume that drag on the ground and be sure a child's mask allows full visibility and breathing. Adults should accompany children and trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods or areas.

**LEAF PICK-UP REMINDER** Please place your leaves in brown biodegradable bags and remember to put them out on garbage day with your recycling for pick-up. Bags are available for purchase at local grocery and hardware stores. Leaves cannot be picked-up if they are placed in plastic bags or in the street. Pick-up continues until December 5.

**VETERAN'S MONUMENT NOW ACCEPTING NAMES** Military Veterans from Franklin Park are encouraged to submit a copy of your DD-214 to have your name added to the Veteran's Monument. Family members may also submit a copy of a Veterans DD-214. Please submit copies to Village Clerk Tommy Thomson at the Village Hall, by October 17 to ensure your name will be added to the wall before the Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 847-671-8244 with questions.

**LET'S MOVE IN FRANKLIN PARK** The next Let's Move meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 7PM at Village Hall. Everyone is invited to attend and get involved! To learn more, go to: <http://www.letsmove.gov/>.

**FLU SHOTS** are being offered at the following locations during regular pharmacy hours. No appointment is necessary.

- CVS - 10420 Grand Ave. \$29.99
- Walgreen's - 9595 Grand Ave. \$16.44 with State coupon, available in store
- Osco Drugs - 10203 Grand Ave. \$28.99

**OCTOBER IS ...**

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**  **and Domestic Violence Awareness Month** 

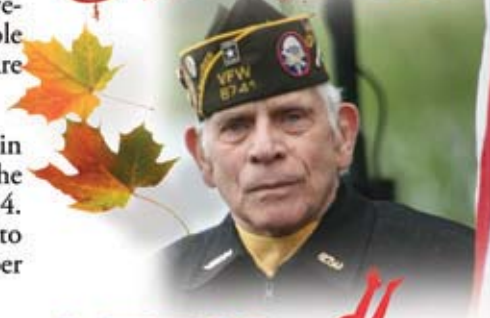
## Fire Department Open House

This year's Open House will be held on Saturday, October 15 from 11AM - 2PM at Station #2 (10001 W. Addison). The event will feature family-oriented activities.

You can also learn more about Fire Prevention Week, October 9-13, at the website at [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org). Residents are encouraged to take some time to learn about how to prevent home fires and ways to protect their families through careful planning and utilization of life-saving technologies. Use this opportunity to check your batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. And remember Fire Pit's Are Not Legal In Our Village. There is a "No Open Burning" ordinance in Franklin Park, despite what area hardware stores and home centers will tell you. Contact the Fire Department at 847- 671-8798 for more information.



Trick or Treat



LET'S MOVE!

