



Schedule Your Garage Sale

Franklin Park residents must register with the Village to hold a garage sale by contacting Clerk's Office at 847-671-8242 or by visiting Village Hall. There is no cost to register. Remember, a garage or yard sale sign can only be placed on your property. Sales can be held for a maximum of 30 hours within a three day period. Residents are allowed two garage or yard sales per 12-month period, with at least a 3-month period between the two sales. Sale hours cannot be earlier than 8 AM and must end by 7 PM.



Apply for Grass-Cutting Program for Seniors

The Village is accepting applications now for the Senior Grass Cutting Program, which will run from May until the end of October. Qualified senior citizens 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, but will need to submit an application. You must be living on the premises to qualify. Space is limited, so please get your applications in as soon as possible!

Yard Waste, Branch Pick-up and Street Sweeping Begins

Place yard waste in brown biodegradable bags and put out on garbage day with your recycling. Purchase bags at local grocery and hardware stores. Residents can select alternatives to bagging yard waste such as mulching mowers, leaf shredders or backyard compost piles to help you and the Village to save money.



Please place all reasonably-sized branches where you put your trash by 7 AM on Monday of the pick-up week. Branches will be picked-up sometime by the end of Friday. Pick-up dates for 2015 are April 6 & 20, May 4 & 18, June 1, 15 & 29, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24, September 7 & 21, October 5 & 19 and November 2. These dates are subject to change due to storm-related clean-up. If you have questions regarding size and weight restrictions, please call 847-671-8252.

Street sweeping throughout the Village has begun. Please check posted signs for information on dates, times and parking restrictions. If you have questions, please call 847-671-8200.



Village News



YOUR FRANKLIN PARK NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2015



Mayor's Desk

FROM MAYOR BARRETT F. PEDERSEN

The Village of FRANKLIN PARK

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Village Hall
will be closed on
Friday & Saturday,
April 3rd & 4th

The Business of Franklin Park is Business

It was my great pleasure to host nearly 200 businesses and civic partners at our annual Business Appreciation Luncheon on March 27. Each year, we thank our business community for choosing to locate, expand, invest and prosper in our Village.

Without business and the revenue they bring to our Village, Franklin Park could not perform its core functions. Residential property taxes would skyrocket if they were the sole source to protect our public health and safety, keep our Village clean and our streets, sewers and infrastructure in working order.

That is why it has been a priority of my administration to develop policies and programs that keep jobs and investment in Franklin Park.

Making It Easier to Do Business In and with the Village

The Village has updated our website to improve access to real time information on permitting, zoning, and economic development incentives. We work with new and existing businesses to identify available properties in town. If a business wants to expand, we want them to do it here, and our Community Development Department will help a business to find space.

This year we continued to welcome new businesses and expansions to Franklin Park. Among them are Olympia Foods, Tuff Shed, Forman Mills, Atlas Restoration, Corelogistics, Plating International, Allied Die Casting, Sonoco Clear Pack, Great Lakes Lubricants, Just Manufacturing, Ajax Tools, Insure One, Agave Mexican Grill, Baranowski Bakery, La Mexicana Produce, Taveras Insurance, Americoats and the Kraig Corporation.

New commercial, residential and retail investments will bring new jobs and increased revenues to the Village. This



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen told business owners that we are responsive to the needs of our businesses because we want them to stay, grow and invest in Franklin Park. He thanked Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle and her administration for being our great partner in economic development and an integral participant in the creation of jobs in Franklin Park.

SAVE THE DATE JUNE 11-14

The Village of Franklin Park and Mayor Barrett Pedersen invite you to attend the 20th annual Railroad Daze!
Thursday, June 11 through Sunday, June 14

- * Daily carnival
- * Live musical entertainment – Thursday, Friday and Saturday featuring the best in jazz, rock and pop music
- * A wide variety of food vendors, featuring great, affordable food and a beer and wine garden.
- Train Viewing Saturday, June 13 from 10 AM to 3 PM
- * One-of-a-kind walk-on train display featuring over a dozen trains, mini train rides for kids, train memorabilia and collectibles.



For more information, call 847-671-4800 or visit www.vofp.com

General Admission for Railroad Daze is FREE!

Railroad Daze will be held at Franklin Ave. and Calwagner St. at the B-12 Tower



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investment will also bring new energy and excitement as we develop our downtown and bring new customers to existing businesses.

Franklin Park is at the Crossroads of America

Franklin Park is part of a dynamic region. We are fortunate to have productive working relationships with many organizations and agencies that assist us in our success, including the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Illinois Tollway Authority and the Regional Transportation Authority. We have worked with these agencies to initiate important studies, implement recommendations and plan for future growth and development in our region.

Working with our state and regional partners we continue to move Franklin Park forward and make it a great place to live, work and raise a family.

We appreciate the opportunity to thank all our businesses and partners for working with us as we strive for excellence.

Spring Has Arrived!

I am inviting everyone to join me at 11AM on Saturday, April 25 to start our Earth Day celebration as we plant trees at the American Legion on Pacific Avenue. We are proud that Franklin Park has been designated as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. As a Village, we are committed to planting and caring for our trees because they offer important benefits including providing cleaner air, improved storm water management and energy savings. Trees also help to increase our property values.

BARRETT F. PEDERSEN
MAYOR



▲ Andre Papantoniou brought his staff to the luncheon and said he chose to locate Olympia Foods in Franklin Park because it was easy for him to do business with the Village.



▲ Mike Jasso, Director of Planning and Economic Development for Cook County told Mayor Pedersen that they are pleased to work with Franklin Park on a regional approach to economic development.

Village Named Outstanding Employer

Congratulations to the Village of Franklin Park for being named Outstanding Employer of the Year by Leyden High School. This award was given to recognize the Village for their dedication and service to the Leyden's Cooperative Education Program. The Village, along with several other area businesses, partner with Leyden to provide

job opportunities for seniors through their Cooperative Education Program. The Village has had students working in the Building and Public Works Department and the Clerk's Office. Students learn about specific responsibilities and services provided by the Village and gain valuable hands-on experience to help them in their future careers.

Earth Day Celebration — April 25



The Park District of Franklin Park will host its annual Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 25 from Noon to 2 PM. This free event will be held at their Centre at North Park and will include live music, games, give-a-ways, family-focused activities, a Sustainability Fair and the opportunity to recycle items from your home. Interactive booths will feature information about conserving natural resources, alternative energy sources, using rain barrels and information on planting and composting. Families can learn about how to increase recycling in their homes and ways to conserve energy to help our planet.

Various organizations will be there to collect items that can be recycled or reused. The Village of Franklin Park will have the E-Recycling Bin to collect electronic recycling. Acceptable items include, computer equipment, TVs, printers, phones and cell phones, stereos, game consoles,

DVD & VCR players, copiers, MP3/iPod players, UPS batteries, microwaves, toaster ovens, curling irons, hair dryers and electronic tools.

The Police Department will be collecting prescription drugs to ensure they are properly disposed. It is not recommended to flush prescription drugs down the toilet or to throw them out in the trash. Also, the Health Department will collect used prescription eye glasses for the Lions Club and cell phones with their charger to be recycled for senior citizens to use in an emergency.

A complete list of items to be collected at the Earth Day Celebration will be featured on the Village's website in mid-April at www.vofp.com.

Consider Natural Lawn Care



Did you know that it's possible to have a lawn that looks good without using herbicides and insecticides that can harm your family's health and hurt the environment? Unlike conventional lawn care, which relies on chemical fertilizers and pesticides to artificially green your lawn, natural lawn care focuses on restoring balance to the soil system, including nutrients that make a lawn healthy. Over time, your lawn will become naturally healthy, green and

beautiful. Plus, it will require less watering, fertilizing and mowing, saving you time and money!

The Village utilizes natural lawn care on all its properties. For more information on natural lawn care, please visit www.midwestpesticideaction.org or our website to download details.

Sign Up For 5K Gallop

St. Maria Goretti School will host a 5 K Run / Walk on Saturday, April 25 at 8 AM. Bring the entire family (no pets, please) to the event which will benefit the school. Sign-up now and receive a free t-shirt. Registration information is available by contacting Brigitte McNeill at 630-373-8685.



Graffiti Removal

Graffiti is unsightly and negatively impacts our community. If you see someone in the act of applying graffiti, contact the Police Department. Also, if your property has graffiti, contact the Village's Public Works Department at 847-671-8252 and someone will work with you to remove the graffiti from your property.