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Mayor's Desk

Infrastructure and Street Improvement Update

Safe streets and reliable infrastructure are the foundation of a strong community. The Board of Trustees and I have a firm commitment to keeping our Village in a state of good repair. That is how we keep our property values stable and attract more investment and jobs to Franklin Park.

Thanks to Illinois' recently passed Capital Plan, Build Illinois, over \$1.3 million will go directly to the Village of Franklin Park for important safety and infrastructure projects.

New Traffic Light at George and Grand Avenue

Installation of new traffic signal will improve traffic safety by helping motorists exit the Jewel parking lot where many accidents and injuries have occurred.

Safe, Efficient Drinking Water

The Village's infrastructure study determined the Curtis Street pump station is old, in disrepair and providing little benefit to our Village. The new funds will be used to close the Curtis Street facility and prepare the King Street pump station to efficiently provide safe drinking water to the Village.

Additional Metra Parking

Build Illinois funds will also support creating Metra commuter parking at the site of the old police station on Belmont Avenue. In addition, we will demolish the Leyden News Agency building near the Metra lot and pave the area to add even more commuter parking. These parking expansions will help keep our residential streets clear from commuter parking. Expanded parking also encourages

mass transit use, relieves traffic congestion and helps our environment.

Update on Reuter and Naples Subdivisions

Work has been progressing in the Reuter Subdivision to replace under-sized storm water sewers and provide better storm water drainage. Underground work for the sewer and water main reconstruction along Reuter Street to 25th Avenue and from Johanna Avenue to Nevada Avenue has been completed. To continue the enhancement of the area, portions of the completed areas will be landscaped and final paving will begin this month.

This fall, the Reuter Subdivision Phase 2 will begin on Leona Street from Johanna to Richard. This project includes a new water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and a total street reconstruction. This work is expected to be completed in the fall of 2020. The replacement of these storm sewers will increase drainage capacity and help alleviate flooding or water accumulation.

In the spring of 2020, the Reuter / Naples Phase 3&4 will commence and will include a new water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and total road reconstruction. The Village has been approved for an IEPA low interest loan for the water and sewer portion of the project and the 2% sales tax funds will fund street reconstruction.

2019 Street Improvement Projects

In accordance with the Village's comprehensive pavement analysis of all streets in Franklin Park, the Board has

Village Starts Leaf Pick-up Service

The Village will begin leaf removal service this month. Leaves cannot be picked-up if they are placed in plastic bags or put in the street. Please put leaves in brown biodegradable bags only and place them near your trash and recycling for pick-up. Bags can be purchased at local grocery and hardware stores.

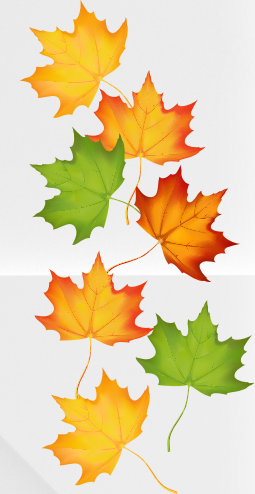
Please do not put or blow leaves into the street. It jams the street sweepers and causes unnecessary maintenance costs. Leaves that are swept or blown into the street clog the sewers causing back-ups and street flooding. Also, remember that burning leaves is not permitted in Franklin Park.

Residents can skip the raking and mulch their leaves instead. Simply mow over the leaves a few times and then leave them on your lawn to add nutrients and to provide protection from winter weather. Also, sprinkle over your plants and shrubs to help retain water during winter months.

The Department of Public Works will sweep Village curbs through late November. Please remember to check signs on your block for parking restrictions. For more information, call 847-671-8252.

Submit Names Now for Veteran's Monument

The Village is inviting you to submit the name of a Franklin Park resident now to have it added to our Veteran's Monument. Interested veterans or family members must provide a copy of the veteran's DD-214 form to Office of the Village Clerk at Village Hall. Documents must be received by no later than October 15 to ensure the name will be added to the monument in time for the Village's annual Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11. For more information, please call 847-671-8242.



Are You Connected?

One way to make sure you are receiving important updates and information about Village programs and events is to sign-up for the Village's E-News. This electronic newsletter is also used to provide alerts about weather issues, construction updates and late breaking news and information. If you are not getting these email alerts, simply email us at villagenews@vofp.com and ask to be added to the list.

Want to be included when we host our next Telephone Town Hall? Simply provide a land-based telephone number to the Village and we will put you on the call list for the next meeting. You can also call into our Telephone Town Hall meeting from any phone toll free at 847-400-0841. Watch our Facebook Page and website for future meeting dates. Mayor Pedersen discusses Village programs during the call and residents can ask question and participate in surveys too.



◀ **When Travelon, a manufacturer of travel bags and accessories, needed a larger headquarters, the company chose Franklin Park as its new home! Travelon President and CEO Don Godshaw cut the ribbon with Mayor Barrett Pedersen on their new facility that employs 100 at 11333 Addison Avenue.**



dedicated the 2% sales tax for street and infrastructure repairs. This has enabled us to bring our streets into repair without further

burdening the property tax. Projects from this year include:

- Reconstruction of the frontage road from Melrose Avenue to Wolf Road.
- Resurfacing of Seymour Avenue from Carnation Street to Centrella Street.
- Resurfacing of Scott Street from Waveland Avenue to Addison Street and partial resurfacing from Addison to Pacific Avenue. This work begins in September and will be done in combination with improvements to two alleys between Birch Street and the CN Railroad tracks, north and south of Chestnut Street.

Coming Soon – 2020 Improvements

The Village has been working on plans for street improvement projects for next year too. We will focus on roadway improvements near Leyden High School. Improvements are slated for Panoramic Drive from Mannheim Road to Dora Street, on Nichols Avenue, Davis Avenue, Addison Street from 25th Street to Nichols, Britta Avenue, Kimmey Court, Hacke Court, Nerbonne Avenue, and Leyden Court. Improvements will be complete by the fall of 2020.

Updates on these improvement projects and others will be on our website and in this newsletter.

A Year of Giving

Franklin Park’s Year of Giving has resulted in increased volunteerism and participation in community projects. Channel 5, the local NBC affiliate WMAQ and Telemundo recognized our community’s spirit of giving and profiled Franklin Park in June, 2019.

Every day, our police officers and firefighters place themselves in harm’s way for our safety. And they also volunteer their time in many charity events throughout the year.

Every year, as we solemnly commemorate the 9/11 attacks on our country, we are also asked to honor all First Responders. Please join me in taking an opportunity to thank OUR First Responders for all they do.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Census 2020 – Be Counted!

The U.S. Constitution mandates that a census of the population be conducted once every 10 years to determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data are also used to determine how federal funding is distributed to local communities to support infrastructure improvements and basic services including schools, health care, roads and much more.

The next census count will take place in 2020. The census count includes every person living in the United States, regardless of citizenship or immigration status. Residents are counted at the address where they usually live and sleep. Everyone in a household should be counted including those living at your address temporarily. Information gathered during the census count will be protected and under current federal law, it cannot be shared with the public or other federal agencies, including immigration authorities and law enforcement.

Because getting an accurate count is so important, the Village is working with representatives from local government agencies, community organizations, our schools and library, area faith-based organizations and businesses to inform our residents of the importance of responding to the census accurately and on time. Materials will soon be available in more than a dozen languages and for different age groups.

We will be providing more information about the census count during the next few months. Please watch this newsletter for updates.



▲ In August, the Board dedicated the Cheryl McLean Walking Path in honor of the former Village Trustee who advocated for a healthier community. McLean took the first steps on the new Village Walking Path when it was opened in 2013. The walking path can be accessed from the Police Station parking lot.

Triton’s Annual Fall Family Fun Fest – September 28

Fall has arrived and that means it is time for some seasonal family fun! Triton College will host its annual Fall Family Fun Fest on Saturday, September 28 from 10 AM to 2 PM at their Botanical Gardens, located on campus.

Come on out for a day of fall activities the whole family will enjoy! From games to fall favorites, such as the popular pumpkin patch and straw maze, families will enjoy a harvest of fun in a beautiful setting. The free community event will include face painting, mask making, cupcake decorating, an obstacle course and Fun with Legos™. Also, back by popular demand will be Maggie the Cow, which provides children with the learning opportunity of “milking” a mechanical cow. Attendees can get physical with Chicago-style stepping and learn about fire safety by venturing through a Fire Safety House.

Pumpkins will be for sale at the event and families can take photos in front of the giant pumpkin on display. Food will be available for purchase. For more information, call 708-456-0300, Ext. 3867.



42nd Annual EDDIE BIONDO

Fall Fest Parade

ALL AGES

Gather your friends, family and neighbors to see colorful floats, marching bands, and more showcasing the heart of Franklin Park. The parade marches from the intersection of Grand Avenue and Scott Street, heads east on Grand, then north on 25th Avenue (Rose Street) and ends at Addison and Scott Street (North Park). Be sure to join us after the parade for our annual Pumpkin Fest at North Park. Contact the Park District at 847-455-2852 or visit fpparks.org if you would like a parade entry form.

Day	Date	Time
Su	Oct 6	1-2 pm

Location: Scott Street and Grand Avenue