Lawn Maintenance Required

Residents should mow their lawn on a regular basis and eliminate weeds in alleys and areas behind homes. Unkempt, overgrown lawns and weeds are breeding grounds for rodents, mosquitoes and ticks which can spread illnesses.

The Village has started issuing tickets to homeowners if their grass is over six inches high. If you are disabled or elderly and need assistance complying, please call us at 847-671-4800. Also, if you see properties that need to be maintained, alert the Village at inspections@vofp.com. Thank you for your cooperation!

Composting Helps the Environment

Homeowners can help sustain our community and save money by composting. When you put grass or leaves into yard waste bags, it is sent to a location using a diesel fueled vehicle that pollutes the air and where it takes up space and produces methane gas, which contributes to global climate change. The Village pays approximately $150,000 a year to have the grass clippings and leaves transported to a composting site. A much more economical and environmentally-friendly option is to start composting in your backyard. Want to learn how? Visit the Village’s Sustainability Page at vofp.com.

Sign up for New WaterSmart Program

Want to reduce your water usage and save money on your monthly water bills? Then sign-up for the new online program called WaterSmart! Users can analyze current water use and also review usage history from monthly figures down to an hourly use. You can set up alerts via text or email to help you detect leaks or other unintended water use. In addition, you can compare your water use with other similar users in your area.

WaterSmart is available now but you must enroll to participate by calling 847-671-8252. Setting up an account is fast, easy and free from a computer, tablet or smartphone.

Annual Business Appreciation Luncheon

Each year, the Village welcomes business, community and governmental leaders from around the region to our Annual Business Appreciation Lunch. We get the opportunity to thank these leaders for their continued investment in and support of Franklin Park. By working together, we have been able to keep our industrial areas robust and our commercial areas thriving.

I was pleased to announce that the Village continues to flourish with 1.5 million square feet of new industrial development completed in the last year. In fact, the Village has added 4.2 million square feet of new industrial development over the last 10 years.

Since 2018, Franklin Park added new state-of-the-art manufacturing and distribution facilities and modern industrial buildings. But it’s also an exciting time for retail in the Village. We developed new retail opportunities in the Grand and Mannheim area and welcomed AT&T and Sprint. Soon a Jersey Mikes sandwich shop will be opening there as well. We also had six new restaurants open last year and our retail vacancy is down from 4% in 2017 to 1.5% in 2018.

One of the key characteristics that distinguish Franklin Park from other communities is the availability of skilled workers thanks in part to programs offered at the high school and college levels. Over the next decade, approximately 2 million jobs are expected to go unfilled due to the skills gap. A large number of these well-paying and high-tech jobs will be located right here in Franklin Park.

By partnering with the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC), we are creating an effort to link Franklin Park employers with job seekers and vice versa. This effort will be the first of its kind for the region and will focus on educating employers working with millennials and educating millennials regarding job responsibilities.
Franklin Park sits at the crossroads of American business with unparalleled connectivity to move goods and services by air, rail and roadway. That locational advantage makes maintaining and improving our infrastructure critical to our continued ability to create and maintain jobs.

Rocco Zuccherio, Deputy Chief of Engineering for Planning at the Illinois Tollway, updated the luncheon attendees on the progress of the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project. He also discussed the new I-490 spur which will feature exit and entrance ramps into Franklin Park, will provide quicker routes to and around O’Hare and will connect to I-294, I-390 and I-90.

Also speaking at the luncheon was John Yonan, Superintendent of the Cook County Transportation and Highways Department, who made a presentation on the $340,000 ‘Invest in Cook’ grant awarded to the Village Highways Department, who made a presentation on the $340,000 ‘Invest in Cook’ grant awarded to the Village Highways Department, who made a presentation on the $340,000 ‘Invest in Cook’ grant awarded to the Village Highways Department, who made a presentation on the $340,000 ‘Invest in Cook’ grant awarded to the Village Highways Department, who made a presentation on the $340,000 ‘Invest in Cook’ grant awarded to the Village Highways Department, who made a presentation on the $340,000 ‘Invest in Cook’ grant awarded to the Village Highways Department, who made a presentation on the $340,000 ‘Invest in Cook’ grant awarded to the Village Highways Department.