

Reminder - Building Permits Required for Most Home Improvements

The Village requires building permits for most projects at your home or business. If in doubt, contact the Village's Building Department first at (847) 671- 8245. A building permit is usually required for most projects including the following (but not limited to):

- New buildings and room additions
- Commercial and Residential work to build or repair decks, stairs, garages, fences, sheds, pools, hot tubs, patios (including paver bricks), pergolas, gazebos, driveways, etc.
- Renovations on garages, basements, kitchens, bathrooms, soffit/fascia, siding, tuckpointing, reroofing
- HVAC (heating, water heaters, boilers, ventilation, duct work, and air conditioning systems)
- Electrical and plumbing systems and repairs
- Natural gas expansion (adding new natural gas supply components)
- Temporary Event and Outdoor Café Permits

All Permits and Contractor Registration can be applied for on our website through the online portal or can be printed out using our fillable forms. For more information, go to vofp.com under the Building Department heading.



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FRANKLIN PARK LIBRARY EVENTS

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE – APRIL 12

Looking for great deals on new or gently used books, CDs, and DVDs? Join Friends of the Library for the special, expanded book sale. You can also buy a reusable Friends tote bag full of materials for \$5! The sale will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 11 AM until 2 PM.

PRINCESS TEA PARTY – APRIL 18

You are cordially invited to the Library for a Princess Tea Party! With a very special guest, Rapunzel, who will be sharing stories, songs, and pictures. Tea, sandwiches, and sweets will be served. This event is open to children up to age 11 with a caregiver on Friday, April 18 from 11 AM until 1 PM.

POLISH STORYTIME - MAY 8

Join The Language Labs' presenter, Ada, as she teaches, sings songs, plays games, and offers crafts in Polish! This event is intended for children up to age 5 with a caregiver and will be held on Thursday, May 8 from 11 AM until Noon.



Save the Date- Watch for details on the Village's Tree Preservation's Walk to the Franklin Park Arboretum on May 17, 2025 (weather permitting).

COLOR RUN WALK & ROLL

Registration is Open for All Ages!

Get ready to dash through bursts of vibrant colors as you make your way through each station along the route. Participants can either run, walk, or roll (skates, strollers, and/or wagons) towards the finish line.

Day	Date	Time
Sun	May 4	Starts at 9 am

Early Bird Fee (ages 4 & up): \$20 | Day of Fee (age 4 & up): \$30
Event begins and ends at North Park, 10040 Addison Ave.



THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

April 2025

Mayor's Desk

The Health Benefits of Clean Energy

In Franklin Park, we treat every day like Earth Day, protecting our planet, increasing our sustainability, and respecting the earth's resources. This year's Earth Day focus is on embracing renewable energy to better protect our health.

By decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, we can reduce the health risks associated with climate disruption, such as heatwaves, floods, wind storms, and the spread of infectious diseases. We can reduce air pollution caused by burning fossil fuels by making the switch to renewable energy such as solar, wind, and other sources. Air pollution is linked to heart attacks, respiratory disorders, strokes, bronchitis, and asthma. Women's health is especially impacted by air pollution and water contamination with breast cancer, ovarian diseases, and maternal health risks being associated with it.

This Earth Day 2025 let us commit to powering our future without damaging our planet or our health.

Earth Day Event

The Park District's Earth Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 26, from Noon until 2 PM at the Centre at North Park. Plan to attend and learn impactful ways to keep our earth clean and green. This family-oriented community event will feature interactive booths, vendors, hands-on crafts for kids, games, and to learn more about sustainable ways to nourish gardens. Also, it is a good opportunity to have documents shredded, to recycle electronics, and turn in unused or expired medications for proper disposal.

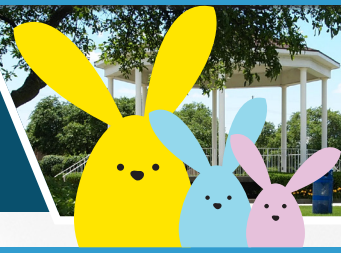
Saluting Our Senior Community

The Board and I were pleased to host our annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon. It was good to see so many of our older residents at the event and to have the opportunity to update them on available resources and programs designed especially for older adults.

Last month, our Board recognized a member of our senior community for his many years of service. Michael Vallone has lived in Franklin Park since 1982 and has been a member of the Franklin Park Library District for 12 years. He regularly volunteers at Village blood drive events and has been a member of the Senior Citizen Commission for the past 15 years. He is a proud Army veteran and active member in the American Legion Post #974.

Michael Vallone is a shining example of someone who has dedicated his life to the service of others. We are proud to recognize his legacy of volunteerism that has greatly benefited the Village and improved the lives of countless residents.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



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Mayor Barrett Pedersen and the Village Board hosted our senior residents at the annual Senior Appreciation Luncheon in March. Attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch, updates on Village programs, and a goodie bag.



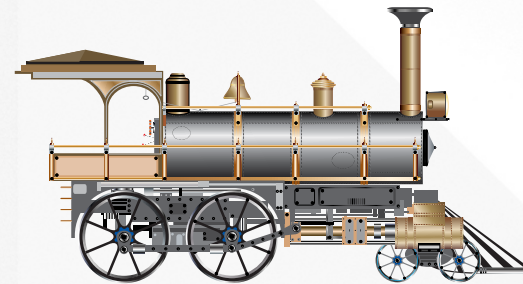
Two important members of the Police Department, K9 Officers Voodoo, and Vili visited with the attendees of the Senior Appreciation Luncheon.



The Village Board recognized Michael Vallone for his many years of service in Franklin Park. His legacy of volunteerism is unmatched and has greatly benefited and improved the lives of countless residents.

Summer Jobs With the Village

The Village is accepting applications for our part-time Summer Youth Program. Office and laborer positions are available. The program begins May 5 and ends September 30. The salary is \$13 per hour if you are under the age of 18 and \$16 per hour if you are 18 years or older. For more information on qualifications for employment and to obtain an application, go to vofp.com.



Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 14 from 10 AM to 3 PM to help with Railroad Day events. Join us and you will receive a free meal on Saturday! To volunteer, call (847) 671-8236. Get on board and join the fun!

EARTH DAY!
Celebration

FREE

ALL AGES

We will learn impactful ways to keep our earth clean and green. This is a family-oriented community event featuring District 84 students, interactive booths, vendors, hands-on crafts for kids, games, a shred truck sponsored by Partnership Financial Credit Union, and giveaways.

Day	Date	Time
Sa	Apr 26	12-2 pm

Location: North Park

It's Time to Spring Clean and We Need Your Help

The Village of Franklin Park has retained Orkin to set and regularly maintain more rodent bait boxes throughout town. The Village has doubled the number of bait boxes in alleys, now totaling nearly 800. Please do not move the bait boxes or put them in your yards. Only Orkin technicians should handle bait boxes.

The problem cannot be solved with bait boxes only - We need everyone's help.

Now is the time to do what you can to eliminate sources of food and hiding places on and around your property.

Garbage bins should always be closed with lids securely fastened to prevent critters from reaching a food source. Keep the area around your garbage bins free of trash, food scraps and spills. The Village is issuing tickets for any garbage overflowing out of containers and on the ground. Residents can rent an additional trash bin for \$3.66 per month. Call (847) 671-8258.

Eliminate clutter, debris, decaying brush from your property. Unmaintained pools and inoperable vehicles are a breeding source.

Mow your lawn on a regular basis and eliminate weeds in alleys and areas behind homes. Overgrown lawns and weeds are breeding grounds for rodents and insects. The Village is issuing tickets to homeowners if their grass is over six inches high.

Do not leave pet food or water bowls outside which can attract unwanted wildlife. Pick ripe fruits and vegetables in your garden right away to eliminate a food source for pests and insects.

If you are disabled or elderly and need assistance complying, call (847) 671-4800. If you see properties that need to be maintained, please call the Village.

Clean-up After Your Pets

For the safety and enjoyment of everyone, please keep your pets on a leash and always clean-up after them, even on your own property. Dog waste is full of disease-causing bacteria and parasites and can be harmful to humans and spread disease to other dogs. **Dog waste is also a food supply** for rodents. Remember to carry extra waste bags with you wherever you go with your dog. Your neighbors thank you for your consideration!

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, April 18



Leyden Hosting Family Picnic to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

On Saturday, May 17, the yearlong celebration of Leyden High School District 212's 100th Anniversary continues with its final event, a community picnic on the grounds of East Leyden. The entire community is invited to this free event featuring a cookout and plenty of family-friendly activities. Free hot dogs and drinks will be provided, and food trucks will be onsite for an additional charge. Future Eagles from Leyden's partner districts will provide the entertainment. Games, a traveling exhibit, and a time capsule presentation are also included.

The event will be held from 10 AM until 2 PM at East Leyden, located at 3400 Rose Street in the annex, across the street from the school behind the main parking lot. The event will be held rain or shine, with an indoor, onsite location if needed. Everyone is welcome!

Passport Service Available at the Library

The Clerk's Office will provide passport services at the Franklin Park Library by appointment only from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday April 19 and June 21 ONLY. On-site photo services will be available. To schedule your appointment or for more information, contact the Clerk's Office at 847-671-8242.