



JUNE 12 - 15, 2025

FRANKLIN AVE. & CALWAGNER ST.
9700 FRANKLIN AVE.

DAILY CARNIVAL OPENS

JUNE 12 & 13 AT 6 PM
JUNE 14 & 15 AT 1 PM



MUSIC LINE-UP

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

6:30 PM-7:45 PM:

The Class of '68 (60s Rock)

8:30 PM-10:30 PM:

Chicago Tribute Anthology (Chicago)

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

6:30 PM-7:45 PM:

Starlight City (Pop Rock)

8:30 PM-10:30 PM:

The Divas (Women of Pop & Soul)

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

11 AM-12:30 PM:

Fuze Band (Pop with a Latin groove)

1:15 PM-2:45 PM:

Karla & The Phat Cats (Pop Hits)

3:30 PM-5 PM:

One Of The Boyzz (Soulful Rock)

5:45 PM-7:45 PM:

Alt 101 (90s Alternative)

8:30 PM-10:30 PM:

Hello Weekend (Party Hits)

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

2 PM-4 PM:

American English (Beatles Tribute)

NO Bikes | NO Dogs | NO Skateboards
For more information: (847) 671-4800 or vofp.com

★ BEER & WINE GARDEN - FOOD VENDORS

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

May 2025

Mayor's Desk

May



Update on Infrastructure Improvements Underway

Spring is in full bloom and that means construction season is about to begin! The Village and its contractors are projected to begin work in early June on important infrastructure improvement projects.

Washington Street Improvements Plan

Washington Street, between King Street and Belmont Avenue, will receive a full street reconstruction, installation of a new water main, lead service line replacements, and road resurfacing. In addition, new rain gardens will be added to improve stormwater management and enhance the neighborhood's appearance.

This project is made possible through \$1.2 million in grant funding. Our Congresswoman Delia Ramirez secured \$601,439 in federal funds to replace substandard water mains and residential lead service lines along the street between Belmont Avenue and King Street.

An additional \$350,000 will be provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and \$204,000 from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD).

Thank you, Congresswoman Ramirez and also to our state and local governmental partners, for helping the Village to upgrade our infrastructure and roadways. This project will provide a safer, more inviting, landscaped environment that will improve the quality of life for Franklin Park families and businesses.

Robinson Road Subdivision

The Robinson Road subdivision will also receive major infrastructure improvements, including new water mains, lead service line replacements, and repaved roads. A new, attractive public space will be added at the corner of the subdivision on River Road and Robinson Road, creating a welcoming green space for the neighborhood.

South Industrial Area

The Village will soon begin improvements in the South Industrial Area, which includes Edgington Street, Fullerton Avenue, and Nevada Avenue east of 25th Avenue. This project will upgrade 3,200 feet of roadway with new asphalt and concrete pavement, curbs and gutters, drive aprons, sidewalks, and stormwater infrastructure. These upgrades will significantly improve safety, drainage, and overall road conditions in the area. The project is primarily funded by a \$1.3 million DCEO grant.



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We appreciate your patience and cooperation during construction season.

Volunteer at the Fest

Our annual Franklin Park Fest is just around the corner. We have a great line-up of free entertainment, and a daily carnival, food vendors, and beer and wine garden. 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! Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

See you at the Fest!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

**Village Hall will be closed
on Monday, May 26 for
Memorial Day.**

**Garbage and recycling
will be picked up on
Tuesday, May 27 and yard
waste will be picked up
on Wednesday May 28.**

Village Will Host Memorial Day Event – May 26

Before you fire up the grill and gather with friends to celebrate the three-day weekend, consider attending the Village's Memorial Day Observance! The annual event will be held on Monday, May 26 at 11 AM at the Veterans Monument, west of Village Hall. The event is co-sponsored with the American Legion Post 974 and will pay tribute to our deceased Franklin Park veterans from all branches of service. It will feature an honor guard, a ceremonial presentation of the memorial wreath, and more. For information, contact the Mayor's Office at (847) 671-8236. An update about a location change in case of inclement weather will be posted on our website and Facebook page.



Mayor Barrett Pedersen thanked Congresswoman Delia Ramirez for her assistance securing \$601,439.00 grant to fund improvements on Washington Street. Funds will support infrastructure improvements that will provide more families with access to cleaner, safer water.

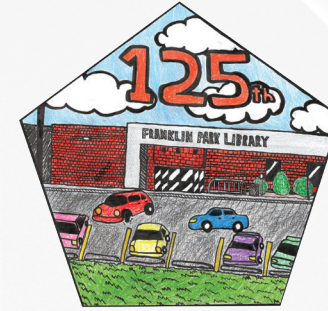
Cop On A Roof

The Franklin Park Police Department is once again hosting "Cop on a Rooftop!" Stop by our local Dunkin' located in **Franklin Park Dunkin' at 10131 W. Grand Avenue** on Friday, May 16 from 5 AM until noon! Get a free donut with every donation made and merchandise for purchase with all proceeds going to the Special Olympics Illinois.



Vehicle Stickers

Renewal applications for the Village's 2025-26 vehicle sticker will be mailed at the end of May. Every vehicle (including cars, trucks, and motorcycles) that is owned by or registered to a Franklin Park resident is required to have a valid vehicle sticker to operate or store the vehicle. Passenger car stickers cost \$30. A valid vehicle sticker allows you to park on most Village streets, but you still must obey parking restrictions posted on signs. For example, having a Village vehicle sticker does not mean you can park on streets that indicate "Resident Parking Only" because that means only residents who live on that street can park there.



Seniors and active-duty service members of the U.S. Armed Forces receive one free vehicle sticker per household. Veterans pay a reduced rate of \$15 for one vehicle sticker per household. Owners of electric vehicles receive a free vehicle sticker and hybrid vehicles pay a reduced rate of \$15.

Renew your stickers via mail, online, or by using the Village Hall parking lot drop box to avoid long lines purchasing stickers at Village Hall. Renew early to avoid a processing back-up causing a long wait to receive your sticker. If you have questions, call (847) 671-4800. This year's vehicle stickers celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Franklin Park Library. The talented East Leyden art student Lukasz Sroka provided the graphic for the sticker.



Celebrate Arbor Day in Franklin Park

The Village's Tree Preservation Committee invites everyone to attend to celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, May 17. Put on your sneakers and meet us at noon at the Downtown Plaza located at 9601 Franklin Avenue. We will enjoy snacks and stops to visit local businesses on Grand Avenue as we walk to the John Mazur Arboretum (east of the

Underpass) to plant trees. To register, please contact the Clerk's Office at (847) 671-8242.

Leyden Hosting Family Picnic to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

Join the fun on Saturday, May 17, from 10 AM until 2 PM to celebrate 100 years of Leyden Pride! This free event will include a cookout and plenty of family-friendly activities including entertainment, games, and free hot dogs and drinks. Food trucks will be onsite for an additional charge. The event will be held 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.

Service Line Warranty Program

The Village is again working with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA). A letter will be mailed soon from SLWA that will detail affordable programs to protect homeowners from emergency repairs to exterior water service lines and exterior sewer lines. Often, homeowners are unaware of their responsibility to cover costs for repairs to these systems in and around their home. To learn more about this affordable program, go to our website at vofp.com.

Working Together to Keep Our Community Clean

The Village has retained Orkin to set more than 800 bait boxes throughout town. Orkin will be checking the boxes twice a week. **The problem cannot be solved with bait boxes only. We need everyone to eliminate food sources and hiding places on and around your property. Please clean your yard and remove debris, inoperable vehicles, and machinery from your yard.**

The Village is issuing tickets for any garbage overflowing out of containers and on the ground. Make sure your lids are closed tight and clean up spills. You can rent an additional trash bin for \$3.83 per month. Call (847) 671-8258.

Mow your lawn regularly and eliminate weeds in alleys and around your home. The Village is issuing tickets to homeowners if their grass is over six inches high.

Clean up after your pet on walks and in your backyard immediately. Dog waste is a food supply for rodents. Do not leave pet food or water bowls outside. Pick fruits and vegetables in your garden right away.

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

If you feel you have a problem near your property, ask Orkin service workers when they are in your area to assess the situation in your yard. Please DO NOT tamper with Orkin's bait boxes or move them into your backyard. DO NOT throw the bait boxes in the trash.