

Blood Drive - June 13

Before you head over to the Fest, consider stopping by the Community Room to donate blood! Donating blood is safe, easy, and most importantly, it can save a life. If you are able, please donate to the Village’s Community Blood Drive on Friday, June 13 from 3 until 7 PM at the Franklin Park Police Station. Remember to eat a healthy meal and to stay hydrated before donating.



▲ Thank you to everyone who participated in our Arbor Day Walk last weekend. A special thank you to our friends at Sage Artistry for the charcuterie board, Baranowski Bakery & Deli for the paczkis, and Crave It for the tea samples and protein bites. We will do more community walks soon!

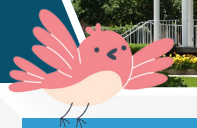
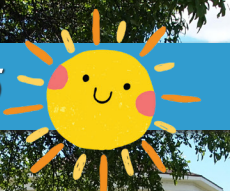


▲ The Police Department raised \$ \$3,479 during the Cop on a Rooftop event at the Grand Avenue Dunkin' location. Everyone who donated got a free donut with all proceeds going to the Special Olympics Illinois.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

June 2025



Mayor’s Desk

June



Village Adopts Plan for Grand Avenue

The Village has adopted the Grand Avenue Corridor Plan which will serve as a framework to make decisions regarding land use, transportation, economic development, and other infrastructure improvements along Grand Avenue.

Input from the community was a critical part of the planning process. Thank you to the residents, senior citizens, transit riders, property owners, and members of the business community who took the time to attend planning meetings and make their voices heard about what is important to them as we move forward.

The plan will focus on:

- Making improvements to Grand Avenue will provide a safer and more accessible street for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles. It will also create a more walkable and enjoyable experience for all.
- Promoting access to public transit along the Grand Avenue corridor by making it more convenient and easier to reach bus stops.
- Identifying economic development opportunities to support small businesses and to utilize vacant properties for outdoor dining, art installations, community events, and temporary uses, such as pop-up stores, and pop-up parks, and more.
- Including landscaping that expands the tree canopy and adds greenery to prevent flooding. This will make Grand Avenue more inviting.

We will continue to keep you updated as we make progress on Grand Avenue. You can read the entire Grand Avenue corridor Plan on our website. Follow the links from the Community Development and Zoning Page.

Barrett F. Pedersen

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



◀ Congressman Jesús “Chuy” García joined Mayor Barrett Pedersen to visit businesses on Grand Avenue. The Congressman discussed his support for the Grand Avenue Corridor Plan and how it will transform the area.



Barrett F. Pedersen
Mayor

April Arellano
Village Clerk

Village Trustees:
Irene Avitia
Gil Hagerstrom
John Johnson
Bill Ruhl
Karen Special
Andy Ybarra

9500 Belmont Ave.
Franklin Park, IL 60131
847-671-4800
www.vofp.com
villagenews@vofp.com

Emergency 911

Police & Fire
(Non-Emergency)
847-678-2444



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



RAILROAD DAY JUNE 14
10 AM - 3 PM
Walk-on and view train interiors!
Visit the Fire Dept. Museum

FACE PAINTING & PETTING ZOO

SATURDAY 10 AM - 2 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



Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, June 19 and Friday, July 4.

Water Quality Report Available

The 2024 Village of Franklin Park Water Quality Report is available to download as a PDF in English, Spanish, and Polish. This report contains valuable information about the source and quality of your drinking water in 2024. If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, please contact the Village at (847) 671- 8252.

https://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/FRANKLIN_PARK_-_2025_WATER_REPORT.pdf

https://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/CCR_2025_Polish.pdf

https://www.villageoffranklinpark.com/assets/1/7/CCR_2025_SPANISH.pdf

Program Provides Coverage for Outside Water Lines



A letter was recently mailed to residents from Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) that details an affordable program 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.

The program includes coverage for repairs to the clogged, broken, or leaking line serving the residential home when the flow of the line is interrupted due to normal wear and tear.

To learn more or to ask questions about the program, email at www.slwofa.com or call (844) 257-8795.



▲ **Congratulations to Víctor Gómez, who was named the 2025 Illinois Teacher of the Year by the State Board of Education! Mr. Gómez is a bilingual science teacher at East and West Leyden High School and has worked to help prepare students for careers in STEM, science, technology, engineering, and math. He also helped to start a mariachi ensemble at the school to nurture cultural pride.**

Vehicle Sticker Renewals

Renewal applications for the Village's 2025-26 vehicle stickers were mailed at the end of May. Every vehicle registered to a Franklin Park resident needs a vehicle sticker. Passenger car stickers cost \$30. Seniors and active-duty military receive one free vehicle sticker per household. Veterans pay a reduced rate of \$15 for one vehicle sticker per household.

Renew online at vofp.com, via mail, or by using the Village Hall parking lot drop box. You can also renew at Village Hall on Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. Waiting until the last minute could cause a processing back-up and a long wait to receive your sticker.

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. Please call (847) 671-4800 with questions.



Meals on Wheels Hosted a "Day of Advocacy" to Champion Senior Services

In celebration of Older Americans Month, Meals on Wheels for Northern Illinois invited the community to participate in a Day of Advocacy in Franklin Park on May 28. Similar events were held across the region to raise awareness of critical services authorized by the Older Americans Act of 1965. Meals on Wheels serve thousands of older adults who rely on the service for daily nutrition and social connection. Agency representatives noted that with inflation costs for food and transportation services and a growing Senior population, it was important for Congress to protect the Older Americans Act.

Meals on Wheels serve adults age 60 and older and provide home-delivered meals for a small, suggested donation per meal. No one is ever turned away if unable or unwilling to pay. In addition to providing fresh, hot meals to those who are homebound, Meals on Wheels supports the Franklin Park Senior Café that provides low-cost lunches, activities, and other activities.

For more information or to learn how you can donate or volunteer, call Lupe Borjon at (847) 678-8777 or visit www.MOWFNI.org. The Franklin Park Café is located at 10040 Addison Avenue.

Leyden Family Services Available at Village Hall

A representative from Leyden Family Services will be at Village Hall on Wednesday, June 18 from 9 AM until Noon. Staff can help residents who have questions or need help applying for government programs including Medicare, Medicaid, and LIHEAP. Staff can also help with understanding medical bills, prescription assistance, and more. Please bring your Social Security award letter and pay-check stubs that show the amount of income you receive to the event. No appointment is necessary.



▲ **Congressman Jesús "Chuy" García joined concerned citizens and social service organizations in Franklin Park for a Day of Advocacy. Agency representatives discussed how Meals on Wheels works to ensure that older adults can maintain their independence in their own homes longer, while promoting their social connections and overall well-being.**