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Village News

July 2025

Mayor's Desk

Thank you to the residents of Franklin Park who have given us their trust and confidence to continue serving as your Mayor, Clerk, and Trustee. It is said that if you have a job you love, you will never 'work' a day in your life. I have been fortunate to have such a job. That's why I genuinely believe that EVERY day is a holiday when you live in Franklin Park.

Congratulations to the Board members who were elected with me, Village Clerk April Arellano and Trustees John Johnson, Karen Special and Andy Ybarra.

It is an honor to serve as Village President in the community in which I was born and raised. I remain committed to our mission of continuing to make Franklin Park a wonderful place to raise a family, start a business, and spend your golden years. The dedication of our talented staff and the commitment of our elected officials are what allow us to keep moving Franklin Park forward. We have accomplished much, but there is still much to do.

In a changing, and often uncertain world, we must commit to tolerance and understanding. We must continue to enhance the safety of our neighborhoods, and the well-being of all our residents. We are a village of neighbors. Neighbors look out for each other, offer a helping hand, and relish the diversity of ideas and faiths. By working together, this great community, our shared home, will continue to thrive and prosper.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve.

Take the Survey for the O'Hare Area Bike Network

The O'Hare Area Bike Network Study will evaluate, plan, and identify opportunities to create a more connected bikeway network. This will be accomplished through proposed new on- and off-street bicycle facilities and enhancements to existing facilities.

Please take the survey to help guide the development of the network study. It's a wonderful opportunity to share your experiences, perspectives, needs, and aspirations for the bikeway network. Visit our homepage at vofp.com to take the survey by August 15, 2025.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



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Mayor

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Village Clerk

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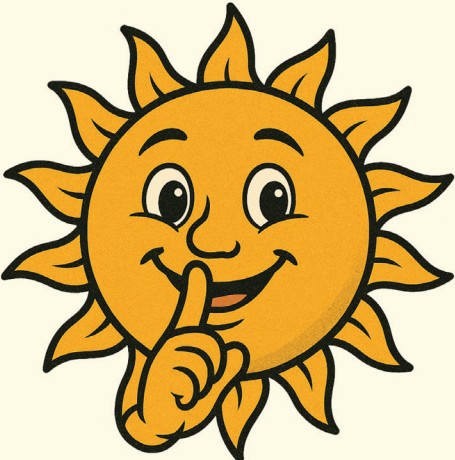
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Save the Date -
The Village-Wide
Garage Sale will
be held August
22, 23, and 24.
To register your
address, call the
Clerk's Office at
(847) 671-8242
or visit Village Hall.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WORKED TO MAKE THE 2025 FRANKLIN PARK FEST A SUCCESS. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR!



Quiet Please!

While hosting an outdoor gathering in your backyard can be a wonderful way to enjoy the warmer weather with friends and family, please be considerate of your neighbors. After dark, please do your best to minimize noise disturbance by keeping the music at a low volume and encouraging quiet conversations. Thank you for being a good neighbor!



New Water Rate Information

Each June, the City of Chicago increases the amount it charges the Village to purchase water. The Village’s water rate is then increased to reflect the new amount charged to the Village. In June 2024, the increase from the City of Chicago was 3.37%. However, the Village did not apply this increase to water bill customers at that time. In June 2025, the City of Chicago increased the amount it charges the Village for water by an additional 4%.

The Village is now increasing the amount it charges for water by 7% which will be applied to the July bills.

This is the first rate increase in two years by the Village. The Village is not applying an additional percentage increase to help fund infrastructure repairs and upgrades which it has done in the past so that in effect, this increase will only reflect the increase charged to the Village by the City of Chicago.

The monthly cost of garbage is \$27.80 for a single-family or a two-family home. The collection service days remain unchanged and continue to include removing unlimited garbage and recycling on Mondays and removal of yard waste on Tuesdays. If you are contracting with Republic Services for an additional trash bin, the cost will be \$3.83 per month and will be billed to you by Republic Services.

The Village will continue to subsidize the garbage collection rate for qualified senior citizens, age 65 and older, to allow them to receive FREE monthly garbage collection services. Qualified disabled and low-income residents will continue to be eligible to receive a reduced garbage collection fee of 50 percent. (Seniors and disabled residents must demonstrate their eligibility every year by December 30.)

All Franklin Park households receive free seasonal branch pick-up and have year-round access to the Village’s free unlimited electronics recycling bin located at 9364 Franklin Avenue (north of Franklin & Martens intersection) which is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 3 PM.

The rates for water, sewer, and garbage services are assessed in compliance with the Village Code. If you have questions regarding water bill payments, call Village Hall at (847) 671-4800.

ComEd Offering Energy Affordability Resources

Customers may see an increase in electricity costs due to a recent energy capacity auction by PJM, the organization that manages the energy grid and electricity market in 13 states, including northern Illinois, which resulted in higher energy supply costs. For customers who receive energy supply from ComEd, this cost is passed through with no mark up by, or profit to, ComEd. To get information about managing rising costs, go to ComEd.com/BillSupport.

ComEd has also partnered with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) and the Salvation Army to set up a \$10 million relief program. Income-qualified customers can apply for a one-time grant of up to \$500. The \$10 million fund is supported by a donation from Exelon shareholders, ComEd’s parent company. Visit ComEd.com/Relief to apply.

Take immediate steps to reduce summer energy costs:

- Shift heavy-duty chores.** Run dishwashers and laundry after 7 PM. Enroll in Peak Time Savings or Hourly Pricing to earn credits or to lower rates.
- Seal and shade.** Close south-facing blinds during the day and open at night and add draft stoppers to exterior doors to trim cooling costs by up to 10 percent.
- Raise it a notch.** Each degree you raise the thermostat saves roughly 2% on cooling. A ceiling fan makes a room feel 4 degrees cooler.
- Clear the airflow.** Move rugs, curtains, and furniture away from vents so your system doesn’t have to work as hard, extending equipment life and lowering monthly use.
- Cash in on rebates.** ComEd’s Energy Efficiency Program, offers discounts on ENERGY STAR® window A/C units, smart thermostats, and more. The upfront savings pair with long-term reductions – often 15% or higher – on your annual energy bill.

Roadway Repair Begins Mid-July

Roadway resurfacing and the removal and replacement of select curbs and gutters, driveway aprons and sidewalk panels will begin in mid-July on the following streets:

Gage Ave from Mannheim Rd to Sarah St, Minneapolis Ave from Mannheim Rd to Scott St, Minneapolis Ave from Calwagner St to 25th Ave, Chestnut Ave from Mannheim Rd to Scott St, Sarah St from Grand Ave to Franklin Ave, Sunset Ln from Grand Ave to Franklin Ave, and Louis St from Grand Ave to Franklin Ave.

Work may affect the use of select driveways and those residents will be notified. If your driveway is not affected, we recommend you do not park on the street during the day because there will be concrete trucks and other equipment throughout the area. Work typically takes place between 7 AM and 7 PM. Emergency vehicles will always have access; but your garbage may be picked up before work begins. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Jeremy Norton at (815) 953-4389 or Anand Sampath at (414) 364-9055. Thank you for your cooperation!