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THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

Mayor's Desk

Shape The Future of Transportation in Ten Minutes Take the Survey

The Village of Franklin Park and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) want to hear from you! Tell us how you get from point A to point B, and how our transportation system can be improved.

CMAP is leading development of the Regional Transportation Plan which will provide a blueprint for future roads, rails, and trails over the next 30 years in northeastern Illinois. Your feedback is critical – help us shape the plan that aims to improve transportation, reduce congestion, and build a more sustainable future for our region.

Whether you are a daily commuter, a cyclist, or simply passionate about the future of our community, your voice matters. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference! Together, we can create a more reliable, connected, and inclusive transportation system.

Go to vofp.com to respond to the questionnaire.

Can This Be Recycled?

If you are like me, you often wonder if an item should be put in the recycle bin or does it belong in the trash. For that reason, our waste and recycling hauler Republic Services has provided a Recycling Simplified Guide that is printed on page 4 of this newsletter. Cut it out and keep it handy to help you make good choices about recycling. If you would like to learn more, go to recyclingsimplified.com.

Also, while these items cannot go in the recycle bin, you can bring clean, dry, and unused plastic bags, wraps, and shipping supplies to our local Jewel Osco. To learn more, visit our Sustainability page at vofp.com.

Thanks for doing your part to become a better recycler!

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Blood Drive - Donate on September 19

The next Blood Drive will be held on Friday, September 19 from 3 until 7 PM at the Franklin Park Police Station in the Community Room. Prepare for your donation by eating well and staying hydrated. Thank you for providing the gift of life to someone in need!

ONLY place these items in the recycling container

COLOQUE sólo estos artículos en el contenedor de reciclaje



**Flattened
Cardboard**
Cartón aplastado



Paper
Papel



**Metal
Cans**
Latas de
metal



**Plastic Bottles
& Jugs**
Botellas y recipientes
de plástico



Glass
Vidrio



Empty. Clean. Dry.™

Keep all recyclables free
of food and liquid

Vacío. Limpio. Seco.
Mantenga todos los artículos reciclables
libres de alimentos y líquidos

How to prepare your recyclables

Cómo preparar sus artículos reciclables



Keep it loose

Never put recyclables
in containers or bags

Manténgalos sueltos
Nunca ponga los artículos reciclables
en contenedores o bolsas



NEVER place these items in the recycling container

NUNCA coloque estos artículos en el
contenedor de reciclaje



**Plastic Bags
& Wrappers**
Bolsas y envolturas
de plástico



Styrofoam
Espuma de
poliestireno



**Greasy Pizza
Boxes**
Cajas de pizza
con grasa



Food
Alimentos



**Electronics
& Batteries**
Artículos
electrónicos, pilas
o baterías



Yard Waste
Desechos de
jardinería



Diapers
Pañales



Soiled Paper
Papel sucio



**Clothing
& Shoes**
Ropa y zapatos



Tools
Herramientas



Toys
Juguetes



**Construction
Waste**
Desechos de
construcción



**Medical
Waste**
Desechos médicos



Scrap Metal
Chatarra de metal

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◀ Mayor Pedersen congratulated Alfredo Quinones upon receiving his award from Rita Kreslin, Executive Director of Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. Officer Quinones was recognized for making 75 DUI arrests. Thank you for helping to keep our streets safe.

▶ Franklin Park's new Canine Officer Ivar raised his paw to be sworn in at the August Board Meeting. He was assisted by his handler, Officer Delapaz.

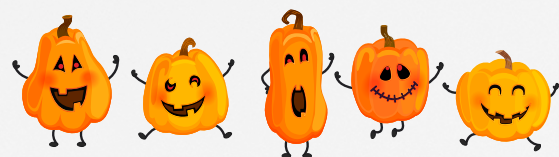


Apply Now for Sun and Save Solar Program

Cook County Sun and Save fully covers the cost of residential solar system installations as well as some small and related roof and electrical repairs on income-eligible owner-occupied homes in Cook County that meet the program's guidelines. This program also reduces barriers to clean energy for residents, reducing their energy burden and utility bills, as well as helping to reduce our region's carbon emissions and mitigate climate change. To learn more, visit vofp.com.



Annual Eddie Biondo Fall Fest Parade - October 5



Join the fun on October 5 for the annual event that features marching bands, floats, and local organizations that comprise the heart of Franklin Park. The parade will kick off at 1 PM at corner of Scott Street and Grand Avenue. To see the parade route, go to fpparks.org.

The fun isn't over after the Fall Fest Parade. Continue celebrating at North Park with the Pumpkin Fest! There will be plenty of pumpkins to be decorated and taken home! The afternoon will be full of family fun including music, inflatables, games, and more!

Shred and Recycle Event - October 11 | 9 AM until Noon at the Police Station

Drop off documents with your financial or personally identifiable information so they can be safely eliminated. Two-box limit per household, remove clips and staples. Items accepted until the truck reaches capacity. Also, you can recycle electronics and drop-off expired or unused medications for safe disposal. To see a list of electronic items that will be accepted, visit the Village's Sustainability Page at vofp.com.



Winter Sowing Your Seeds - September 21

The Village's Tree Preservation Commission and Bee Committee invite you to their Brown Bag Series of hands-on events. Bring your lunch and head to the Franklin Park Arboretum on Sunday, September 21 at noon to learn about sowing seeds. The Arboretum is located at 9229 Grand Avenue. If it rains, the event will be canceled.

Trees and Bees - October 12

The Village's Tree Preservation Commission and Bee Committee invite you to an informative seminar on Sunday, October 12 from 1 until 4 PM. Attendees will learn about how trees and pollinators like bees and butterflies contribute to a healthier and greener Franklin Park. Speakers will also discuss how to take care of your trees and tree canopy expansion initiatives with a focus on planting more trees to provide shade, enhance air quality and enhance our community. This free event will be held at the Police Station in the Community Room. Light refreshments will be served.

We Need Your Help to Eliminate Rodents

The Village continues to retain Orkin to set and regularly maintain nearly 800 bait boxes throughout town.

DO NOT MOVE BAIT BOXES OR PUT THEM IN YOUR YARDS - ONLY ORKIN TECHNICIANS SHOULD HANDLE BAIT BOXES.

The problem cannot be solved without your help - You must eliminate sources of food and hiding places on and around your property.



Garbage bins should always be closed with lids securely fastened to prevent rats from reaching a food source. Never put trash bags on the ground or on top of bins. Keep the area around your garbage bins free of trash, food scraps and spills.



Dog waste is a food supply for rodents. You must pick up pet waste IMMEDIATELY while on walks and in your own backyard. Do not leave it for later - it is attracting and feeding the rats!



Do not feed birds, squirrels, or stray cats and dogs and do not leave pet food or water bowls outside. This is also feeding the rats!



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.



Pick ripe fruits and vegetables in your garden right away to eliminate a food source for rats.

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. Residents can rent an additional trash bin for \$3.83 per month. Call (847) 671-8258.

The Village is issuing tickets to:

- ❗ Properties where trash is overflowing, on the ground, and not in closed containers
- ❗ Pet owners who do not clean up after their pets
- ❗ Property owners who do not eliminate debris in yards
- ❗ Homeowners if grass is over six inches high

