



Earth Day Library Plant Swap – April 22

Celebrate Earth Day at the library on Wednesday, April 22 from 5 until 7 PM and connect with fellow plant enthusiasts. Donate any pest-free plants or seeds to the library before April 22 to gain early access to the plant swap. Don't have any plants to swap? No problem! Celebrate Earth Day with some free plant cuttings (while supplies last). For more information, call (847) 455- 6016.

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EARTH DAY!
Celebration

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Saturday, April 18 from 12-2 PM at North Park, 10040 Addison Ave in Franklin Park, IL

Electrical Aggregation Questions

MC Squared Energy Services LLC (mc2) was selected to serve eligible residents and small business customers with this program. If you have questions about the electric aggregation program, a letter you may have received in the mail, or if you need assistance, email mc2 at ahoover@nimec.net, and you will be contacted within 24 hours. You can also call/text Adam at 224-255-5135. Please note that letters were mailed in mid-March by mc2 to a limited number of residents. If selected, there will be no change to your rate, or how you are billed by ComEd.



Passport Service at the Library – April 18

The Clerk's Office will provide passport service at the Franklin Park Library by appointment only from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, April 18. On-site photo services will be available. To schedule your appointment or if you have questions, call (847) 671-8242. To get information about what documents are required, visit our website at vofp.com.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

April 2026



Mayor's Desk

Earth Day 2026 – Our Power Our Planet

Earth is the only known planet where life is possible and if we do not take care of it, we will have no place to go.

Every April we celebrate Earth Day and this year the official theme is “Our Power, Our Planet.” This theme reminds us that we have the responsibility and the power to make choices in our everyday life that will sustain our planet. The message highlights that power grows through consistency, not intensity.

Choosing to consistently recycle more, waste less, and make better choices, will build patterns, and create habits. Most environmental impact comes from repeated household behavior. One day of effort does little, but months of steady change reshapes demand and resource use.

Say No to Plastic

Plastic pollution is the biggest enemy and threat to the planet. Plastic waste is a non-biodegradable waste that takes thousands of years to decompose. Our land and oceans are filled with tons of plastic waste and this amount is increasing.

Avoid the use of plastic products like plastic bags, bottles, and other items that are made of plastic. Reuse items like shopping bags made up of cloth and store leftovers in glass containers. Recycle plastic products instead of throwing them in the trash. To see a list of plastics that can be recycled at the local Jewel-Osco store, including shopping bags and shrink wrap, visit our Sustainability Page at vofp.com.

Stop Wasting Water

Water is a precious resource and unfortunately, the percentage of fresh and drinking water is decreasing every year. Simple habits like taking short showers and not letting the faucet run while brushing your teeth or shaving will reduce water use.

Reduce Your Transportation Footprint

Nothing would protect the environment and decrease our dependence on oil more than taking steps to reduce your transportation footprint. Transportation accounts for more than 30 percent of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions and that pollution is causing hotter summers, more frequent and more severe storms, and dangerous air-quality days that cause health problems in children and older adults.

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If possible, purchase an electric vehicle or find a reason to leave your car at home. Consider walking, biking, carpooling, or using public transportation. You can sit back, read the paper, and avoid the stress and headache of dealing with traffic. And that's not only sustainable for our planet, but also for your peace of mind!

Celebrating Earth Day Event

The Park District of Franklin Park will host their annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 18 at noon at the Centre at North Park. The family-oriented community event will highlight impactful ways to keep our earth clean and green and will include interactive booths, vendors, nature, crafts for kids, games, and giveaways.

Bring your personal documents to be safely shredded and unwanted or expired medications for proper disposal. Never flush drugs down the toilet or sinks because they will pollute our waterways!

Enjoy the spring weather!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



Mayor Barrett Pedersen congratulated two new Firefighters / Paramedics who were sworn in at the March Board Meeting. Congratulations to Tyler Cristofaro (above) and Deni Subasic (on the right).



Protect Yourself and Your Family -- Contact JULIE before you dig!

Every project. Every time. It is a free service that makes it easy for you to avoid causing costly damage to buried utilities, service interruptions, and potential injury. Go to JulieBeforeYouDig.com or call 811.



◀ In March, Village officials cut the ribbon to welcome Fruition Logistics to their new space at 2980 Hart Court. Fruition Logistics is a freight brokerage firm that expanded into trucking a few years and recently into cold storage. The owner was able to find the perfect new facility for their operations right here in Franklin Park!

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 4 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.



Spring is here! Time to clean up!

The Village of Franklin Park retains Orkin to set and regularly maintain rodent bait boxes throughout town. BUT the problem cannot be solved with bait boxes alone. It takes a community-wide effort to control the problem and we need YOUR help!

The best way to solve the problem is for residents to eliminate all sources of food and places to breed on your property. Please take the following rodent control actions immediately:

Keep trash and recycling containers tightly closed – never put trash bags on the ground or on top of containers. Clean up all spills quickly.

The Village is issuing tickets for any garbage overflowing out of containers and on the ground. Residents can rent an additional trash bin for \$4 per month, plus a \$15 delivery fee. Call (847) 671-8258.

Clean up your yard and eliminate clutter and debris. Rodents will breed and nest in tires, machinery, old vehicles, unmaintained pools, improperly stored firewood, rock, mulch, and grass piles, or garden debris.

Mow your lawn on a regular basis and eliminate weeds in yards, 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. Do not feed the birds or other animals because you are feeding the rats too.

Keep compost containers tightly sealed - it can be a food source for rodents.

Maintain building foundations under sheds, porches, steps, and garages to prevent rodents from burrowing in these locations.

Please DO NOT tamper with Orkin's bait boxes or move them into your backyard. DO NOT throw the bait boxes in the trash. Only Orkin technicians should handle bait boxes.

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. We will post updates on our website as it becomes available.



Clean-up After Your Pets – It is Feeding the Rats

Always **clean-up after your pets immediately, 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 and please keep your pets on a leash. Thank you for your consideration!



Natural Methods to Deter Rodents

Strategically planting the perennial plant catmint in your garden, especially alongside other repellent herbs like mint, can make areas less appealing to rats, especially if you are trying to prevent them from entering your home. Catmint or a very similar plant catnip may deter rats due to their strong scent but will not eliminate an existing infestation. They are both available in seed and plant form.



Peppermint Spray is also helpful and more economical but must be reapplied after rainfall or snow.

Trash Removal Update Regarding Mattresses

Due to safety reasons, Republic Services will no longer remove discarded mattresses from your property unless it is in a mattress bag or wrapped in plastic. Thank you for your cooperation.