



JUNE 11 - 14, 2026

FRANKLIN AVE. & CALWAGNER ST.
9700 FRANKLIN AVE.

**DAILY CARNIVAL
OPENS**

**JUNE 11 & 12 AT 6 PM
JUNE 13 & 14 AT 1 PM**



**RAILROAD DAY JUNE 13
10 AM - 3 PM**

Walk-on and view train interiors and caboose!
Ride the CPKC "Little General" mini train
Visit the Fire Dept. Museum

**FACE PAINTING & PETTING ZOO
SATURDAY 10 AM - 2 PM**



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

★ BEER & WINE GARDEN - FOOD VENDORS

MUSIC LINE-UP

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

6:30 - 7:45 PM:
Rosie & The Rivets
(Retro Rock)

8:30 - 10:30 PM:
Brass From The Past
(Legends of Rock and Soul)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

6:30 - 7:45 PM:
Physical Graffiti
(Led Zeppelin Tribute)

8:30 - 10:30 PM:
Hello Weekend (Party Hits)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM:
Mr. Myers Trio
(Caribbean, Jimmy Buffet)

1:15 - 2:45 PM:
Fuze Band
(Pop with a Latin groove)

3:30 - 5:00 PM:
One Of The Boyzz
(Soulful Rock)

5:45 - 7:45 PM:
Addicted To Love
(Robert Palmer/80's ladies)

8:30 - 10:30 PM:
The Boy Band Night
(Boy Band Hits)

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Noon - 1:15 PM:
1924 (Pop/Rock)

2:00 - 4:00 PM:
American English
(Beatles Tribute)

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

May 2026

Mayor's Desk

May



New Development Brings Investment to Our Community

In April, we welcomed our local candy maker Ferrero's newest product line to our town. Just like the iconic Baby Ruth and Butterfinger candy bars, we are proud to state that Nutella Peanut will be made exclusively in Franklin Park!

The project included a \$75 million investment in their plant, utilized over 100 contractors and suppliers, and created 50 new, good paying jobs. This type of business investment has an important impact on our local economy. It adds to our tax base, enhances worker's skill development, and demonstrates Franklin Park's commitment to fostering our "Open for Business" attitude.

Ferrero has been a good corporate citizen, always answering the call to support our town. Whether it is sponsoring our Franklin Park Fest or by donating candy for Santa to distribute to children at our holiday Tree Lighting, their generosity allows us to provide family-focused events and activities for local families.

On behalf of our Village Board, I thank Ferrero for their support and for continuing to make Franklin Park their home.

Village Receives Stormwater Management Award

The Village recently received an award from the Illinois Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Management (IAFSM). The Excellence in Stormwater Management Award recognized the Village's commitment to improving stormwater management, our creative engineering, and application of an innovative approach to reducing flood risks.

Our award-winning project focused on improvements along Pacific Avenue. The Village partnered with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) to transform previously paved areas at select intersections into landscaped rain gardens. These gardens capture and infiltrate stormwater, reducing runoff to the sewer system and helping offset peak flows. In addition to decreasing flooding, the project has improved pedestrian safety, incorporated native plantings that support bees and butterflies, and beautified the streetscape.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



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▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen and Assistant Village Engineer Dafne Henriquez accepted the Excellence in Stormwater Management Award at a recent Board Meeting.

Volunteers Needed at Franklin Park Fest

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, June 13 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!



Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop - May 15

The Franklin Park Police Department is pleased to participate in this year's Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop Event Benefiting Special Olympics Illinois! The event will take place on Friday May 15 from 5 AM until noon with our Police Officers on top of our local Dunkin' located at 10131 W. Grand Avenue.

Stop by our location to donate and receive FREE coffee and donuts! If you are unable to visit us on the day of the event, please consider using our department's online fundraising page <https://support.soill.org/team/820936> to donate.

Apply NOW for 50/50 Sidewalk Program

Apply now to replace damaged and cracked concrete on the public sidewalk near your home. Homeowners and the Village will share the cost evenly. Call (847) 671-8308 to be placed on the list for repair this summer and you will be contacted to make an appointment to discuss the details. If you apply after May 29, 2025, you will be placed on the list for next year.

Life With Bees Event - May 16

The Village of Franklin Park's Bee Committee invites everyone to attend a free event to learn more about bees and to celebrate the planet they need and love! The event is free and will be held on Saturday, May 16 at 10 AM at the Franklin Park Public Library located at 10311 Grand Avenue. For more details call (847) 708 2963.



Park District Hosts Saturday Events at Downtown Plaza

Everyone is invited to attend Saturday events sponsored by the Park District of Franklin Park at the new Plaza in downtown Franklin Park at the corner of Franklin Avenue and 25th Avenue. Join the fun! Go to fpparks.org/ events for more information.

- Tots & Tunes - June 6 at 10:30 AM
- Pollinator Day - June 27 at 10 AM
- Total Body Movement - July 18 at 1 PM
- Movement Explorers - August 29 at 9:30 AM



This year's vehicle sticker was designed by Leyden art student Nelly Vyroubalova who captured this year's theme of "A Village of Neighbors."

It is Time To Renew Vehicle Stickers

Renewal applications for the Village's 2026-27 vehicle sticker will be mailed at the end of May. Every vehicle (including cars, trucks, and motorcycles) 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. Having a Village vehicle sticker does not allow you to park on streets displaying signs that say "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 to purchase stickers inside 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.

Tickets Being Issued for Overflowing Garbage and Tall Grass

The Village retains Orkin to set and regularly maintain rodent bait boxes throughout town. BUT it takes a community-wide effort to control the problem and we need EVERYONE'S help! **The Village is issuing tickets for any garbage overflowing from trash containers and on the ground.** Residents can rent an additional trash bin for \$4 per month, plus a \$15 delivery fee.

The Village is issuing tickets to homeowners if their grass is over six inches high. Overgrown lawns and weeds in yards, alleys and areas behind your home are breeding grounds for rodents and insects. Go to voftp.com to read more helpful tips and to view the video.



The Village has retained Giant Painters to clean, prime, and paint 250 hydrants in Franklin Park neighborhoods. Please note that sandblasting does not pose a risk to residents. Also, ME Simpson is conducting routine maintenance to ensure hydrants are in good operating condition primarily around Franklin Ave. to Grand Ave. to Mannheim Rd. to Maple St. Call the Water Department at (847) 671-8217 with questions.

Memorial Day Event and Holiday Closing

The Village's annual event, co-sponsored with the American Legion Post 974, will be held on Monday, May 25 at 11 AM at the Veterans Monument, west of Village Hall. The event will pay tribute to our deceased Franklin Park veterans from all branches of service and feature an honor guard, a ceremonial presentation of the memorial wreath, and more. Watch for updates about a location change in case of inclement weather on our website and Facebook page.

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. Garbage and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, May 26 and yard waste will be picked up on Wednesday May 27.



◀ Franklin Park welcomes a new UPS Store at 2735 N Mannheim Road. The store offers notary services and is operated by the Amin family.