



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen congratulated Dominick Marrazzo who was sworn in as a Police Officer and the new Auxiliary Officers Jonathan Sanchez, Andres Rosiles, and Carl Caccioppo at a recent Board Meeting.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

June 2026

Mayor's Desk

Slow Down In Construction Zones

Construction season is in full swing in Franklin Park. To ensure safety and efficiency, commuters should use caution while driving in construction zones to protect workers by reducing speed and increasing visibility. Careful driving will minimize the risk of accidents by allowing more reaction time.

Please put down your phones and look for posted signs and signals in construction zones. Rear-end collisions are one of the most common crash types in work zones because traffic speed changes abruptly and repeatedly in construction zones, and tailgating leaves no room to react.

We will be updating you throughout the summer and fall as we continue to complete street and infrastructure improvement projects in our Village. We will post construction updates, lane closures, and public meeting notices on our Village website and Facebook page.



The Village has completed work on the Robinson Road Improvement Project. Last year the Robinson Road subdivision received new water mains and lead service line replacements. This spring, roadways were resurfaced and landscaping was restored. In addition, some minor landscaping restoration items will be monitored and completed this summer.

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, June 19 and Friday, July 3. Trash and Recycling removal will not be impacted.



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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**



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)

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

★ BEER & WINE GARDEN - FOOD VENDORS



**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

Connect Franklin Park Initiative Update

The Connect Franklin Park initiative is a grade separation project focused on improving safety, mobility, and connectivity within the Village. This project aims to address transportation challenges related to the five at grade railroad crossings. **The goal of the Connect Franklin Park initiative is to plan and design grade separations that reduce travel delays and enhance safety and access for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, and emergency response vehicles.**

The first Public Meeting was held in December 2025 and provided a project overview, including background information, identified transportation needs, an evaluation of grade separation alternatives, and preliminary urban design concepts. The meeting also featured a design exercise and discussion to gather community input. If you were unable to attend the first meeting, all materials are on the website www.connectfranklinpark.org.

The second of three planned Public Information Meetings is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, at the Franklin Park Police Station. The Village and project team will present and gather feedback on the proposed underpass and pedestrian walkway. Community design concepts will also be available for public review and input.

You may attend in person or submit comments online. Project information will be posted to the project website on June 9, and printed materials will be available at Village Hall. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions, participate in a design activity and provide feedback at the meeting or via the project website at www.connectfranklinpark.org. Public comments will remain open through July 10, 2026. For more information, go to vofp.com.



▲ Congratulations to the Village of Franklin Park for earning Gold Level status as a Water Ambassador Community for the third year in a row for our work in elevating public awareness, knowledge, and consumer education for the water industry. The Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association presented the plaque at the May Board Meeting to Emir Salkic, Water & Sewer Division Supervisor, Nick Weber, Utilities Commissioner, and Luis Hernandez, Water & Sewer Division Water Operator.

Tickets Being Issued for Overflowing Garbage and Tall Grass

Orkin has been contracted 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. Also, always clean up after your dogs on walks and on your property. Go to vofp.com to read more helpful tips to keep our community clean and view the video there too.

Vehicle Sticker Renewal

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.



A valid vehicle sticker allows you to park on most Village streets, but you will still need to 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.

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

Water Quality Report Available



The 2025 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 2025. If you would like a paper copy of the report mailed to your home, please contact the Village at (847) 671- 8252. The report is also available on vofp.com.

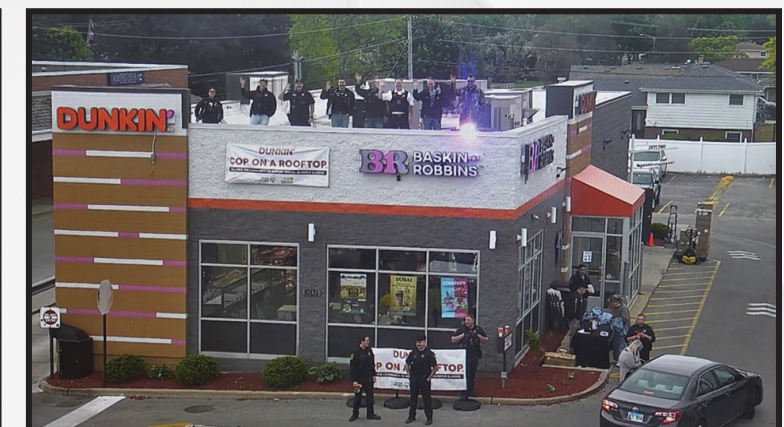
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Celebrate the 4th of July with the American Legion

The American Legion Post 974 invites everyone to celebrate the 250th birthday of our country on Saturday, July 4! The fun kicks off with a parade starting at noon at the Village of Franklin Park's Veterans Memorial located just west of Village Hall on Belmont Avenue. Families are invited to decorate their bikes and wagons and walk to the American Legion Post at 9757 Pacific Avenue where you will enjoy games and refreshments. For more information, call (847) 678-7474.



▲ The Franklin Park Police Department raised \$5,113 during the Cop on a Roof event including a \$500 donation from our local Franklin Park company Olympia Foods! All donations support the Special Olympics. Thank you to everyone who donated!