

Apply Now to Have a Veteran Name Added to the Monument

If you would like their name engraved on the Village Veteran's Memorial wall, you may submit their name to have it added to our Veteran's Monument. The veteran must have lived in Franklin Park and bring a copy of the veteran's DD-214 form, Honorable Discharge Papers, to the Village of Franklin Park Clerk's Office, **by September 1 to ensure the name will be added to the monument in time for the Village's Veterans Day ceremony on November 11.**

For more information, please call the Clerk's Office at (847) 671-8242.



▲ The Village's newest K9 officer Arcas was sworn in for duty pictured with his handler, Officer Delapaz and Mayor Pedersen.



▲ Welcome Fire Chief Lucas Palermo! Mayor Barrett Pedersen congratulated our new Fire Department Chief at a recent Board Meeting



At the July Board meeting, Clerk April Arellano swore in and congratulated Kevin Bartnicki on his promotion to Lieutenant with the Franklin Park Fire Department. She also swore in three new Firefighter/ Paramedics, Matthew McGarry, Victor Rodriguez, and William Sweetman, who were welcomed by Chief Palermo and Mayor Pedersen. Congratulations to everyone!

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

Village News

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Mayor's Desk

The Village of Franklin Park hosted the second Connect Franklin Park railroad underpass project public information meeting on Tuesday, June 9. The public meeting provided residents, business owners, and other stakeholders with an opportunity to review and provide feedback on preliminary alignment and design concepts for the proposed Martens Street vehicular underpass, adjacent roadway improvements, and a new pedestrian underpass near the Franklin Park Downtown Metra Station.

Attendees reviewed potential property impacts, construction and design techniques, and landscaping ideas highlighting how the plan would change traffic patterns, reduce truck and vehicular congestion along 25th Avenue caused by frequent rail crossing stoppages, and enhance safety and connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists.

Community members were able to speak directly with project engineers and Village staff about the proposed improvements. Finally, attendees were encouraged to share their comments, concerns, and ideas with the Connect Franklin Park Team, helping ensure public input continues to play an important role as the project moves through the planning and design process.

If you missed out, don't worry, there will be plenty of opportunities for public feedback in the Fall of 2026! Please visit connectfranklinpark.org to learn more about the project, to see the preliminary designs, and to sign up to receive project updates or ask questions. Also, watch our Village website and Facebook page for meeting notices.

We Are All Responsible for Sharing the Road Safely

Whether driving, bicycling, or walking, we are all responsible for sharing the road safely with other vehicles and users. Please take the time to view safety tips that will help everyone reach their destination safely on our website at vofp.com.


Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



A Connect Franklin Park public meeting was held in July to highlight plans for grade separation improvement along Franklin Park's railways. Attendees learned about the project objectives and viewed proposed designs. The project will improve emergency access, increase safety, and improve connectivity within the Village.



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Village Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7. Garbage and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, September 8 and yard waste will be picked up on Wednesday September 9.

GARAGE SALE

Sell Your Stuff or Shop Until You Drop at the Village-Wide Garage Sale - August 21-23

It's time to go shopping at the Village-wide Garage Sale on August 21, 22 and 23 from 8 AM to 7 PM daily. If you would like to host a sale, register now with the Clerk's Office at 847-671-8242 or at clerks@vofp.com. A list of the Franklin Park homes participating in the sale will be posted on the website a few days prior to the event.



SAVE THE DATE 3rd Annual Tree Preservation Commission & Bee Committee Seminar - October 17

Join us for an afternoon dedicated to urban forestry, pollinator health, and community stewardship, hosted by the Village of Franklin Park Tree Preservation Commission and Bee Committee. This free event will be led by industry professionals and will be held on Saturday, October 17 from 1 until 5 PM at the Police Station.



▲ Scooter's Coffee is officially open for business in Franklin Park at 10000 W Grand Ave. Village Trustee Irene Avitia, Clerk April Arellano and staff cut the ribbon to welcome the new coffee shop to our town.



LIBRARY CORNER

CHALK THE WALK

Every other Friday, the Franklin Pak Library will decorate the sidewalks leading up to their front doors with chalk! Come join the fun on Friday, August 7 and Friday August 28 from 4:30-5:30 PM.

ANIME AND RAMEN

Do you love to watch Anime & K-Dramas? Do you love to eat Ramen? Then this is the program for you! Registration is required so when you register, be sure to vote on which Anime or K-Drama you want to watch! This event will take place on Monday, August 31 from 4:30 -5:30 PM.

The Franklin Park Library is located at 10311 Grand Avenue. For more information go to fppld.org or call (847) 455-6016.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG — HELP STOP RODENTS!



DOG WASTE ATTRACTS RODENTS. YOUR ACTIONS MAKE OUR COMMUNITY CLEANER & HEALTHIER.



SCOOP IT. TRASH IT. STOP THE PROBLEM.



KEEP PETS ON A LEASH FOR THEIR SAFETY. FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

Thank You! ♥ FOR DOING YOUR PART!

Cone with a Cop - August 15

The Franklin Park Police Department will participate in McDonald's "Cone with a Cop" event on Saturday August 15, from 11 AM until 1 PM at the Franklin Park McDonald's located at 9450 W. Grand Ave. Learn safety tips and receive a free ice cream cone!

