

ILLINOIS SECRETARY of STATE
MobileDMV



Driver's License & State ID Cards – Standard & REAL ID
(First time, Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)

Vehicle Registration / License Plate Stickers

For a full list of acceptable documents visit ILSOS.gov
* Written and road tests are not available at Mobile DMV events.



Barrett F. Pedersen
Mayor of Franklin Park



IL Secretary of State
Alexi Giannoulias

**Friday, October 23, 2026
10 AM - 2PM**

**Franklin Park Police Station
Community Room
9451 Belmont Avenue
Franklin Park IL 60131**

Appointments Required
Call to schedule:
 847-671-8242

Shred and Recycle Event - October 10, 9 AM until Noon

Drop off documents to be safely eliminated at the Police Station (two-box limit per household, remove clips and staples, accepted until the truck reaches capacity).
Recycle electronics and expired or unused medications for safe disposal.

**Senior Health & Resource Fair
October 23 | 10 AM – 2 PM**

- Vaccine Clinic - get flu and COVID booster vaccines
- Franklin Park Manila Lions Club will provide free hearing and retinal screenings
- Secretary of State Mobile DMV – appointment required; see graphic above
- Voter Registration



THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK
Village News

September 2026

Mayor's Desk



**Water Smart – Helps You to Save Money,
Avoid Surprises, and Pay Your Bill Online**

The Village offers a secure online program called WaterSmart that allows you to analyze your current water use, review your history by month or by the hour, and compare your home's water use with other similar users. You can set up text or email alerts that will let you know there is a change in your water use. The alerts can help you detect a water leak, or any other unintended water use in your home, which could cause you to receive an unusually high-water bill.

You can pay your bill online and skip waiting in line at Village Hall and avoid slow mail service that could cause you to receive a late fee.

Take control of your water use and avoid a surprise on your next bill by enrolling in the Water Smart Program. There is no convenience fee or any other cost for this service. Setting up an account is quick and easy to do from a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Go to vofp.com to sign up today.

Fall Events – Save the Dates

The trees are changing color; the weather is cooling down, and the kids are back in school. That means it is time to start thinking about your flu vaccine! Plan to get your flu and Covid booster vaccines on Friday, October 23, 10 AM – 2 PM, at the Police Station. There is more information about all the events scheduled for the fall throughout this newsletter. Watch our Village newsletter and Facebook page for updates.

Take some time to enjoy the autumn weather!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen



**Barrett F. Pedersen
Mayor**

April Arellano
Village Clerk

Village Trustees:
Irene Avitia
Gil Hagerstrom
John Johnson
Bill Ruhl
Karen Special
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Franklin Park, IL 60131
847-671-4800
www.vofp.com
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Emergency 911

Police & Fire
(Non-Emergency)
847-678-2444



REGISTER TO VOTE!

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY IS ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2026!

JOIN VILLAGE CLERK APRIL J ARELLANO AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR VOTER STATUS!

09/15/2026



NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY!
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK - JOE "TONY" LAURO PLAZA
9700 FRANKLIN AVE, FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131
10 AM - NOON

*RAIN PLAN: 9500 BELMONT AVE FRANKLIN PARK IL 60131

09/16/2026



FINCH COFFEE
9602 FRANKLIN AVE, FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131
8 AM - 10 AM

09/22/2026



THE GOAL LINE
9700 FRANKLIN AVE, FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

09/28/2026



ANGEL'S CLOSET
9706 FRANKLIN AVE, FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131
NOON - 2 PM

09/30/2026



FRANKLIN PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY
10311 GRAND AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, IL 60131
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

WHAT TO BRING:
2 FORMS OF ID

ONE MUST INCLUDE
YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS

For more information call the Clerk's Office:
(847) 671-8242 or Register Online:
<https://www.cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections/voter-registration>

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION:

VALID USA PASSPORT
IL DRIVER'S LICENSE
STATE ID
STUDENT ID
CREDIT CARD



Boo-Lieve in Saving Lives? Donate Blood - September 18

Help patients who rely on blood donations and get a free Halloween Tee if you donate from September 11 through 30! Simply make an appointment at vitalant.org or call (877) 25-VITAL, and you will also be entered to win one of two \$10,000 gift cards. Use blood drive code ORDOFR98.

Or join us at the Police Station for the next Community Blood Drive on Friday, September 18 from 3 to 7 PM. Prepare for your donation by eating well and staying hydrated, and remember to bring your photo ID. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome! Thank you for providing the gift of life to someone in need!

◀ Tacos Mexico located at 10251 Franklin Avenue is our Village's newest restaurant. Village Trustees John Johnson and Karen Special, Clerk April Arellano, and staff cut the ribbon with the owners.



Triton College's Fall Family Fun Fest

Triton College will host its annual free Fall Family Fun Fest on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 AM until 1 PM at the college's Botanical Gardens. The Fest features a variety of autumn-themed activities and games for all ages. Enjoy hands-on experiences designed to celebrate the start of fall. Triton's Botanical Gardens are located on the east side of the campus, directly behind the R Building. For more information, visit triton.edu.

Annual Eddie Biondo Fall Fest Parade and Pumpkin Fest - Oct 4

The heart of Franklin Park is showcased during the annual Park District's Fall Parade and will include floats, marching bands, local schools, and more. The parade kicks off at 1 PM at the corner of Scott Street and Grand Avenue. To see the parade route, go to fpparks.org.

Families should plan to continue celebrating at North Park at the Pumpkin Fest! There will be plenty of bright orange pumpkins waiting to be decorated and taken home. The pumpkin patch is available for children aged 12 and under. The afternoon is full of family fun, inflatables, games, and more and runs from 2 until 4 PM.



We had a great turn out at the Cone With A Cop event in August at the McDonald's located at 9450 Grand Avenue! Thanks for joining our Franklin Park Police Officers for a fun afternoon!

LIBRARY CORNER

TELLING THE STORY: A CHILD HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

In 1943, eight-year-old Steen Metz was deported from his home in Denmark to the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp. One of fewer than 1,500 children to survive the Nazi facility, Steen joins us to share his remarkable story and the vital importance of bearing witness to history. The event will be held on Wednesday, September 16 from 6 until 7 PM

LIBRARY HOSTS BOOK SALE

Looking for great deals on new or gently used books, CDs, Audiobooks, and DVDs? Join us for the in-house book sale for a special, expanded book sale. You can also buy a large library plastic bag to fill with materials for \$5! The Sale will be held at the Library Saturday, September 19, from 10 AM until 2 PM.

MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK

Celebrate the delicious flavors of our community! Bring your own dish to share your culture with your neighbors or just attend to try food on Thursday, September 24, from 5 until 6 PM.

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