

ILLINOIS SECRETARY of STATE Mobile DMV

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](https://ilsos.gov)

*Written and road tests are not available at Mobile DMV events



FRANKLIN PARK Senior HEALTH and RESOURCE FAIR



Friday,
October 23, 2026
10 AM until 2 PM

Franklin Park
Police Station in the
Community Room
9451 Belmont Avenue

Sponsored by Mayor Barrett Pedersen,
and Illinois Senate President Don Harmon



Osco Drugs / Vaccine Clinic – get flu and Covid booster vaccines.

No appointment is necessary!

Bring your Medicare card or insurance information.

- Franklin Park Manila Lions Club will provide free hearing and retinal screenings.
- Secretary of State Mobile DMV – Appointment required - (847) 671-8242.
- Local healthcare providers will provide information and give-a-ways.
- Free healthcare checks.
- Turn in unused and expired medications.
- Register to vote.

Area elected officials, Leyden Family Services, Leyden Township, and other local agencies including the Cook County Sheriff's Office will **provide information about services and programs specifically designed to help older adults.**

Refreshments will be served

For more information, go to vofp.com or call (847) 671-8282.

THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK Village News

October 2026

Mayor's Desk



Our Giving Community

I am always impressed at the kind and giving spirit demonstrated by our residents. One such act of generosity took place on September 11, 2026, as we marked the 25th anniversary of the horrific attacks on our country.

While in elementary school, Travis Hall often honored the memory of the emergency personnel who rushed to help their fellow Americans on the anniversary of 9-11 by soliciting donations from area restaurants to feed our firefighters.

Travis is now away at college, but with the assistance of his mother who coordinated the delivery of food, our on-duty firefighters were treated to lunch again this year as we remembered those who gave their lives in service at Ground Zero.

In the aftermath of that terrible day, America came together and remembered that we are one nation, indivisible. Thank you, Travis, for reminding us that we are a community united in our belief that we should care for each other.

Hometown Favorites - Butterfinger and Baby Ruth

The iconic candy bars Butterfinger and Baby Ruth are produced by Ferrero right here in Franklin Park. Show your hometown support by purchasing these sweet treats at our local Jewel Foods store and handing them out to trick-or-treaters, at a Trunk or Treat event, or your Halloween party. As a corporate citizen, Ferrero has answered the call every time to support our town by donating candy for Santa to distribute to children at our holiday Tree Lighting and at the Park District's Fall Fest Parade. They also invested \$75 million in a facility in our town that produces Nutella Peanut, their newest product line!

The Village has established the hours of 3 to 7 PM for Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 31. Be safe and have fun!

Mayor Barrett F. Pedersen

Happy
Halloween



Barrett F. Pedersen
Mayor

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▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen and longtime resident Chuck Curtis proudly marked the 50th anniversary of their military service to our country in the US Air Force. The two men were Eagle Scouts together, too!



▲ Mayor Barrett Pedersen congratulated David Guerin, River Grove Mayor and owner of the Underpass Bar and Grill on celebrating 20 years of serving good food, warm hospitality, and happy memories in Franklin Park.

Franklin Park Fire Department Open House

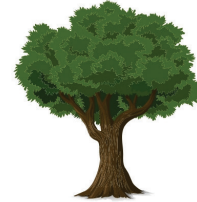
**Saturday, October 17,
11 AM to 2 PM**
**Station #2
10001 Addison Avenue**



Learn about important fire prevention techniques, tour the facility, and meet your local firefighters! Refreshments will be served.

Village's Tree Preservation Commission and Bee Committee Seminar

**Saturday, October 17,
1 PM to 5 PM**
**Police Station
Community Room
9451 Belmont Avenue**



Join your neighbors to learn about urban forestry, pollinator health, and community stewardship.

Veterans Day Event – November 11

The Village of Franklin Park and the American Legion Post 974 will honor all veterans who served our country in times of war and peace at the annual Veterans Day observance on Wednesday, November 11 at 11 AM, at the Veterans Monument west of Village Hall. New names (submitted by the September 1 deadline) of residents who served in the military were recently added to the Village's Veterans Monument and will be recognized at the event. Watch for updates, if there is bad weather, the event to be moved to the Community Room in the Police Station.

Village is Working with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA)

A letter from SLWA will arrive in homes in October that details affordable programs to protect homeowners from emergency repairs to exterior water lines and exterior sewer/septic lines. Often, homeowners are unaware of their responsibility to cover costs for repairs to these systems in and around their home which can be expensive. Go to vofp.com to learn more.

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, October 12. Trash and recycling will be picked up on Monday and Yard waste will be removed on Tuesday.

Village Hall to Host Early Voting October 19 – November 2

The Early Voting for November 3rd, 2026, Gubernatorial General Election will take place seven days a week at Village Hall from Monday October 19, through Monday November 2. Please enter through the parking lot door. Village Hall is not a polling place on Election Day. The hours are:

First week
October 19 – October 25
Monday-Saturday - 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, October 25 - 10 am to 4 pm

Second week
October 26 – November 1
Monday-Saturday - 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, November 1 - 10 am to 4 pm

Final Monday
November 2
9 am to 5 pm





▲ Police Chief Tom Ferris and Mayor Barrett Pedersen welcomed newly-sworn in Police Officers Frank Guiglio and Jacob Karkoszka.

Leaf Pickup and Yard Waste Removal Information - Service Date Change

Leaf and yard waste removal service will continue through the first week of December. Leaves must be placed in brown biodegradable bags or in the Yard Waste container from Republic Services. Leaves will not be removed if they are in plastic bags or placed in the street. Bags can be purchased at local stores.

Service Change - Beginning November 2, 2026, yard waste will be removed on Mondays (Tuesday removal will continue through October 27). Also, the last week of branch pick up is the week of October 26 (go to vofp.com for service weeks and details).

Do not blow leaves into the street because it damages street sweeper equipment and can clog sewers causing street flooding. Burning leaves is not permitted.

The Department of Public Works will sweep curbs through late November. Check signs on your block for parking restrictions. For more information, call (847) 671-8252.



HALLOWEEN

HOME DECORATING CONTEST

FRANKLIN PARK - SHOW YOUR HALLOWEEN SPIRIT!

It's time to spook-tacularly transform your home this Halloween! Enter the Home Decorating Contest for a chance to win exciting prizes!

To enter, take a photo of your decorated home and send it by October 27 to Sandra at salarconevoftp.com. We will post all the photos on our Village Facebook page, and our Trustees will select the contest winner! Have questions? Call Sandra at 847-671-8236.

Let your inner ghou! fly and delight us with funny, spooky, and scary decorations!