



TRAILS

Connecting Communities: Frankfort, Frankfort Square, Frankfort Township, Mokena, Orland Park and Tinley Park

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It always feels good to give. And during the holidays, it feels even better.

On a day near the end of November, a Frankfort Township resident telephoned. She'd heard about the township's food pantry and wanted to help. So she wrote a check for \$10,000.

"I've had a good life," she said, asking to remain anonymous. When she learned that we work with pantries in Tinley Park and New Lenox, she gave each of those organizations \$10,000 too.

FRANKFORT TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Supervisor:
James Moustis

Trustees:
Bruce Ebert
Nick George
Greg Griffin
David Smith

Earlier in the same month, the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation of Orland Park gave the pantry \$5,000. And the Boy Scouts of Summit Hill School District organized a drive that resulted in thousands of pounds of food for the pantry's shelves. Frankfort Township is an extraordinarily generous place.

But the size of the donation isn't as important as the size of the giver's heart. Many people help the pantry throughout the

year. Some give \$20. Others give \$20 a month. Because of these kindnesses, fewer people go without.

We like to give too. On Dec. 8, the township hosted the first ever Lunch with Santa. A group of nearly 100 children and parents enjoyed Christmas carols, lunch from the Meatheads restaurant and a visit with St. Nick. Next year's event will be bigger with a tree-lighting ceremony and a tribute to local veterans. After all, Frankfort Township likes to give too.

Assessor:
Joseph Kral

Highway Commissioner:
Bill Carlson

Clerk:
Nella Picollin

Township Board:
Meets at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mondays

Board Workshop:
Follows the meeting on the 2nd Monday

Planning Commission:
Meets at 7 p.m. on the 1st Wednesday of the month

APPLY FOR SENIOR HOUSING

You'd like to move into one of Frankfort Township's senior housing complexes someday, right?

Then you should fill out an application for one of the very affordable apartments now.

Currently, we have 24 one-bedroom units at Autumn Valley and 12 two-bedroom

apartments at Lighthouse Pointe are popular, and there is a waiting list.

In the past, some people have been on the list for as long as two years before an apartment became available. But that unexpectedly changed at the end of 2012 when four units went up for rent and

no one on the list was ready to move. Although those units now are rented, we encourage you to add your name to it, just in case.

If you would like information or an application for senior housing, call (815) 469-4907.



Autumn Valley Senior Housing



Landings Pointe Senior Housing

NEED CRUTCHES? CHECK THE NURSE'S CLOSET

Uh-oh.

It's time to get a new knee.

Or a hip replacement.

Now you need special equipment to make it through the recovery period: a walker, a portable seat for the shower and a raised toilet seat.

That's expensive stuff, particularly considering you won't need it for the rest of your life.

But there's no need to buy everything when you have access to the Frankfort Township Nurse's Closet.

Residents can borrow medical equipment for 90-

day periods. If you need to keep something a little longer, there are extensions.

Residents must provide identification and fill out a form before borrowing the equipment but a deposit is not required.

Nurses Closet

Who wants to buy a wheelchair, a walker, crutches, a shower stool AND a raised toilet seat?

NEED HELP WITH YOUR TAXES?

Filling out the annual income tax form can be an intimidating and frustrating process.

But there's help available — and better yet, it's free.

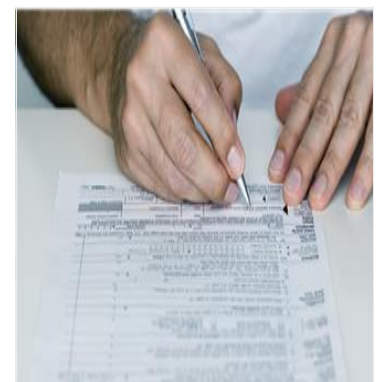
Senior Services of Will County is working with the

IRS and AARP to help you complete your tax return.

Just go to the Mokena Public Library, 11327 195th St., on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. beginning on Feb. 5 and until April 9. The sessions will be held in the community room in the

lower level of the library, said Dawn Ellingham, assistant director.

For more information, call (708) 479-9663.



ASH TREE UPDATE

Homer Tree Service began removing almost 200 ash trees from the Arbury Hills neighborhood in mid-December. The trees had to go because of the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive pest that decimates ash trees. The bug already has been killing ashes in the area.

If all goes well, the work

— including the grinding of the stumps — should be completed by mid-January, Highway Commissioner Bill Carlson said.

The company then will move to the northwest section of the township near St. Francis Road and

80th Avenue, Carlson said. About 10 streets in that part of the township have ash trees .

Signs will be posted announcing exactly when the work will begin. Residents are asked not to park in the street from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. while the trees are being removed.



An ash tree stump in the Arbury Hills neighborhood.

BEWARE ORDINANCE VIOLATION TICKETS

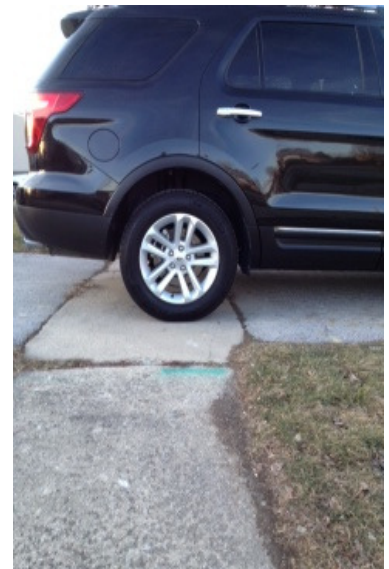
Do you light fireworks? Or sometimes park your car so it blocks the sidewalk?

Do you have a teenager who tip-toes home past curfew?

Those are no-nos if you live in unincorporated areas of Will County. If you are caught, expect a ticket with a fine from \$50-\$250. In 2012, Will County officials adopted a resolution that lets the sheriff and others issue citations for ordinance violations discovered in unincorporated areas. For some folks, it's an infuriating new development. Although many of the laws had been on the books for a

long time, no one was writing tickets. "In the past, there was no mechanism for enforcement of these ordinances," Frankfort Township Supervisor Jim Moustis said. "Now there is, and they are being enforced." Moustis discussed the issue during the Jan. 14 meeting of the Frankfort Township Board. He told the trustees that some people had called the township to complain about the citations. Because many residents did not know about the new ordinance, a letter written by the Will County Sheriff was

mailed to everyone in the township, Moustis said. It should have arrived in mailboxes around Jan. 9. The letter explains the new policy and the possible ramifications for violators. People should know what might happen if they break even the teensy-tiniest of laws. "I have decided to do as much public outreach as possible to educate residents about the new policy," Moustis said. For more information, go to www.willcosheriff.org or www.amlegal.com/library. Or call the sheriff's department at (815) 727-8895.



Parking a car so that it blocks the sidewalk is an ordinance violation.



Call the sheriff's dept. at (815) 727-8895.

Or

www.willcosheriff.org



Cody Klaver and his mother Dawn Klaver celebrated his homecoming on Dec. 13 outside the family's home.

THE FEW, THE PROUD, THE MARINES



Please visit our website

For more information, On upcoming events, and important news. Quarterly newsletters are available here for your viewing, as well as our Meeting Minutes. You can contact us via e-mail with any concerns, photos, military homecomings and departures, community news, or school events; please visit the 'Contact Us' tab. We welcome you to navigate our new website, created for keeping you informed of Frankfort Township information and events.

www.frankforttownship.com

Contact us:

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Assessor- Joseph Kral 815-464-3180

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Food Pantry 815-469-4907

Meals on Wheels 815-469-1499

Animal Control 815-469-4907

General Information

RTA REDUCED FARE

We have mail-in applications for senior reduced fare permits and circuit breaker packets. We will take the required photo for \$3.00 upon request.

Aid is available for qualified township residents. For an application please contact our GA case worker, Lucy, at 815-469-4907 ext. 2768.

HANDICAP PLACARDS

We have applications for both permanent and temporary (90 day) placards. For a fee of \$1.00 we will issue temporary placards only.

PET TAGS

Renewal is required annually. The fee is \$5.00, and the forms are available at the Animal Control & Township office.