Summer is Here!

Let’s Get Active Calumet Park...

Summer is finally here and as usual, there are a wide variety of activities and events coming up in our community. Our 7th Annual Community Festival will be held on August 3, 2019. A special addition to our festival will be “The Moving Wall”. The Wall is a moving replica of the Vietnam Wall that is in Washington, D.C. and we are proud to bring “The Moving Wall” to our Community.

We will be holding a special ceremony on Friday, August 2, 2019, to pay tribute to all those who are listed on The Wall. Close friends of mine are on the wall and I am humbled by the knowledge that we will be paying tribute to them. Please take time and walk along the wall to honor those who fought for our freedom and paid the ultimate price.

If you would like to be a part of the 7th Annual Community Festival and Parade please let us know. We look forward to seeing all the residents and business participating in the Community Festival.

We are happy to be working with CMAP and our embedded staff planner, Patrick Day, to help with setting future goals for Calumet Park. We are looking forward to the next two years of planning and all of the possibilities for the future of continuing to make

Calumet Park…The Place to Be!!

Recently, efforts by Village staff to address community needs through grant applications have paid off, winning grant approvals totaling more than $1.1 million to address flooding and make infrastructure improvements. Awards were obtained from Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and Cook County to reconstruct a half-mile section of Winchester Avenue. This project, scheduled to begin construction in 2020, will improve stormwater management on the Village’s West Side, reduce flooding through modern green infrastructure techniques, beautify the street, and improve mobility for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

Additionally, the Village’s application for technical assistance to complete a Comprehensive Plan won approval from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). This is a substantial effort to engage village residents and establish a long-range vision for Calumet Park to guide future actions. This process is currently underway, and will continue until completion in 2020. Visit www.iamcalpark.com for more information, and stay tuned for opportunities to participate in this effort.

Mayor Ronald Denson
The Village of Calumet Park
will be hosting
“The Moving Wall”
August 1-4, 2019

A special ceremony honoring those listed on “The Moving Wall” will be held on
Friday, August 2, 2019
At 5:00 pm
at the Calumet Park Parks and Recreation Center
located at 12426 South Loomis, Calumet Park, IL 60827

Enrollment Begins for Kid’s Fire Academy

The Fire Department is now accepting enrollments to its
Kid’s Fire Academy I for ages 5-8 year olds which begins on July 15 through 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Fire Station.
Kid’s Fire Academy II for ages 9-12 year olds begins July 22 through 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Fire Station as well.

Both Kid’s Fire Academy I and II will teach life safety fundamentals and help children and their families make positive choices about their personal safety and well-being.

Sign-up at the Fire station located at 12457 Ashland Avenue for fun and enjoyable life learning experience for your children!

Jimmy Ross
Fire Chief

Happy Retirement!
Trustee Phil Laskey

The Village of Calumet Park
wishes you a happy retirement.
Thank you for your 38 years of dedicated service as Village Trustee.

Newly Elected Officials from 2019 Election

Congratulations to Trustee Cynthia Potts on her re-election and newly elected Trustee Norman Edwards and Trustee Earl Duffin on the Calumet Park Board of Trustees.
A Message from
Calumet Park Police Department

Police Officer – Part Time

Calumet Park, Illinois
Village of Calumet Park
12409 S. Throop
Calumet Park, IL 60827
Phone: 708-926-7345
E-mail: ac.kcurtis@calumetparkvillage.org
Website: www.calumetparkvillage.org
Starting Salary: $14.00 hourly
Population: approx. 7,932
Sworn Officers: 23
Application Deadline: Until Filled
Benefits:
- Uniform Allowance
- Paid Worked Holidays
- Compensatory Time Benefits

Applications for Part Time Police Officer with the Calumet Park Police Department are available at:
Police Clerk’s Office
12419 S. Ashland
Calumet Park, IL 60827
708-926-7345
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays

The Village of Calumet Park is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and Bi-lingual Officers are encouraged to apply.

Questions?
Please call 708-926-7345

With six locations and same-day appointments often available, you won’t face a long wait for care. We’re here to help patients of all ages stay healthy, with services ranging from preventive care to the treatment of everyday illnesses and chronic conditions. Call and ask about same-day appointments, or visit MetroSouthAnytime.com to schedule an appointment online. Saturday and extended hours are often available.

Need a specialist? Call our doctor referral line at 708-489-7925.
A Warm Welcome from VCP!

Patrick Day, Village Planner

Say hello to the Village’s new, and first, Village Planner, Patrick Day. Patrick started work in March, and will serve on a part-time basis for two years -- at no cost to the Village. Calumet Park was selected through a competitive process to take part in a program that provides planning staff to high-achieving municipalities that do not currently have a planner. The program is made possible in part by funding from the MacArthur Foundation and The Chicago Community Trust. Patrick is a senior planner with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), where he provides technical assistance to help local governments across the Chicago region create and implement long-range planning goals.

Patrick holds a Master’s Degree in Urban Planning from Binghamton University and a Bachelor’s in Public Policy from DePaul University. He has more than 10 years of experience working with municipalities. Patrick is very excited to support Calumet Park as the village builds on its many strengths and achieves its long-term goals.

Playground Project: Coming soon to the Calumet Park Recreation Center location, a new playground will be erected, with enough amenities and attractions for all youth. This is a great opportunity for our Village and we begin planning in July!

Zumba: We now have a partnership opportunity with a local Zumba instructor and the low-cost classes are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, in our Meeting Room (at 7pm). The average number of participants are anywhere from 15-20 people. For more information, please contact us at (708) 597-3535.

Summer Day Camp: Thanks to Mayor Denson, all Summer Day Camp registration is online and already for June, we are at capacity. This is a great program at an affordable cost, with outlets for every age group and activities for all ages 5-12! The link to register is https://campscui.active.com/orgs/CalumetParkParksandRecreationDepartment.

Sister 2 Sister / Brother 2 Brother Network: To enrich the lives of our young adults and elders, Ms. Echols’ landmark program will return this summer, along with a new component, designed specifically for our men as well. Both programs are free and offer networking opportunities for both professional and personal growth. The classes will always be held on the fourth Friday of the month, starting at 5pm! (June 28th, July 26th, August 23rd, Sept. 27th, Oct. 25th, and Nov 21st.)

Walk with Class: Under the direction of Ms. Crystal Bell, Walk with Class is a fantastic program geared towards our young ladies, teaching them everything from poise, confidence, runway modeling, personal etiquette and much more. The class is extremely affordable and worthwhile for anyone looking to guide their daughter/niece/sister, in a positive, constructive direction. The classes will be on Saturdays and call us for more information.

Baseball & Softball: Thanks to the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, and School District 132, we are proud to offer both baseball and softball this year for our residents. It’s a free program that helps our youth with not only their skill, but their character. The season ends in August, so come on in and enjoy the fun!

CONTACT US!

For more information, please call and inquire at (708) 597-3535 and ask away!

www.calumetparkvillage.org
Village Beautification Should Begin on Your Block

Summer is here and with the warmer weather lawn care maintenance, family cookouts and children playing outside is in full effect. Residents are reminded to place yard waste in approved disposable bags by your garbage receptacles for refuse pick up. Please remember that it is against Village ordinance #02-804 to place leaves and other yard waste (including branches and bushes) by curbs, blown or raked into the streets.

Each year we are getting more severe rain and storms, by following the above referenced ordinance this will help to avoid flooding caused by blocked sewer covers. Residents can help protect their property by removing debris from sewer covers while they perform maintenance on their lawns. Also, please keep in mind that it is the home/property owner’s responsibility to cut and maintain ALL areas of their property. This includes along fence lines, parkways AND behind the building. Along with the above mentioned ordinance, the following ordinances will also be closely monitored:

- Ordinance # 94-629 (high grass and weeds/garbage in the alley)
- Ordinance # 82-386 (accumulation of waste or rubbish)

As mentioned, it is against Village ordinance to place your branches and bushes in the alley. In order for these items to be picked up by the GARBAGE Company, branches must be cut in lengths of less than four (4) feet and must be bundled and tied together weighing less than 45 pounds.

Contact Republic Services at (708) 385-8252 for all large item disposals. You can call them to set up “special pickup” of large items such as couches, dressers, furniture, etc.

Public Works crews will be out painting and repainting all VERIFIED handicap parking locations (Blue) no parking and hydrant locations (yellow). If you need a handicap parking sign and curb painted blue, please contact the police traffic compliance department and submit ALL required information/documentation to be added to the list.

Finally, please notify the clerk’s office and or the building department to report high grass or weeds; along with large/illegal dumped debris in the alleys and any light poles that are not working. (Clerk’s office) Please give an exact location of the pole and if the pole is metal or wood.

Get Connected and Stay Safe with CodeRED

CodeRED is a free emergency notification service provided by the Village of Calumet Park. The service allows for up to the minute road closures, water main breaks, community events and any time sensitive emergency notifications. CodeRED allows for residents to be notified by phone, email or text message and will give you current information on an impeding storm or local road closures. CodeRED is an excellent way to stay connected, be prepared and stay safe in an emergency.

Register for CodeRED at [www.calumetparkvillage.org](http://www.calumetparkvillage.org) or call the Village Hall Clerk’s Office at 708-389-0850

Sign up for CodeRED today
YOUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please mark these important dates on your calendar

Saturday, July 13 @ 9:00 a.m.
Vintage Flea Market at the Recreation Center

Friday, August 2, 2019
Tribute to the “Moving Wall”

Saturday, August 3, 2019
7th Annual Community Fest

Thursday, July 25 & Thursday, August 22, 2019
Village Board Meetings Cancelled

Monday, September 2, 2019
Village Offices Closed Labor Day

Please Visit our Website www.calumetparkvillage.org for updated information
For more frequent news and information about board meetings, public hearings, the fire department, the police department, public works, the chamber of commerce and the building department, consult the website at www.calumetparkvillage.org

**We are Happy to Serve You!**

**CITIZENS CONCERNS MEETINGS** held in Village Hall at 6:00 p.m., every fourth Thursday each month

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS** held in Village Hall at 7:00 p.m., every second and fourth Thursdays each month

**CAPS MEETING** every fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., Recreation Center – 12426 S. Loomis Street