

# The Peace Pipe

A Quarterly Newsletter Published By  
THE VILLAGE OF CALUMET PARK For the Residents of Calumet Park

## Safety is Our Top Priority

by Mayor Ronald Denson



**W**e would like to address Public Safety in this message in light of the recent tragedies occurring in many cities and villages across our nation.

Public Safety is our highest priority which is why CALCOMM 9-1-1 Center was established and operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Emergency calls and other wireless devices require different technology to be quickly served. CALCOMM 9-1-1 allows emergency text messaging and wireless communications to be received and dispatched to appropriate emergency service units, without delay. Our dedicated and highly trained staff can provide excellent emergency services communication while offering life-saving medical instructions and accurate public safety information. CALCOMM met every expectation to accurately dispatch fire, police and emergency medical calls effectively and in the fastest response times that are needed today. We are happy to report that the Village of Midlothian has become a member of CALCOMM and will consolidate their police, fire and emergency medical personnel in the coming months.

Our police and fire department workforce are well trained and prepared as first responders in emergency disasters or crisis. Task forces have been created to deal with crisis that require additional law enforcement. We invite all citizens to attend the CAPS (Calumet's Alternative Policing Strategy) meeting held every fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Recreation Center 12426 S. Loomis. This alternative method of policing

was designed to increase lines of communications between the community and police so that together, they could come up with solutions for chronic neighborhood problems. "Together We Can" promotes the cooperation of police, community and village services in fighting crime.

In 2014, the Village Safety Committee was formed and officials adopted the Illinois Public Risk policies to achieve the highest degree of safety and loss control practices for its employees, residents and visitors alike. In conjunction with Calumet Park Public School District 132, the Village participated in exercises during their annual review meeting of each building's emergency and crisis response plans, protocols and procedures.

Our Village continues to make improvements in safety as an integral part of its services to the community.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Community Parade and Festival on Saturday, August 13 at the Recreation Center!

Best wishes,

*Ronald Denson*

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Dr. Olekanma is now accepting new patients. Same-day and walk-in appointments available. **To schedule an appointment, call (708) 489-5662.**

Uche Olekanma, M.D.  
Board Certified in Internal Medicine  
Member of the Medical Staff of  
MetroSouth Medical Center.



## CALL IF YOU CAN...TEXT IF YOU CAN'T TEXTING TO 9-1-1 TIPS

TEXT TO 9-1-1 Service is quickly being implemented across the country, and the CalComm Regional 911 Center is fully compliant with all wireless carriers and ready to receive text messages for emergency calls.

When texting the 911 Center, there are a important few things that we would like you to remember to make things easier and eliminate delays in getting Emergency Responders to your emergency.

- First, we encourage you to **CALL into 911 for Emergencies only.** All Non-emergencies or information should be directed to the seven (7) digit lines.
- Only TEXT 911 if you are unable to make a VOICE CALL to 911
- As with all text messages, 9-1-1 messages can take longer to receive, can get out of order or may not be received.
- Text-to-9-1-1 is not available if you are roaming.
- A text or data plan is required to place a text-to-9-1-1 unlike dialing into 911 on any cellular phone with or without an active cell plan, you can place a call into 911.
- If texting to 9-1-1 is temporarily unavailable, you will receive a message indicating that texting 9-1-1 is not available and to contact 9-1-1 by other means.
- Photos and videos cannot be sent to 9-1-1 at this time.

- Text-to-9-1-1 cannot be done in group messages
- Do not text and drive!

### ***How to text 9-1-1 in an emergency:***

- Enter the numbers "911" in the "To" field
- The first text message to 9-1-1 should be brief and contain the location of the emergency and type of help needed
- Push the "Send" button
- Be prepared to answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 Dispatcher
- Text in simple words – do not use abbreviations
- Keep text messages brief and concise.



***Always remember when calling 911 – Call if you can... Text if you Can't! Seconds count in an emergency!***

## YOU ARE IMPORTANT US, ENROLL IN CODERED TODAY!

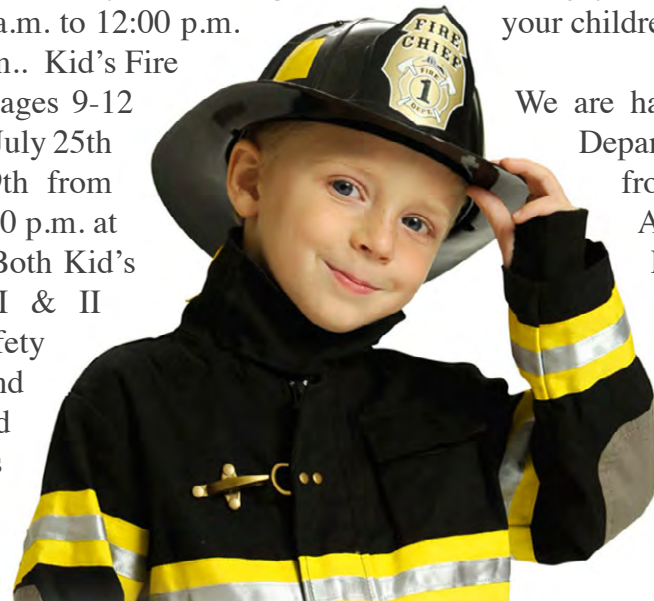
Keeping citizens informed is important to us. Please take a moment to enroll in the CODERED by visiting our website at [www.calumetparkvillage.org](http://www.calumetparkvillage.org) and click the link "Community Notification System." You will be asked to complete the appropriate information to be notified in the event of emergency situations or community alerts. If you are unable to sign-up online, you can contact our Clerk's Office at 708-389-0850.

**Omara Fonseca**  
Village Clerk

A Message from **Calumet Park Fire Department**

## Enrollment Begins for Kids Fire Academy

The Department is now accepting enrollments to its Kid's Fire Academy I for ages 5-8 year olds which begins on July 18th through 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.. Kid's Fire Academy II for ages 9-12 year olds begins July 25th through July 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Firehouse. Both Kid's Fire Academy I & II will teach life safety fundamentals and help them and their families make positive



choices about their personal safety and well-being. Sign-up at the Fire Station for a fun and enjoyable life learning experience for your children!

We are happy to report that the Fire Department received a grant from the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association to purchase a new LED outdoor sign. News and public messages will be displayed to keep our residents informed.

Fire Chief Howard Fisher

A Message from **Calumet Park Police Department**

## 'Cops On The Rooftop' Benefits Illinois Special Olympics

On May 20, 2016, with the support of Mayor Ronald Denson and Chief of Police Kenneth Mann, the Calumet Park Police Department partnered with Dunkin Donuts and the Robbins Police Department for the first annual "COPS ON THE ROOFTOP" fundraising event for the Illinois Special Olympics. Dunkin Donuts located at 12700 S. Loomis was chosen for the event. Our thanks to store manager, Pramesh Patel, Mayor Denson, Trustee Cynthia Potts, police officers, village employees and residents for volunteering their personal time with the fundraising efforts. \$2,209.67 was raised for the Illinois Special Olympics. Partnerships among



the Police Department, community residents and business owners, are what makes Calumet Park "The Place to Be". Hope to see you next year at the second annual "COPS ON THE ROOFTOP" fundraiser.

Chief Kenneth E. Mann



PARADE AT 10:00

GAMES FOR THE KIDS!!

LOCAL FOOD VENDERS

STUDENT TALENT SHOW

JAZZ IN THE PARK

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW



THE VILLAGE OF  
**CALUMET PARK**

# AUGUST 13, 2016

The Village of Calumet Park, along with Calumet Park Chamber of Commerce and School District 132, will be hosting the

## 4th Annual Village of Calumet Park Community Fest & Parade

The Fest will be held at the  
**Parks & Recreation Center**  
at 12426 Loomis

*If you would like to participate in the parade or be a vendor for the event please contact the Village Hall Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm.*

**VILLAGE OF CALUMET PARK**  
Parks & Recreation Center

12426 S. Loomis  
Calumet Park, IL 60827

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[Calumetparkvillage.org](http://Calumetparkvillage.org)

# CALUMET PARK COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

**9:00 PARADE LINE UP**

**10:00 4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL PARADE**

**"THE NATIONAL ANTHEM" SHEPARD HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND**

**11:00 PRAYER CHAPLAN JOSEPH ROSS**

**WELCOME MAYOR DENSON**

**2016 BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS**

## FESTIVITIES FOR THE DAY!!!

**FUN ACTIVITIES BEGINS AT 11:00 - BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS**

**COME EARLY TO ENJOY ALL ACTIVITIES!**

[PONY RIDES [PETTING ZOO [FACE PAINTING -OBSTACLE COURSE -MOONWALK  
 [3 ON 3 & 3 POINT SHOOTING BASKETBALL COMPETITION [GIANT SLIDE [ALLSTAR BASKETBALL  
 [DJ WYLD CHYLD: POP AND R&B, OLD SCHOOL SET, HOUSE SET, LINE DANCES SETS

**12:45 - 1:30**

**SCHOOL TALENT SHOWCASE**

FEATURING CALUMET MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND, CHEERLEADERS, . DRUMLINE, INSTRUMENTALISTS, VOCALISTS..

**1:45 - 2:30**

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

**2:00 - 3:00**

**FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES WHILE THEY LAST**

**3:30 - 4:00**

**INSPIRATIONAL SHOWCASE**

FEATURING MARY HAMPTON..

**4:00 - 4:30**

**THOSE LITTLE FUNNY PEOPLE**

**5:00 - 7:00**

**LIVE JAZZ FEATURING CHRIS GREENE QUARTET**

**FOOD & MERCHANDISE FOR SALE**

(AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

# Fundraisers, Festivals, and Scholarships!

The Denise Watson Scholarship Fund once again sponsored 11 graduating students from the Calumet Park Middle School. Scholarships were awarded to these students to help them with the transition to high school. School District 132 continues to excel in education by preparing our youth for the future.



To buy your tickets early, please visit your local Chamber businesses or contact Ms. Toney at 708-926-7410.

Tickets are \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Winners need not be present. Your support helps the Chamber sponsor community activities, events and scholarships throughout the year.

On August 13th, the Chamber's annual fundraising event will be held during the Community Fest located at the Parks & Recreation Center. There are some great raffle prizes. The top prize is a 55" HDTV; second prize is a 14" Dell Inspiron Laptop, and third prize is a \$200 Ultra Food Gift Certificate. Other prizes include a family gift basket and a whole lot more prizes to win!

The Chamber would appreciate your support of its annual fundraiser and thank you for your patronage of our businesses in the community.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, have a wonderful summer and hope to see everyone at the Community Festival on August 13.

Michael A Valente, Sr., President



- 1-Parade will start on 124th Street and Ada
- 2-Go West on 124th Street To Ashland
- 3-Left on Ashland to Obama Drive
- 4-Left on Obama Drive to Throop Street
- 5-Left on Throop Street to 125th Street
- 6-Left on 125th Street to the Recreation Center



# OUR LITTLE STARS JUST KEEP SHINING!

## COVERGIRLS TAKE 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE

Coming from a blowout performance at the showcase and an intense series of practices, The CoverGirls of Calumet Park dance team, led by Coaches Casey Smith and Ms. Deloney, finished 3rd in their first ever, major dance competition. It was hosted by StarQuest International and held at Governor's State University. This dance team and its coaching staff are comprised exclusively of Calumet Park citizens. Go ladies!



## SUMMER DAY CAMP BLOWOUT RECORD

CPPRD can proudly say that we have shattered the record for attendance in the month of June, with 70+ kids. It is with grateful thanks to the parents and citizens of this Village as we are WAY BEYOND our initial expectations; and we're glad, because we offer so much for such reasonable prices. Unfortunately, we are unable to take more, so please call and be placed on the waiting list.



Thanks again!



## JAGUARS KEEP WINNING

Whatever the level, wherever we go, whoever we play, we bring back the gold! This year alone, the Jaguars have competed and won in 6 AAU Basketball Tournaments, located in Schaumburg, Romeoville, Glenwood, South Suburban College, and lastly, Highland, IN. Your teams have represented the Village well and are growing as leaders just as they are progressing as players. We are so proud of them and our coaching staff, now it's on to Nationals @ Bolingbrook, IL!

## CALUMET PARK LITTLE LEAGUE ON THE RIGHT TRACK

It was supposed to be a foundational year, but it's turned out to be a breakout year, with 5 teams competing and representing the best in what Calumet Park has to offer; playing against Harvey, South Holland, Dolton and other locales. We have two t-ball teams, one rookie, and two minor teams and a dedicated coaching staff. Let's see this through, all the way thru August.

## Important Tips When Buying a House

The purchase of a house is one of the biggest and most important decisions in your life. It is a long term investment and one that will influence your family and your personal life.

You should consider all aspects of your potential new house. School Districts and Parks are of course important for families with kids. Is your house in close proximity to work? You may want to consider the distance from your house if you need to bike or walk. Find out the closest public transportation if taking a train or bus for shopping, work or play.

Once you have selected a house, request a home inspection prior to making an offer. Keep in mind that most home inspections are visual and will not detect all items such as plumbing problems dealing with water service and sewer lines. Seek professional help in those cases. However, getting a home inspection should detect all major components of the house such as foundation, roof, electrical, interior plumbing, HVAC and structural damage.

Martin Corona  
Building Commissioner

## Village Beautification Should Begin On Your Block!

Summer is here and with the warmer weather, lawn care maintenance is in full effect. Residents are reminded to place yard waste in approved disposable bags by garbage receptacles for refuse pick-up. Please remember that it is prohibited to place leaves and other yard waste (including branches and bushes) by curbs, or to blow/rake leaves and other yard waste into the street. Leaves and yard waste block sewer covers and can cause flooding in many instances. Residents can help protect their property by removing debris from sewer covers while performing maintenance around their property.

It is also prohibited to place your branches and bushes in the alley that have not been cut in lengths of less than four (4) feet and bundled or tied together.

Public Works crews will be out painting curbs on all VERIFIED handicapped parking locations (Blue) and "no parking signs" and hydrant locations (yellow). If you need a handicapped parking sign and painted curb, please contact the Traffic Compliance

Department at 708-926-7346 or 708-926-7347 to submit ALL required information/documentation to be added to the list.

The Public Works Department began Phase 1 of 4 mandated changes by the State of Illinois to upgrade to Manual on all Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This means that virtually every street sign within the Village of Calumet Park's jurisdiction will be changed to new, high visibility and resolution reflective material. This process should be completed within the next 2 years. This change is being made to assist the visually impaired and to increase the distance of which drivers can see the upcoming signage upon approach.

Residents...please notify the clerk's office or building department at 708-389-8050 to report high grass/weeds or illegal dumping of debris in alleys.

Marci Smith  
Public Works Director



### YOUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Please mark these important dates on your calendar*

#### **Village Hall Offices will be Closed**

JULY 4, 2016 – Independence Day  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2016 – Memorial Day

#### **CRC Beautification Contest for 'Best Well Maintained Home' Ends on July 26**

Awards presented at Community Festival on August 13, 2016

**AUGUST 13, 2016**

Community Fest & Parade 2016

**JULY 28, 2016 and AUGUST 27, 2016**

Village Board Meetings Cancelled

#### **Community Relations Commission (CRC)**

Meets Every Fourth Tuesday of Each Month

**SUMMER 2016**



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## Important Numbers

Police and Fire.....	9-1-1
Fire Non-Emergency.....	385-0550
Police Non-Emergency.....	926-7345
Community Relations Commission.....	389-0850
Traffic Compliance Administrator.....	926-7346
Clerk's Office.....	389-0850
<i>(Se Habla Español)</i>	
Library.....	385-5768
Public Works.....	389-3895
Recreation Center.....	597-3535
Water Department.....	388-1415
Building Department.....	389-0850
School Board Dist #132.....	388-8920
Senior Citizens' Center.....	388-6606

## We are Happy to Serve You!

**CITIZENS CONCERNS MEETINGS** held in Village Hall at 7:00 p.m., every fourth Thursday each month

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS** held in Village Hall at 8:00 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



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Village Administrator

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