



# Community Festival

Presented by Mayor Denson and the Village of Calumet Park

Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 🌿 10am - 7pm

Hosted at **CPPRD** 12426 S Loomis St. Calumet Park, IL

- There can be no bikes, scooters, or pets on the grounds •

## Activities & Entertainment

Games and Activities 🌿 Karaoke 🌿 Card Table

Petting Zoo 🌿 Youth Basketball Tournament 🌿 Bingo

Cash Raffle for Adults 21+ 🌿 Music

## Local Food & Craft Vendors

If you would like to participate as a vendor contact the Village Hall

Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm at 708-926-7404

## For More Information

*Please contact Ms. Teri at 708-926-7405  
or Ms. Lynn at 708-926-7404*

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# The Messenger

The Village of Calumet Park's Quarterly Newsletter

## A Message from Mayor Ronald Denson

Happy Summer!!!

We are looking forward to hosting our **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Festival** coming up on Saturday, August 3, 2024. We will have food & craft vendors from Calumet Park and the surrounding areas, live music, a DJ and so much more! Please come join us for the day.

Enclosed in the Messenger is a form to fill out for **CODE RED**. The **CODE RED** communication system is how the Village communicates Village events and important updates regarding Village Code Ordinances, which most recently, is the discontinuation of Village Stickers. As well as emergencies such as water main breaks and updates of when they will be resolved. Please sign up for the CODE RED program as it is vital to the communication in our community.

In April, we passed an Ordinance repealing the requirement to have a Village window sticker. While this was a worthwhile project for the Village in the past, due to our continued support of our growing Senior population, Veterans and Active Military, the cost of the program far outweighs the benefit. The License plates sticker program from the Illinois Secretary of State is still in effect on the and tickets will still be issued if your license plates are not renewed through the state.

We are continuing our forward progression on the grocery store and hope to have a positive announcement coming soon so stay tuned!

As always, my door is always open. So, feel free to make an appointment at any time and come see me.

**Sincerely,**

**Mayor Ronald Denson**



Summer 2024



# APRA SUMMER DAY CAMP

Parent Orientation Tues., May 28th at 7pm!

Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Ages 5 - 12 • Register + Pay Online!

Please give us a call and provide your email address

Phone: 708-597-3535

Summer School Package available!

Register and pay for all 3 sessions up front to reserve your camper's spot for a 15% discount

## GENERAL SESSION PRICING – Per 3 Weeks

Same pricing as the last 3 years!

8am – 6pm Camp + Aftercare			9am – 3pm Regular Camp		
Residents	Non-Res	Residents	Non-Res	Residents	Non-Res
\$211	1 child	\$241	\$166	1 child	\$196
\$392	2 children	\$452	\$302	2 children	\$362
\$543	3 children	\$633	\$408	3 children	\$498
\$664	4 children	\$784	\$484	4 children	\$604

Registration limited for each session, so hurry!

Thank you!

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# A Message from Calumet Park Police Department



Chief Christopher Fletcher • Deputy Chief Ernest Mobley

12409 S. Throop Street • Calumet Park, IL 60827

## COMING AND GOING

We are sad to announce the departure of two of our officers who have recently left the department to pursue other career goals. **Officer Brendan Dix #28, and Officer Asia Crockett #46.** We thank them for their great service and dedication to our department and we wish them well in all of their future endeavors. Good luck!

At the same time we welcome two new officers, who were recently hired by the Village. **Officer Thomas Wilson and Officer Michael Myers.** Both are fairly new to law enforcement, however, they both have prior police experience and wanted to come work for our great police department. Welcome Officers Wilson and Myers.



Ofc. Wilson (left) Ofc. Myers (right)

## SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

With the approach of summer and warmer weather, the Calumet Park Police Department would like to share a few tips that can help keep you safe in the upcoming summer months.

## VACATION SAFETY MEASURES FOR YOUR HOME

1. Do not open your door to everyone that rings your doorbell. Make sure you know who it is or if you don't know them inquire the reason they're at your door and do not open your door until their identity is verified to your satisfaction, if not, do not open the door.
2. Always keep your doors locked. **Especially** the back door and all garage doors (*warm weather attracts criminals who look for unlocked doors*).
3. Ask The Calumet Park Police Department for a vacation watch (*notify the Police Department prior to your vacation*)
4. Stop mail and/or newspaper delivery for the duration of your trip.
5. Set lighting timers in your home while away.
6. Don't post your vacation plans on social media and don't post any photos until you're back.

**HAVE A GREAT AND SAFE SUMMER!!**

Chief Christopher Fletcher

Calumet Park Police



**Fire Chief  
John Votteler  
708-385-0550**



**Calumet Park  
Fire Department  
12457 s. Ashland Ave.**

## **Cooking is, by far, the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.**

In 2021, fire departments in the United States responded to an estimated 170,000 home cooking fires. These fires caused an estimated 135 deaths, 3,000 injuries and over \$494 million in property loss.

- When it comes to grills, propane and charcoal grills should only be used outside.
- Make sure the lid to your grill is open before you light it.
- Children and pets should be kept at least 3 feet away from the grill at all times.
- Make sure to keep your grill clean of any grease or residue to prevent any accidents.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Dispose of the grilled charcoal properly by placing the coals in a metal can AFTER they have cooled.

## **Fireworks Safety Tips: If You Choose to Use Legal Fireworks.**

Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees – hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing, and children have received severe burns from dropping sparklers on their feet. According to the National Fire Protection Association, sparklers alone account for more than 25% of emergency room visits for fireworks injuries. For children under 5 years of age, sparklers accounted for nearly half of the total estimated injuries.

- Never use illegal fireworks.
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks.
- Only use them away from people, houses, and other flammable materials.
- Only light on firework at a time, keep a safe distance, and use protective gear.
- Dispose of spent fireworks correctly, allow them enough time to cool and douse them with plenty of water.

## **Free Smoke Detector Program**

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our "Safe Homes" initiative, a community-focused program aimed at enhancing fire safety in our homes. The Calumet Park Fire Department has joined with the Office of the State Fire Marshall and Illinois Fire Safety Alliance, we are offering a Free Smoke Detector Installation Program for residents of Calumet Park.

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance the safety of your home and community. Smoke detectors save lives, and we are committed to helping you protect what matters most. To schedule your free smoke detector installation please contact the Calumet Park Fire Department.

# A MESSAGE FROM CALCOMM 9-1-1 DISPATCH CENTER

DIRECTOR ERNEST MOBLEY

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS BRYAN ROUSON



## ***THE HEADSET HEROES***



The annual nationwide National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was celebrated this past April 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. This week is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the nation’s truly “first” 1<sup>st</sup> responders. These are the dedicated people who answer and handle a variety of 9-1-1 emergency calls on a daily minute by minute basis. They are the voices on the other end of the telephone when you need the services of the Police Department, Fire Department or Emergency Medical Services. Often never seen but heard, they work behind the scenes to ensure prompt and accurate public safety services are provided to every caller in need.

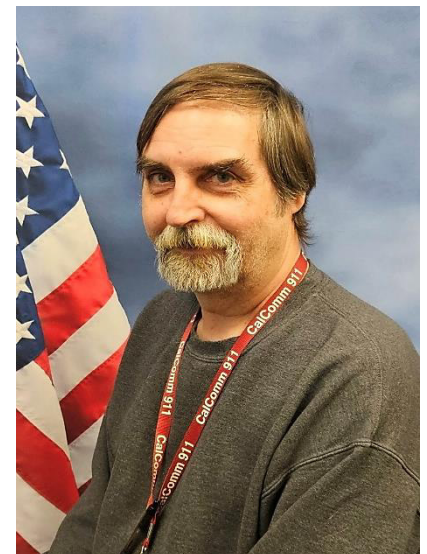
**9-1-1 Telecommunicators** make quick but calculated decisions based on the information gathered during questioning and listening to a caller’s situation. They remain calm while dealing with frantic or hysterical callers and obtain the facts in order to obtain a mental picture of what is or has occurred on the other end of the telephone call. They are also responsible for ensuring safety to the first responders who arrive and handle the incident. Telecommunicators are in constant radio contact with first responders and aide them in the management of an emergency using their vast computerized resources and state of the art communications equipment.

**Over 25,000 calls for help or service are handled by our 9-1-1 Telecommunicators on a monthly basis. The CalComm 9-1-1 “headset heroes” are people helping people who are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.**



**Ernest Mobley**

***Director***



**Bryan Rouson**

***Director of Operations***

# A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS

**DIRECTOR MARCI SMITH**

12310 S. Ashland Ave., Calumet Park, IL 60827

Telephone: (708) 926-7414 Fax: (773) 926-7439

## **Village Beautification Should Begin on Your Block**

Summer is almost here and with the warmer weather lawn care maintenance, family cookouts and children playing outside will be 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 property/Alley areas. 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 # 82-389 (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.**

Finally, please notify the Clerk's Office and/or the Building Department to report high grass or weeds; along with large/illegally 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.



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# YOUR SUMMER COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2024

Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**FATHER'S DAY**

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June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**JUNETEENTH**  
**VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

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June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING**  
5:30 p.m.

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June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
6:00 p.m.

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June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**VILLAGE PET TAGS DUE**  
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
**VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

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July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
6:00 p.m.



July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**ADMINISTRATIVE COURT**  
5:00 p.m.

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July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**RESIDENTIAL WATER BILLS DUE**

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August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
**ANNUAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**  
10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
6:00 p.m.

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August 21<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**ADMINISTRATIVE COURT**  
5:00 p.m.

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September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
**LABOR DAY**  
**VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

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September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
6:00 p.m.

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September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING**  
6:00 p.m.

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September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**  
6:00 p.m.

# A MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARTIN CORONA**

12409 South Throop Street • Calumet Park, IL 60827 • Telephone: 708-389-0857 • FAX 708-396-1053

[buildingdepartment@calumetparkvillage.org](mailto:buildingdepartment@calumetparkvillage.org)

## When buying a House, there are some Major Exterior Components to be aware of as a Homeowner....

### Foundation

The foundation of a house is the one of the first and most important pieces laid out during construction. The thicker and higher the quality of the foundation a house has, the longer it will last before encountering any problems. Common problems on concrete foundations may be: Sagging floors or Ceilings, Interior (diagonal) and/or (large horizontal/vertical) Exterior Wall Cracks, Sinking ground, excess moisture, tilted and/or cracked chimney, etc. any cracks found wider than a quarter-inch are a cause for concern.

### Roof/gutters

The roof and the attached gutters are the top covering of a house. These components are important to keeping the interior dry and safe. Components problems may include: roof leaks, back flowing water, damaged gutters, gaps between gutters and the roof, drainage issues, foundation damage, etc.. Regular inspections, maintenance, and cleaning of your roof and gutters can help extend the life of these important components that help keep your home safe.

### Exterior Structure

If your home is stick-built (wooden framed), you must make sure that the frame around house is solid and there is no sign of water damage to the wood. Make sure that the walls are straight and solid. If there is vinyl siding you must pay closer attention to make sure there is no water penetration that could damage would components under the siding. Inspect your window trim for proper caulking to seal exterior walls to window frame. If the exterior is brick, you need to check for the tuck-pointing (the deterioration of mortar between your bricks) and flashing (which is a barrier installed on brick or stone to redirect water away from a building and prevent it from reentering).

### Windows/doors

Windows and Doors are vital keeping your energy costs low. All of your **windows** should be in good condition and operable, but most importantly they should hold in heat and cool air (AC). Windows usually have a lifespan of 15-20 years. Newer windows have a higher R-value, R-value measures how well a window's glass resists heat flow, and a higher R-value means better insulation, which mean saving you more money on your energy bills. **Doors** must also be in good working condition, but most importantly they should be properly sealed. Exterior doors can last from 30 years up to a lifetime (depending on the climate/weather changes, and being properly sealed and protected from the weather), but screen doors should ideally be replaced every 20 or so years.

### Porches/Decks/Balconies

Porches, Decks, and Balconies should be inspected regularly, and maintained throughout the year. High quality materials should be used for all porches, decks, and balconies, such as: using rot resistant wood for wooden structures, high quality composite materials for composite decks, and be sure to seal concrete surfaces regularly and choose frost resistant tiles for balconies. Staining and/or sealing these structures can help protect it from the elements. Porches, decks, and balconies should meet all the building code requirements to insure durability and safety.

Empire Works Reconstruction. (2022, November 20). *Pro-tips: Inexpensive ways to maintain your balcony and deck.* Pro-Tips: Inexpensive Ways to Maintain Your Balcony and Deck. <https://www.empireworks.com/pro-tips-inexpensive-ways-to-maintain-your-balcony-and-deck#:~:text=%EF%BB%BFStaining%20and%20Sealing,%2C%20sunlight%2C%20and%20other%20elements.>



Keeping citizens informed.

Address to be monitored: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt / Suite / Unit # : \_\_\_\_\_

Calumet Park, IL 60827

**Circle one:**

Residential: Yes / No

Business: Yes / No

Mobile Home: Yes / No

Do you require special assistance in an emergency? Yes / No

Mobile Phone Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESIDENT

## The Place to Be

**Ronald Denson**  
*Mayor*

**Omara Fonseca**  
*Village Clerk*

**Teri Raney**  
*Village Administrator*

### CALUMET PARK TRUSTEES

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### Important Numbers

Police and Fire .....9-1-1

Fire Non-Emergency..... (708) 385-0550

Police Non-Emergency..... (708) 385-6862

Community Relations Commission, Parking  
Administrator and Clerk's Office.... (708) 389-0850

Library ..... (708) 385-5768

Public Works ..... (708) 926-7370

Recreation Center ..... (708) 597-3535

Water Department ..... (708) 388-1415

Building Department ..... (708) 389-0850



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