

# *The Peace Pipe*

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THE VILLAGE OF CALUMET PARK For the Residents of Calumet Park

## 2017—A Year of Many Accomplishments

by Mayor Ronald Denson



As the holiday season is upon us, we would like to extend our best wishes to our residents, visitors and community partners for a safe and happy holiday season.

As we prepare for the year ahead, it is important to take a step back and look at all we've accomplished in 2017. Just over a year ago, we quickly moved forward on a number of initiatives. Our success in the areas of grants for public safety and infrastructure improvements continue now and into the next year. Partnering with such organizations and agencies as Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Illinois State Police Authority (ISP), Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities (DCEO), Chicago Metropolitan Association on Planning (CMAP), South Suburban Mayors and Managers (SSMMA), Active Transportation Alliance (ATA), Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) and Cook County (CDBG) have been an asset toward receiving grant funding for many of the Village projects needed in our community. Listed below are a number of grants awarded in 2017 and 2018.

CDBG awarded \$220,000 for street and alley resurfacing and paving which included curbs and sidewalks.

ISP Authority awarded \$427,000 for public safety communication equipment at the CALCOMM Center.

CMAP awarded a technical grant to begin the first-ever long range Comprehensive Master Plan for the entire Village.

DCEO awarded a grant in the amount of \$150,000 to replace all mercury vapored street lamps with LED lights.

FEMA awarded \$118,000 for fire department air packs and \$6,000 for firefighter equipment.

MWRD awarded \$400,000 for storm water management and green infrastructure planning on the Village west side.

Economic growth in the Village is stable even with the loss of Ultra Foods. Businesses coming to the Village in 2017-18 are O'Reileys Auto Parts, Taco Bell, Planet Fitness and Speedway Gas Station. We continue to remain encouraged that the Ultra Food Store will re-open under a different independent grocer in 2018.

May your holiday season be happy and prosperous for the New Year!

Best regards,

*Ronald Denson*



# 3 STEPS TO JOINT PAIN RELIEF



## Let us walk you through hip and knee replacement. MetroSouthOrtho.com

If hip or knee pain makes everyday activities like walking and climbing stairs difficult, there's something you can do about it, starting right now. Visit [MetroSouthOrtho.com](http://MetroSouthOrtho.com) to see a simplified three-part process that helps you plan for joint replacement surgery and can help you get back to the things you love. On the site you can find out if joint replacement might be an option for you, find answers for joint replacement jitters and find a doctor. **Find out more at [MetroSouthOrtho.com](http://MetroSouthOrtho.com).**

### 3 Steps to Joint Pain Relief

- PREPARE.** Choose a friend or family member to be your support person and meet your care team for a comprehensive learning session.
- PROCEED.** Our staff will be with you every step of the way.
- RECOVER.** You'll recover and work with nurses and therapists who specialize in orthopedic care before returning home with your coach.



Center for Orthopedic  
and Sports Medicine  
**MetroSouth**  
MEDICAL CENTER  
BLUE ISLAND, IL

Patient results may vary. Consult your physician about the benefits and risks of any surgical procedure or treatment.

A MESSAGE FROM **CALCOMM**  
MARK DAVIS, DIRECTOR

## Two Years Later – Calumet Park's 9-1-1 Center Proves Highly Effective

Since opening its doors on September 15, 2015, Calumet Park's CALCOMM 9-1-1 Center has been providing the highest level of technical advancements in Emergency Communication dispatch services for the communities of Sauk Village, Midlothian, Posen and, in the near future, the City of Markham. As one of the newest consolidated center in the area offering text to 9-1-1, this feature may also be an option for citizens. However, **CALL IF YOU CAN...TEXT IF YOU CAN'T.**

First, we encourage you to call into 9-1-1 for emergencies only. All non-emergencies or information should be directed to 708-385-6862. Only text 9-1-1 if you are unable to make a voice call to 9-1-1.

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 9-1-1 on any cellular phone with or without an active cell plan, you can place a call into 9-1-1.

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

A Message from **Calumet Park Police Department**

## Part-time Police Officer Position

The Calumet Park Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of Part-Time Police Officer. Applicants must be certified by the State of Illinois. Applications can be obtained at the Village Hall located at 12409 S. Throop or the CALCOMM 9-1-1 Center located at 12419 S. Ashland. There is a twenty-five (\$25.00) dollar processing fee.

Chief Kenneth E. Mann





Get Connected with the Village of Calumet Park Activities...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 impending 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

# Take Your Seat at the Table.

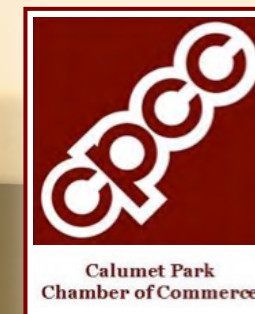
*Join the Calumet Park  
Chamber of Commerce Today!*

Call 708.389.0850 or visit us online  
[www.calumetparkchamber.org](http://www.calumetparkchamber.org)

## New Member Special

If you join the Chamber and pay before December 31, 2017 you will receive \$25 off your annual membership, and in April you will receive \$20 off your Calumet Park Business License Fee.

**A total savings of \$45 your first year as a member!!**







# CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA

**“It’s The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!”**  
With Christmas around the corner, that means Santa and the Fire Dept. will be riding thru town and stopping by the Rec. to give goodies all the kids he meets! With games, pictures, activities, goodie bags, hot chocolate and more, be sure to bring your kids out for a wonderfully, free time! The party hours are going to be 10am – 2pm.



# HOLIDAY HOURS

With schools letting out for the Christmas break, we are more than happy to open our doors a little earlier for the kids and for them to continue to have a safe and fun place to play. Please call us beginning in December to find out the specific timeframes for the weekdays and again, it is no charge to you the parent(s)!



# FITNESS CENTER

Starting in 2018, we will be adding rewards to members who sign up for the fitness center, including water bottles, a t-shirt, and other trinkets to show our appreciation for those that sign up either for a half-year or full-year membership. With some local gyms charging \$10 - \$35/month, can you beat that price for \$50/year membership and have physical rewards to go with it!

Now who can do that?



# WE ARE BEAUTIFUL TOO

We Are Beautiful Too is here to build up girls so that they don’t have to look at success, they can be success! We are starting by teaching girls 6 to 14 to recognize who they are and who they would like to be; to learn, love, and respect themselves so they can learn to generate that same love and respect for others! Join us Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-7pm!



# Calumet Park Jaguars AAU Basketball Program



All we can say of this program is the picture to the left and the one to the right. The left was taken in 2014 and was our first tournament championship for 5th/6th grade, and the right was this year’s North American Youth Sports National Championship Title we won for Freshmen-Sophomore. The Title team has a core of six players and the same Coach, Mr. Philar Abron, from our first win years ago when they were all starting in Grammar School. Bottom line: It’s not always talent as

much as it’s the dedication needed in something to achieve greatness and most importantly, the trust they built in each other. This program will be restarting in late Feb./Mar. with a 6th-7th Grade Boys Team, an 8th Grade Boys Team, and a 7th/8th Lady Jaguar Team. Please call for more information.

For any and all information, please call us at 1 (708) 597-3535.



## Follow the Winter Warning Signs

“Old Man Winter” is here. With that being said, please remember that “no parking” restrictions are in place. Please observe posted signs prohibiting parking during 2” or more of snowfall. Please notice weather conditions when snow is predicted at 2” or above in order to move your vehicle to a permitted area of the street. Wait until the plows are completely done before you clear a path by your driveway or garage. Our goal is to clear every street from curb to curb.

### **WARNING...**

#### **DO NOT SHOVEL OR BLOW SNOW ONTO THE ROADWAY**

Shoveling or blowing snow onto the public roadway IS NOT PERMITTED and is a public safety risk. Residents are subject to tickets/fines (includes private snow plowing contractors). Remember...residents are required to shovel your sidewalks/paths within a reasonable amount of time once the snow has stopped.

### **WATER DEPARTMENT**

Make sure to keep your house heated to prevent frozen and busted pipes. If anyone experiences damage, turn off the valve inside that is near your water meter and call a plumber. Vacant property owners are asked to turn off water and drain water lines; especially if there is no heat. If you are renovating or just purchased a new property during the winter months, a water meter cannot be installed or turned on until the house has adequate heat.

If residents expect to do plumbing work, always advise the plumber to obtain a copy of the Village ordinances concerning proper turn on/off from the outside.

A MESSAGE FROM

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Daniel O. White, CRC Chairman

## ‘Thanks to Our Volunteers’

- The CRC would like to welcome its newest members, Joyce Shaw and Pamela Whitt. We appreciate their willingness to volunteer their time.

Throughout the year, the CRC assists with numerous special events held at the Recreation Center. To name a few, we host “Family Nights at the Movies”

and serve as judges for the annual Halloween costume contest. CRC also participates in the selection process for the best well-maintained home for the beautification awards held at the Community Festival in August. Members also volunteer their time with the spring planting of flowers that can be seen along 127th Street as well as other fundraising events sponsored by the Mayor.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Village Hall at 708-389-0850.

## Be Prepared for Winter Survival in Your Car

Everyone should be cautious about traveling in extreme winter weather. Cold, snow and ice are demanding on cars, drivers and passengers. Cold affects metal, rubber and other materials in your car. It can reduce the effectiveness of your vehicle’s battery by at least 50 percent. It can freeze tires and keep them flat on the bottom for at least the first half-mile of travel. It can thicken your car’s lubricants, making the engine work too hard. Most importantly, extreme winter weather can threaten your life. Follow these tips to stay safe as you drive in Illinois.

### **Plan Before You Travel**

Simple planning can save you trouble and even save your life.

### **Prepare Your Vehicle**

Be sure your vehicle is in good winter driving condition. Take along the emergency equipment referred to in this booklet and keep it accessible. Keep your gas tank at least one-half full.

### **Be Aware of the Weather**

Listen to forecasts, road reports and storm warnings. Dress appropriately. Pack extra scarves and mittens. Allow extra time for trips in severe weather.

### **Make Yourself Easy to Find**

Tell someone where you are going and the route you will take. Report your safe arrival. If you stall or get stuck, tie a colored banner (from your winter survival kit) to your antenna or hang it out a window. At night, remove the cover from your dome light and turn the light on. Road crews or rescue units can see a small glow at a considerable distance. To reduce battery drain, use emergency flashers only if you hear approaching vehicles. Keep one person on watch; don’t let everyone rest at the same time.

### **Stay in Your Vehicle**

Walking in a storm can be very dangerous. You might lose your way or become exhausted, collapse and risk your life. Your vehicle is a good shelter.

### **Avoid Overexertion**

Shoveling snow or repositioning your car by pushing it takes a lot of effort in storm conditions. You could risk heart attack or injury. Take it easy!

### **Keep Cool — Two Ways**

1. Calm down and think. The storm will end and you will be found.
2. Don’t work enough to get hot and sweaty. Wet clothing loses insulation value, making you susceptible to hypothermia.

### **Keep Fresh Air in Your Vehicle**

It’s much better to be cold and awake than comfortably warm and sleepy. Wet or wind-driven snow can plug your vehicle’s exhaust system and cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to enter your vehicle. Don’t run the engine unless you are sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow. Keep snow off the radiator to prevent the engine from overheating.

### **Stay Warm Without Fuel**

Keep your blood circulating freely by loosening tight clothing, changing positions frequently and moving your arms and legs. Huddle close to one another. Rub your hands together or put them in your armpits or between your legs. Remove your shoes occasionally and rub your feet.

### **Don’t Expect to Be Comfortable**

The challenge is to survive until you’re found.



# Calumet Park Fire Department Toy Drive 2017

Accepting Application  
Forms for Participants  
starting November 1st | **Deadline:  
December  
11th**

Forms are Available to be  
filled out between 9am- 3pm  
at the Fire Department

12457 S Ashland Ave, Calumet Park, IL 60827

**Must be a resident  
of Calumet Park  
to participate!** | Distribution: Dec.  
16th at the Rec  
12426 S. Loomis St,  
Calumet Park, IL. 60827



## YOUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

*Please mark these important dates on your calendar*

**December 25, 2017**

Village Hall Offices will be closed for Christmas

**January 1, 2018**

Village Hall Offices will be closed for New Year's

**January 15, 2018**

Village Hall Offices will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

WINTER 2017-'18





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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 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



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