

A Dynamic Year in Review

by Mayor Ronald Denson

2016 was another busy and productive year in Calumet Park. There was quite a bit of movement on the economic front, new personnel, continued hard work from our departments, and ongoing efforts in paving and infrastructure projects. I am so grateful to our Trustees and staff for their dedication to our Village and providing us with a safe and unique place to live. With that being said, I would like to highlight many of the Village's activities this past year.

Economic Development

Mack Industries, a private developer investing \$12 million dollars to build quality mixed-use commercial and residential properties at 124th & Ashland Avenue. Approximately 15,000 sq. ft. of retail and 90 residential units within walking distance to the Metra Train Station.

McDonald's prototype restaurant remodel and expansion of its drive-thru was completed.

Speedway, LLC construction plans underway to build a new 4,608 sq. ft. gas/diesel station at the corner of 119th and Wood Streets across from the Marshfield Plaza.

Taco Bell construction plans underway to build a new 2,480 sq. ft. prototype restaurant next to the Magnusson Hotel on Ashland Avenue.

Other business to welcome to Calumet Park are Diamonds Sports Bar & Grill, Pita Grill, Block and Tackle, AM Wine & Spirits, The Social Life, TSpot Salon, M&H Furniture, Edible Arrangements, Beverly's Pet Wash, Beyond Wireless, Eventreks, Frankfort Auto Exchange, One Stop Supply, Inc., Pretty Girl Waisted, Rush Hour Towing, Alluring and Silver Oaks Investment.

Public Safety

Our first priority is public safety and our well-trained first responders are prepared to answer the call in any emergency disaster situation. We are also pleased that our Village has the very best in class when it comes to emergency services communication. After only a year in operation, the new CALCOMM 9-1-1 Dispatch Center now serves the Villages of Sauk Village, Midlothian and Posen.



Mayor Denson pictured with wife, Frankie.

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3 Steps to Joint Pain Relief

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

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... New Village Website

In a continuing effort to provide excellent service to you, our newly designed website was launched to make readily available basic information about how the Village is governed, how it operates and whom to contact when a question arises. The new website provides the platform to relay that information about key services, activities and programs that will allow our residents and visitors to stay up-to-date. Visit us at www.caumetparkvillage.org to see what Calumet Park has to offer!

To all the families in Calumet Park, we wish you a happy and prosperous New Year!

Ronald Denson
Ronald Denson, Mayor

CP RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Eldest Resident,
Ms. Evelyn Clark,
Honored at
Seniors' Day
Luncheon

Mayor Denson with
Ms. Evelyn Clark,
91-years young



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Time Changes of the Board of Trustees Meetings

Beginning in January, 2017, the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees held every second and fourth Thursday of each month is moving its meeting time to 7:00 p.m..

Beginning in January, 2017, the meetings of the Citizens Concerns Forum held on the fourth Thursday of each month is moving its meeting time to 6:00 p.m..

Omara Fonseca
Village Clerk

In Memoriam

*A hero remembered for his
dedicated service to Calumet
Park Police Department*



Felton D. Huggar
(1951-2016)



Prevention and Education Saves Lives

One of the Department's main goals has always been to prevent the tragedy from happening rather than responding to it after it has occurred. We are proud of the extensive fire prevention and safety education programs we have been able to provide to the community. Business inspections and other safety programs encompass our entire community and keep our community a safe place in which to live and work.

We can accomplish our goals through a continued commitment to emergency services, public education and training of our firefighters/paramedics.

We are pleased to report that the Department took delivery of its brand new ambulance with the latest equipment to enhance our services to our community. The Department is also waiting to hear whether its grant application has been awarded for a new fire engine.

We welcome residents to visit the firehouse for a tour or if there are any questions about our services, please call 708-926-7330.

Howard Fisher
Fire Chief



Creating Opportunities for Community Wellness



2016 was a jubilant year for CPPRD. A hearty thanks to the Honorable Mayor Denson, his administration, the Board of Trustees, and most importantly, YOU! We were able to oversee the creation of our first ever travel dance team, a/k/a The CoverGirls, a landmark partnership with USA Basketball and

Nike for Open Gym, a High School basketball travel team which placed first at four tournaments during the Summer, record Summer Day Camp attendance, a spectacular Little League year and the continued success of the Women's Empowerment Forum led by the fabulous Ms. Elaine Echols and MUCH, MUCH more.

Our accomplishments, thanks to this Village, were well-attended and safe, our paramount concern. Furthermore, we continue to pride ourselves on character development here, as we try to assist the coming generation who will one day represent our Department as its leaders.

As for 2017, there is great news in terms of renovating Veteran's Park, which in the Mayor's words; "We need a 21st century park." More information will be released when the time comes, stay tuned! Also, we are looking into the creation of a Young Lady's mentorship program, a revitalized aerobics program, expanded programming for senior citizens, and potentially softball.

We hope the New Year brings with it opportunities that can assist in the quality of life in our town, which continues to be "The Place to Be!"

Jonathan Shaw, Director
Parks & Recreation



The Public Works and Water Departments had a very busy year. In addition to weekly services performed during the year such as garbage removal, grass cutting, snow plowing and salting, projects are continuously ongoing to improve infrastructure throughout the year as highlighted below.

- Paving and patching of village streets and alleys
- Sidewalk repairs and replacement
- Tree trimming and removal
- Fire hydrant flushing and replacement
- Installation of new reflective street signs to comply with the uniform traffic control devices
- Maintenance and repairs of sewer and water main breaks
- Painting of curbs and including designated handicapped parking locations
- Deployment of LED Street Lighting Program
- GIS and mapping program of the west side of the Village
- Street sweeping
- Assist at Community Festival and special events held throughout the year
- Special clean-up days in spring and fall

As we approach the blast of winter snow, please observe the "no parking signs" when two (2) inches accumulates on the streets. To avoid hazardous conditions for pedestrians and motorist alike, keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice in front of your house and never push snow onto the streets.

We wish all of our citizens a very healthy and happy New Year.

Marci Smith, Director
Public Works & Water Departments

Village Officials and local Veterans come together for Veterans Day Luncheon.

To sign up for future meetings and events, please call Ms. Raney at 708-926-7405.





Safety Tips from Your Building Department

Don't let electrical cords create a danger in your house!

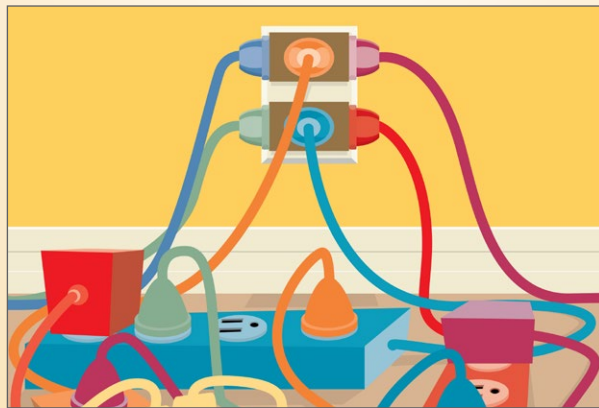


Overloaded outlets and undersized electrical cords can cause a fire or electrocution danger. Electrical cords must be the proper size for the load they serve. Overloaded cords will become hot and can start a fire. Avoid permanent use of extension cords. Appliance cords and extension cords are susceptible to physical damage from foot traffic, furniture, house pets, swinging doors and many

other causes so protect them from damage. Contact your local building department for more information. When buying an extension cord please ask for help so that the right cord is purchased, never apt to save money and

jeopardized your life to save a few bucks. Make sure that you buy cords that have been approved by an independent testing laboratory such as (UL, SA, ETV).

- Never nail or staple cords to walls, trees, etc.
- Never use three-prong plugs with outlets that only have two slots. Never cut off the pin to force a fit, which could lead to electrical shock.
- Never use an extension cord or power strip with heaters or fans.
- Keep all outdoor extension cords free of snow and standing water.



A heavy reliance on extension cords is an indication that you have too few outlets to address your needs, and should have additional outlets install where you need them.

Use only listed power strips that have integral overload protection and have been tested by a safety laboratory.

Martin Corona
Building Commissioner



YOUR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Please mark these important dates on your calendar

January 12, 2017

Village Board Meeting 7:00pm

January 16, 2017

Village Hall Offices Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

January 26, 2017

Community Hall Meeting 6:00pm

Village Board Meeting 7:00pm

February 9, 2017

Village Board Meeting 7:00pm

February 23, 2017

Community Hall Meeting 6:00pm

Village Board Meeting 7:00pm

March 9, 2017

Village Board Meeting 7:00pm

March 23, 2017

Community Hall Meeting 6:00pm

Village Board Meeting 7:00pm

April 4, 2017

Election Day

April 13, 2017

Village Board Meeting 7:00pm

April 27, 2017

Community Hall Meeting 6:00pm

Village Board Meeting 7:00pm



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The Peace Pipe

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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