



THE VILLAGE OF  
CALUMET PARK

9<sup>th</sup> Annual

# COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 • 10am - 6pm

Presented by Mayor Denson and the Village of Calumet Park

## HOSTED AT CPPRD

12426 S Loomis St. Calumet Park, IL 60827

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 to 5pm at 708-926-7405

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact Ms. Teri at 708-926-7405

or Ms. Lynn at 708-926-7404

Visit us at: [calumetparkvillage.org](http://calumetparkvillage.org)

# A MESSAGE FROM CALUMET PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER

DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF ERNEST MOBLEY



## *New Officers!*

Calumet Park has welcomed 4 new officers since the last newsletter.

Please welcome our new officers!

### Officer Glas & Officer Dix

(Recently Graduated & Sworn In as Full-Time Officers)



### Officer Russell & Officer McKinney



12409 South Throop Street | Calumet Park, IL 60827

T: (708) 926-7345 | F: (708) 385-6992

# A MESSAGE FROM CALUMET PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT



DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF JOHN VOTTELER

12457 S. Ashland Ave.

Calumet Park, IL 60827

Telephone: (708) 385-0550

## The Calumet Park Fire Department is proud to announce The Graduation of *Firefighter-Paramedic Connor Long!!!*



### SUMMER SAFETY MEASURES:

Now that summer has arrived, Calumet Park Fire Department urges you to take the following safety measures to prevent any fire incidents:

- When it comes to grills, propane and charcoal grill should only be used outside.
- Make sure the lid of your grill is open before lighting 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 grill's charcoal properly by placing the coals in a metal can AFTER they have cooled.
- When it comes to celebrations with fireworks, be sure to take caution. Do not use consumer fireworks. Instead opt to go see a public show instead.

If any emergency occurs be sure to call 9-1-1 immediately!

### DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR BATTERIES

Here are some tips for safety:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms every month.
- Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- If a fire occurs in your home, **GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP.**

## Stay Cool!!!

## Stay Safe!!!



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

INTERIM DIRECTOR BRYAN ROUSON



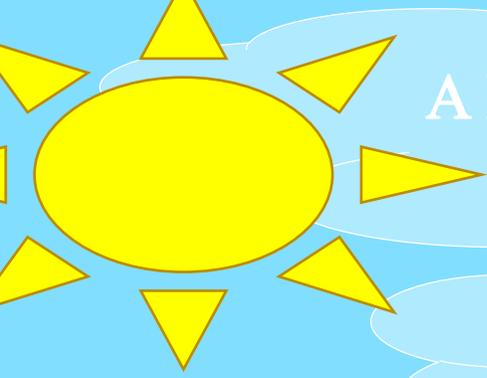
## *THE HEADSET HEROES*

The annual nationwide National Telecommunicators Week was celebrated this past April 9th-15th. The week is dedicated to recognizing and honoring the nation's truly "first" first 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 occurring, 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 in the management of an emergency using their vast computerized resources and state of the art communications equipment.

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.





# 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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# A MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

MARTIN CORONA, Building Commissioner

## 5 WAYS TO MAKE YOUR HOME MORE ATTRACTIVE TO BUYERS

### 1. Focus on making a good first impression.

Selling a house doesn't mean that you have to finish every last project or to-do list; it would be too expensive and time-consuming to paint every room or replace every light fixture. But making your home more attractive to buyers is often a matter of sprucing up the most visible surfaces and areas that help to create the buyers' first impressions of the home. Think curb appeal and entryways. Could you remove some overgrown shrubs from the front of the house, clean the gutters, or plant a new flower bed? Would the front door benefit from a fresh coat of paint? There are often a lot of easy, low-cost fixes and upgrades that can freshen up the exterior of your home to make it look more appealing.

### 2. Set the stage for maximum impact.

Real estate agents often work with professional home stagers who can rearrange the home's furnishings and interior decor in a way that strategically conveys value to buyers. Just like a professional stager, you can use your own belongings to create an impact, just by moving items around. For example, if you have a combined living room and dining room, arrange your furniture in a way that clearly shows buyers which room is which, how each room is used, and to draw attention to key features of the home such as a nice fireplace or a beautiful chandelier.

### 3. Opt for neutral colors and decor.

Many real estate agents will tell you that one of the most important elements in selling your home is making buyers feel like they can visualize themselves living there. You want to make sure your home is decorated in a way that is as inclusive as possible. If your sense of style is rather eclectic or extreme, you might be driving buyers away. Make your home more welcoming to more potential buyers by repainting the walls with neutral colors, and consider putting some of your favorite art pieces, antiques, or sports memorabilia into storage. Even if you have great taste in design, your prospective buyers might not agree. The goal is to make your home into a blank canvas for its future owners to envision as a place for creating their own lives.

### 4. Give Fido (and his stuff) the day off.

Getting ready to move to a new home can be stressful for everyone in the family, and that includes your pets. If you're staging your home for viewings, it's best to remove as much evidence as possible of your cats and dogs. Not all buyers have pets or want pets, some buyers might have allergies, and seeing lots of floor space taken up by dog beds, chew toys, or cat scratching posts might cause pet-free buyers to feel like this home is not right for them. Before each open house or viewing appointment, consider putting your pet supplies out of sight and (if possible) send the pets away to daycare or a pet-sitting friend.

### 5. Get a home inspection, and offer copies.

Home buyers are often reluctant to buy a home if they feel like it's going to be a money pit of expensive repairs and maintenance projects. You can put buyers at ease by getting your home inspected ahead of time by a reputable third-party home inspection service. Offer copies of the report to your prospective buyers. Being transparent about your home's condition, including any potential issues, shows good faith to your buyers and reassures them that there will be no surprises in buying your home.

Making your home attractive to buyers is about more than just cosmetic touches. It's about having a smart strategy to show your home to buyers in a way that conveys value and helps them feel comfortable and excited about living in your home.

<sup>1</sup>Fulton Bank. (n.d.). 5 ways to make your home more attractive to buyers. Retrieved May 4, 2023, from <https://www.fultonbank.com/Education-Center/Home-Ownership/5-Ways-to-Make-Your-Home-More%20Attractive-to-Buyers>





# OPERA SUMMER DAY CAMP



Parent Orientation Mon., June 12th at 7pm!

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

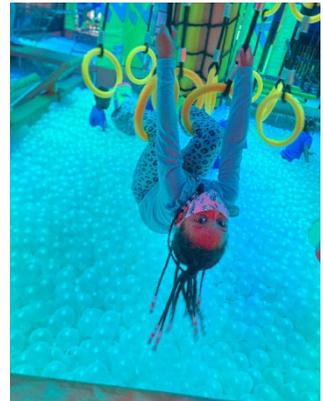
Ages 5 - 12 ● Register + Pay Online!

Please give us a call and provide your email address

Phone: 708-597-3535 ● Fax: 708-597-1471

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 – 3 Weeks

8am – 6pm Camp + Aftercare			9am – 3pm Regular Camp		
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



Same pricing as last year!

Registration limited for each session, so hurry!

Thank you!

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# A MESSAGE FROM CALUMET PARK CHURCH ALLIANCE

The **Calumet Park Church Alliance** was founded by **Mayor Ronald Denson** in 2018. At the time, the Mayor had a vision of the Churches in the community, coming together with the Village for the betterment of the community. The Mayor took his vision, and put it in the care of our own **Chaplain Joseph Ross**. We have several churches that are still active members of the Church Alliance. The Pastors of these churches are very excited and dedicated to the cause of helping the community.

## **Pastor Ricky Dukes of Church of God,**

Located in the City of Chicago, will be opening a Christian School in the Village of Calumet Park. The school will be located at 12751 S. Wood (Drexel Learning Center). The school will service kindergarten through eighth grade (K-8<sup>th</sup>). Please stay tuned as we will be notifying the residents of the Village of Calumet Park when registration begins.

**Pastor Albert Stokes, of New Harris Temple Church of God in Christ**, located 859 W. 123<sup>rd</sup>, Calumet Park, IL 60827, has an After School Program, which runs Monday – Friday, from 3p.m. – 7 p.m. His order of service is as follows:

**Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship – 12 p.m.**

**Bible Class – Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.**

## **The Community Covenant Church,**

Located at 12446 Loomis, Calumet Park, IL 60827. The church offers a food pantry every Wednesday from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. The order of service is as follows:

### *Service Times In-Person*

**Sunday Morning Service – 11 a.m.**

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study – 10 a.m.**

### *Join Zoom Meeting*

**Wednesday Night Bible Study – 7 p.m.**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82119688367pwd=SFUvcVgocIE1UmNqS1ZrR1QzWFFNZz09>

**Meeting ID: 821 1996 8836**

**Passcode: 892233**

**Pastor Cutio L. Reed's, of Christ Life Redeeming MB Church**, services are currently hosted remotely.

**P.O. BOX 277950, Riverdale, IL 60827**

**Phone: 708.385.6994**

*Sign up on our website to join us on Zoom*

<http://www.christliferedeemingmbc.org>

**Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm**

**Sunday Worship – 10:30 am**



**Summer 2023**

# Free Women's Health Exams

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) of the Michael Reese Research and Education Foundation is offering mammograms and Pap smears FREE of charge for women in the community. This service is provided through a state-funded grant of the Illinois Department of Public Health - Office of Women's Health.

To qualify you must be uninsured and 40-64 years old for breast cancer screening services, and 21- 64 for cervical cancer screening services. Those who have health insurance are also provided services through the Clinically Navigated Insured (CNI) program to assist clients in scheduling their breast and cervical cancer screening and follow up care.

For an appointment or additional  
information:  
please call 773-291-1934



Roseland Community Hospital  
MR-IBCCP  
45 W 111th St  
Chicago, IL 60628



Michael Reese - IL Breast & Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) receives funding from IDPH/Office of Women's Health, Michael Reese Research & Education Foundation, and the VNA Foundation.





# YOUR SUMMER COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2023

Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED**

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**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING**

**5:30 p.m.**

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**July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 p.m.**

**(Subject to Cancellation)**

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**August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**COMMUNITY FEST**

**10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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**August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 p.m.**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING**

**5:30 p.m.**

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**September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**LABOR DAY**

**Village Offices Closed**

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**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING**

**5:30 p.m.**

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**September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 p.m.**

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**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY**



THE VILLAGE OF

# CALUMET PARK

12409 SOUTH THROOP STREET | CALUMET PARK, IL 60827

## The Place to Be

Ronald Denson  
*Mayor*

Omara Fonseca  
*Village Clerk*

Teri Raney  
*Village Administrator*  
**CALUMET PARK TRUSTEES**

Dorothy P. Wiggins  
Cynthia M. Potts  
Carl Hampton, Sr.

Earl Duffin  
Norman Edwards  
Ronald Brown

### CALUMET PARK DEPT. HEADS

Chief Christopher Fletcher  
*Police Department*

Dep. Chief John Votteler  
*Fire Department*

Director Jonathan Shaw  
*Parks & Recreation*

Director Marci Smith  
*Public Works*

Commissioner Martin Corona  
*Building Department*  
Ariana Strong, *Editor & Designer*  
Zhane Houston, *CPPRD Designer*  
Director Jonathan Shaw, *CPPRD Designer*

### Important Numbers

- Police and Fire .....9-1-1
- Fire Non-Emergency..... (708) 385-0550
- Police Non-Emergency..... (708) 926-7345
- 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
- Senior Citizens Center ..... (708) 388-6606

**SENIOR CAPS MEETINGS** held in Wisdom Village at 6:00 p.m. every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

**CAPS MEETINGS** held in the Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m. every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month

**CRC MEETINGS** held in the Recreation Center at 6:00 p.m. every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month

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