



Village of Calumet Park

FALL 2011

The Peace Pipe

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



FROM THE DESK OF Mayor DuPar

This past summer marked a new beginning of economic development and growth within our Village. I am pleased to report the opening of CW Price Store, a discount clothing store located in the Raceway Plaza. The grand opening was held on August 18th and attracted hundreds of curious shoppers looking for great sales! (pictured below)



Meanwhile, new businesses continue to flock to our commercial destination at the new shopping mall located on Obama Drive. Brand new businesses moved in: Just Turkey, Calumet Oaks Restaurant, Furniture Zone, Happy Nails, Menifee State Farm Insurance, Computer Store and Infinite Styles barbershop. Businesses along Obama

Drive and in the Raceway Plaza continue to expand and increase, bringing job opportunities and sales revenue to our Village.



With the rise of foreclosed houses due to economic hardships, the Village took steps to help new owners obtain a house. The escrow amount needed for houses that require rehabilitation and/or repairs was reduced by one-half. This will enable new homeowners to invest more of their dollars to move into houses to make repairs. We are hopeful that houses will become occupied much sooner, thus, preventing crime and vandalism as well as sustaining our beautification goals

At last, after years of negotiations, the apartment buildings located on Ashland Avenue have been demolished.

This site will be marketed for commercial businesses. Again, this will mark a new beginning of economic development and growth in that area for our Village. (pictured at left)

Other good news to report are plans to bring the MetroSouth Health Center to Calumet Park. The revitalization of the old Medical Center located on Obama Drive will provide convenience and essential health services to our residents. Start-up of this venture will begin this Fall.

At a time when cities and towns are seeing many businesses close their doors, I am pleased to say that Calumet Park is experiencing quite the opposite. We will continue to work hard to attract new businesses along our commercial corridors.

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees and staff, best wishes for a prosperous and happy holiday season!

A Message from The Fire Department

With summer coming to an end, we need to look toward the fall and winter seasons:

- Check batteries in your smoke detectors to be sure they are working.
- Make sure that your furnace and hot water heater works properly. Remove materials stored around these units so they don't catch fire. Now would be a good time to make sure that you have a carbon monoxide monitor to alert you of leaks during the heating season.
- We don't like to think about snow...but please help the fire department by clearing snow away from hydrants. A FIRE DOUBLES IN SIZE EVERY MINUTE so help reduce the time firefighters need to clear snow away from hydrants.

During the holiday season, the Calumet Park Fire Department joins together with the Illinois Fire Chiefs' Association during the fire prevention campaign "KEEP THE WREATH RED". During the period of Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, a wreath is placed outside the fire station with a number of red bulbs. Should a fire occur in the Village, one red bulb will be replaced with one white bulb. It is our hope to keep all of the bulbs RED all season long.

A Message from The Police Department

CURB YOUR DOG!

It is a violation of Village ordinance to walk any dog without a leash. Dogs must also be registered with the Village, and have a current rabies vaccination. Rabies tags must be displayed on dogs at all times.

Village ordinance allows no more than three (3) dogs per residence. In recent months, there have been several dog bites reported to the Police Department. In an effort to protect the safety and well-being of our residents, Police Officers have been instructed to strictly enforce all animal control ordinances and ticket residents who disobey.

PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES

Calumet Park Police Department encourages all residents to use a free online system that will help keep track of valuable—and invaluable—personal property.

REPORTIT, is a free, secure online service allowing citizens to record serial numbers and upload images for phones, electronics and other valuables. Should those items ever be stolen, having the information will go a long way in accurately and quickly identifying your property.

Citizens can access the site at www.reportit.leadsonline.com.

Calumet Park Chamber of Commerce

We want to invite everyone to come to our Annual Fundraiser on Saturday, October 8th at Ultra Foods from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The fundraiser is held each year in partnership with Ultra Foods. The event is great fun for families.

Raffle tickets are now on sale and available at the event. The Chamber will be selling hot dogs or links, potato chips and a can of pop for only \$2.00. The money we generate from the ticket and food sales are our main source of revenue and helps support many school, Village and business activities/events throughout the year.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact a Chamber Member or call President Mike Valente at 708-560-3307. Leave a phone number where you can be contacted and let us know how many tickets you would like to purchase. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 and the prizes are great this year:

- 1st Prize:** I-Pad
- 2nd Prize:** Wii Console
- 3rd Prize:** HD TV
- 4th Prize:** \$200 certificate for Ultra Foods

We will raffle additional prizes that same day starting at 2:00 p.m..
Winners need not be present to win!

Please come out and support your Calumet Park Chamber of Commerce so we can continue to give back to our community. Hope to see you there!

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS
NOW BEFORE THEY ARE GONE!!!



A Message from The Recreation Department

Summer Camp was an absolute success this year! Over sixty children participated in this program. The program was so popular that several late applicants could not be accommodated. We wish to remind parents and guardians to register early and don't get shut-out. Summer Camp registration begins April 1, 2012.

The Recreation Department hosted the Annual "Back to School Fest" in August which was well attended. More than 200 students received free school supplies to start their new school year.

Please Mark Your Calendar

The Annual "Haunted House & Best Costume" party will be held on Halloween night, Monday, October 31, 2011, at 5:00 p.m. Ages 1 through 12 years are encouraged to participate.

The Annual Christmas Party and "Pictures with Santa" is slated for Saturday, December 17, 2011 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m..

A Breast Cancer Fundraiser sponsored by the Chi-Town Line Dancers is planned at the Recreation Ctr. on New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, 2011 beginning at 5:00 p.m..

All activities are held at the Calumet Park Recreation Center, 12426 Loomis. Contact 708-597-3535 for further information.

A Message from The Building Department

Just a quick "THANK YOU" to all the residents of Calumet Park. Spring was wet and cool while Summer was wet and hot. The amount of rain for April set a record and this year's precipitation may break the 2008 record for wettest year in Chicago history. Maintaining your property has been difficult but the Village looks good because of the pride you have shown. Once again "THANK YOU"!!

A Message from The Community Relations Commission | TRUSTEE CYNTHIA M. POTTS

We would like to welcome the Infinite Styles Barbershop to our business community. They are located at 1413 W. Obama Drive. At the "Back to School Family Event" held on August 28th, Infinite Styles donated over one hundred free hair cuts to children as well as free school supplies and book bags. This event was a huge success due to their generosity.

We would also like to welcome Just Turkey Restaurant also located at 1413 W. Obama Drive. Just Turkey relocated to their new location on August 22nd. We would like to thank Just Turkey for participating in the "Back to School Family Day" and for providing their famous turkey hotdogs free to everyone that attended.

With the help of local businesses partnering with the Village, our community can only benefit!



Infinite Styles



Just Turkey

A Message from The Public Works Department

YARD CLEAN-UP

With Summer coming to an end, Fall brings yard clean-up from falling leaves. Please place your yard waste in approved disposable bags by your garbage containers for refuse pick-up. Don't place leaves and other yard waste in the streets or by curbs as this will block the sewer covers and cause flooding in the streets. Village Ordinance prohibits placing leaves and other yard waste by curbs and in streets.

FREE WOOD CHIPS

WOOD CHIPS are available to residents. Stop by the Ashland Avenue salt dome located near the Public Works Garage. They are great for landscaping or protecting plant and shrub material. Bring your own container and help yourself!

HYDRANT FLUSHING

The Water Department will begin flushing fire hydrants soon. This process helps prevent hydrant problems and clears the water main system. Don't be alarmed if you see a rust color in the water. Simply run your cold water faucets until the water becomes clear.



calumetparkvillage.org

We are Happy to Serve You!

CITIZENS CONCERNS MEETINGS held in Village Hall at 7:00 p.m., every second and fourth Thursdays 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 7:00 p.m., Wisdom Village, 12445 Morgan, Calumet Park, IL

Important Numbers

- Police and Fire.....9-1-1
- Fire Non-Emergency.....385-0550
- Police Non-Emergency.....385-6862
- Community Relations Commission,
Parking Administrator and
Clerk's Office.....389-0850
(Se Habla Español)
- Library.....385-5768
- Public Works.....389-3895
- Recreation Center.....597-3535
- Water Department.....388-1415
- Building Department.....389-0857
- School Board Dist #132.....388-8920
- Senior Citizens' Center.....388-6606

~ Your Community Calendar ~

**Regular Board Meetings Cancelled on November 24th and December 22nd*

Monday, October 31

Haunted House & Best Costume Party - Recreation Center - 5:00 p.m..

Thursday, November 24 & Friday, November 25

Clerk and Water Departments Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, December 17

Christmas Party and "Pictures with Santa" - Recreation Center - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, December 26

Clerk and Water Departments Closed - Christmas Holiday

Monday, January 2

Clerk & Water Departments Closed - New Year's Holiday

Saturday, December 31

Breast Cancer Fundraiser sponsored by the Chi-Town Line Dancers
Recreation Center - 5:00 p.m.

Village of Calumet Park

12409 SOUTH THROOP STREET | CALUMET PARK, IL 60827 | 708-389-0850

Presort Standard
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #328
Blue Island, Illinois

The Place to Be

Joseph DuPar
Mayor

Omara Fonseca
Village Clerk

Kent Oliven
Village Treasurer

Conrad R. Kiebles
Director of Village Services

CALUMET PARK TRUSTEES

Felix A. Laskey

Ronald Denson

Robert L. Turner

Darryl Carter

Dorothy P. Wiggins

Cynthia M. Potts

POSTAL PATRON

CALUMET PARK, IL 60827

For more frequent news and information about board meetings, public hearings, the fire department, the police department, public works, the chamber of commerce and the building department, consult the website at

www.calumetparkvillage.org