

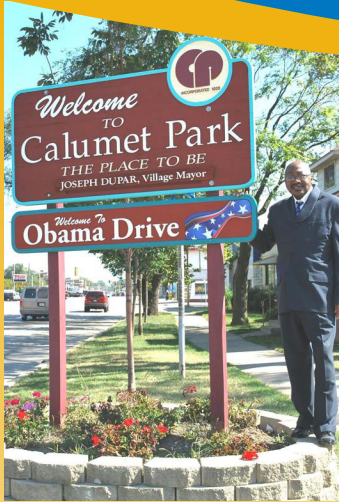


Village of Calumet Park

The Peace Pipe

A Quarterly Newsletter Published By

THE VILLAGE OF CALUMET PARK For the Residents of Calumet Park



Joseph DuPar, Mayor
Village of Calumet Park

From the Desk of Mayor DuPar



What a winter season we experienced! The blizzard of February 2 kept our snow trucks and plows working all day and night to clear streets and sidewalks. We are all grateful to Public Works Supt. Eugene Pace, our Village snow crews and emergency services personnel for their efforts. We also want to thank the residents for their patience and cooperation during this serious weather event. The Code Red system used to alert residents of emergencies was activated during the blizzard to keep residents up-to-date on the blizzard warnings and where emergency shelter information could be located. I recommend every resident register or sign-in online at our web site www.calumetparkvillage.org and click the link so they can receive notifications whenever there are emergency alerts or just general information to be disseminated.

Spring is in the air and positive changes are ahead of us. We will be welcoming new businesses and employment opportunities in the near future with the opening of the new mall located on Obama Drive. Several family restaurants such as N'Awlins Crab House and Just Turkey will soon be open for business. Other retailers include a furniture store and beauty and barber shops.

Many recreational opportunities are available as we approach good weather. The Calumet Park Rams is recruiting players for their football season with registration to begin in April. Details about registration dates and times can be found in this newsletter. Youths of all ages are encouraged to join and participate.

With the good weather approaching, the police department will be on a watchful alert for any unlawful activity to keep our neighborhood homes and streets safe from crime.

We, at the Village of Calumet Park wish everyone a very enjoyable and happy Spring!

Joseph DuPar

*The
Place
to Be*

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A Message from

Fire Chief **THOMAS M. BATTISTELLA**

Many updates at the Fire Department are near completion. Through a federal "Fire Act Grant" in the amount of \$32,000, funds were awarded to install a fire sprinkler, smoke detectors, heat detectors, pull stations and audio visual strobes. This system will help protect the fire station building in the event a fire occurs. Both of these systems will be compliant with the National Fire Protection Association.

Through another federal grant in the amount of \$650,000, the Fire Department will take delivery in May of a brand new 2011 Ferrara fire truck, 100 foot aerial platform and 1,250 gallon per minute pump. This new safety

equipment will help save firefighters and victims during rescues from upper floors and roof tops.

I extend an invitation to all residents to stop by the Fire Station at 12457 S. Ashland, and see our improvements made possible through federal grant funding.



A Message from

Chief of Police **MARK DAVIS**

The Police Department has recently moved into the next phase of its ongoing technology upgrades. With the addition of Mobile CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) our Officers can now receive calls via computer terminals in the squad cars, write and complete reports from the squad cars and run license plates and drivers licenses from their MDTs (Mobile Data Terminals).

These upgrades reduce the officer's reliance on dispatchers, increase the accuracy of information, increase officer efficiency, which means that the officers will have increased

time on the street with less time spent in the station, and ultimately save the Village money. These upgrades along with an upgrade to our Village Ordinance violation adjudication system, and an upgrade to our digital voice and video recording system, have realized a savings for the department of approximately \$60,000 per year.



Calumet Park Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is proud to be a part of the newly revamped Peace Pipe. We will be sending a message to the business community and residents of Calumet Park on a regular basis to let you know what is going on in the business community. In this first edition, I wanted to let you know what the Chamber is about and what we do. The Calumet Park Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization that brings business people and the community together. I believe that there is strength in numbers. The more businesses that join the Chamber, the more effective that we can be! With our regular monthly meetings, a network of contacts has developed which has our local businesses talking and recommending other businesses within community. Networking goes hand-in-hand with a business friendly environment in the Village of Calumet Park. Chamber members do agree, Calumet Park is the "Business Place to Be". We can even see this from all the new stores that have opened in Calumet Park during this recessionary period. At least six new businesses are scheduled to open within the next two months! These new stores will bring business growth, jobs and people to our community. More people shopping and spending dollars always build a stronger community.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CHAMBER MEMBERS.

Current members and a Chamber application are part of the Village of Calumet Park website at www.calumetparkvillage.org. Just click on Chamber of Commerce.

Your Chamber President,
Michael A. Valente Sr.
Valente Trucking



Village of Calumet Park

A Message from

Director of Recreation **FRANK SNOW**

Applications are being accepted February 5 through April 15, for Calumet Park Little League Baseball. Parents, may register your child (Boys and Girls ages 6-13 years) at the Recreation Center at 12426 Loomis, Monday through Saturday. Please register your child early. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.** This year, we are expecting **GREAT THINGS** from our Calumet Park Baseball League.

LET US ALL WORK TOGETHER AS NEVER BEFORE, TO BRING OUT THE ABSOLUTE BEST IN OUR CHILDREN. We can start now by getting them involved in community activities.

THE COST IS—
FREE FOR RESIDENTS

PARENT PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED AND IS ENCOURAGED

Summer Camp 2011

Summer Camp registration will run through May 31, 2011 for children ages 5-12 years. The first day of Camp is Monday, June 13th. Your child must be registered **BEFORE**

MAY 31st. THIS is absolutely imperative in order to include your child in the Summer Camp weekly field trips. There will be a \$40.00 late registration fee.

Calumet Park **School District 132**

Superintendent **Dr. Elizabeth Reynolds**

The Need Is Real!

The Opportunity is Now!

The Benefits are Forever!

Calumet School District 132 is in the process of investigating grant funds to construct a new facility.

We would like to thank everyone for their support. A new school building will not only have a positive impact on the education of our students but will also have a positive impact on the whole community as well.

Calumet Park **Building Department**

Building Commissioner **Nick Weinert**

We have had a tough winter and nice weather cannot get here fast enough. Spring can be a time of drastic weather changes which have a huge affect on a home. During periods of heavy rain, it is wise to check gutters and downspouts. Are you sure the sump pump is working properly? When was the last time you looked at all facets of your roof? Just because the roof is not leaking doesn't mean you

don't have a problem. Home operation and maintenance is easy if you understand your home's systems. A home operates like a car – with the right maintenance you can avoid major problems and efficiently run your home for many years. The key is to be aware of any changes or strange sounds in your home and address issues as they arise. If you don't understand a problem or system, consult a professional.

Dedicated to Service Retired and New Village Officers

GERALDINE "GINGER" GALVIN

- Elected in 1985 as Village Clerk
- Extremely involved in Village Organizations and committees
- Long time resident of Calumet Park
- Retired as Village Clerk December 31, 2010



LETTIE EVANS

- Fulltime 911 Emergency Operator in 1988
- Long time resident of Calumet Park
- Retired December 31, 2010 after 22 years of service



KENNETH MANN ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE

- 34 Years experience Chicago Police Department in the Tactical, Detective, Patrol and Gang Units
- Hired October 2010



CONRAD R. KIEBLES DIRECTOR OF VILLAGE SERVICES

- 25 Years experience in Municipal Government
- Economic Development Professional
- Hired January 18, 2011



OMARA FONSECA ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ VILLAGE CLERK

- Hired March 13, 2005 in the Clerk's Office
- Responsible for Payroll, General Clerk Office Duties
- Appointed Clerk for the remainder of Ginger Galvin's term





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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,

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 ~

Saturday, April 16, 2011

**TAKE PRIDE IN CALUMET PARK DAY- SPRING CLEAN UP!
LET'S KEEP CALUMET PARK - "THE PLACE TO BE"**

ATTENTION RESIDENTS: To Dispose of Unwanted Items, Drop-off Dumpsters will be placed at various locations. Contact Village Hall at 708-389-0850 for further information.

June 1, 2011

VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE AT VILLAGE HALL

Vehicle Stickers free to Seniors age 65+. Only two stickers per household

Saturday, June 11, 2011

MAYOR DUPAR'S YOUTH & FAMILY DAY at Veterans Park
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Register for RAMS football at the
Calumet Park Recreation Center,

12426 S. Loomis on the following dates and times: **April 14th-** 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; **April 16th-** 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.;
May 7th- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; **May 19th-** 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; **May 21st-** 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Renee Conwell

Robert L. Turner

Ronald Denson

Dorothy P. Wiggins

Darryl Carter

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