



COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 1, 2026

10am until 7pm

Hosted at the Calumet Park · Parks + Recreation Department

12426 S Loomis St. Calumet Park, IL 60827

Games and Activities
Home Beautification Award
Back to School Giveaway

Petting Zoo
Adult Prize Raffles

Music
Basketball Tournament
Local Food and Craft Vendors

If you would like to participate as a vendor

*Please contact the Village Hall Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm at
Teri Raney traney@calumetparkvillage.org*

Or

Lynn Peters lpeters@calumetparkvillage.org

**Presented by Mayor Ronald Denson
and the Village of Calumet Park**





A Message from

Calumet Park Police Department

Chief Ernest Mobley • Deputy Chief Leonard Barbee, Jr.
12409 S. Throop Street • Calumet Park, IL 60827



Welcome Deputy Chief Leonard Barbee, Jr.



The Village of Calumet Park welcomes Deputy Chief Leonard D. Barbee Jr., sworn in on March 9, 2026. He has over 26 years of law enforcement experience, training and retired from the Harvey Police Department as a Civil Service Sergeant that same month.

Deputy Chief Barbee holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in Homeland Security and a master's degree in criminal justice/public safety.

His vision for the Calumet Police Department emphasizes community engagement, transparency, crime prevention, and officer wellness. He aims to build a police force based on trust, accountability, and collaboration. Deputy Chief Barbee seeks to cultivate a community where officers and residents work together, fostering respect, safety, and mutual support.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We invite you to join Calumet Park Police Department for this year's National Night Out. National Night Out is a community-building campaign that Calumet Park Police Department is participating in this year. With this event we look to enhance the relationship with our citizens and the police department, to bring back a sense of community to our Village.

National Night Out will take place on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 from 5pm – 8pm at the Calumet Park Recreation Center, located 12426 S Loomis St., Calumet Park, IL.

Summer Reminders!

Please remember school is out for the Summer! This means, there will be more children playing outdoors. Please be careful driving through town, watch the speed limits and please stop at all stop signs.

Also by Village Ordinance 88-506, loud music or any kind of noise is not permitted between 11:00 pm and 7:00 am. Violators may be fined.

Do not block any streets, sidewalks or private driveways. Check for restricted parking permit on certain streets. Finally as a reminder, unmoved vehicles for more than seven days, may be subject to fines and being towed.

Please call 911 directly for any kind of police response.

Have a safe and happy summer!



A MESSAGE FROM CALCOMM 9-1-1 DISPATCH CENTER

Bryan Rouson, Director of Operations/911 Administrator
**For Police Services, Fire-Rescue Situations and
Medical Emergencies**
Dial 9-1-1



*When calling 9-1-1 for an emergency... Remain calm. Answer the questions asked by the 911 Telecommunicator. **The most important piece of information needed during an emergency, is the location.** Based upon the nature of the emergency, additional questions will be asked in order to rapidly get you the help you need. Often times callers feel that too many questions are being asked. Help is immediately sent to your location by 911 co-workers*

while the call taker gathers additional information to help resolve the situation.

You may also be given instructions to keep you safe or help you during the emotional stress you may be dealing with until first responders arrive. 911 Telecommunicators strive to keep you safe as well as the first responders coming to help you.

HELP FIRST RESPONDERS HELP YOU

Make sure you have visible addresses near the front door of your home or business. Having your address on your alley garage is helpful as well. Having illuminated address numbers from dusk to dawn helps emergency responders locate you. In an emergency, turning on your porch light during the daytime is beneficial for the first responders to locate your home during an emergency.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER



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A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS

Director Shon Bailey

12310 S Ashland Ave., Calumet Park, IL 60827

Telephone (708) 926-7414 • Fax (708) 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 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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Calumet Park Awarded Tree Inventory and Urban Forest Management Plan Grant

A recent award made possible through a collaborative partnership between Trees Forever and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources will allow the Village of Calumet Park to conduct a community-wide Tree Inventory and develop an Urban Forest Management Plan. This award shows the commitment Calumet Park has to enhance the health, safety, and management of our Village and its urban forest.

What is a Tree Inventory and Urban Forest Management Plan?

Tree inventories catalogue and identify existing trees, by collecting information such as tree species, size, location and condition. They also record dead or hazardous trees and locate potential planting sites. This data provides an overview of the health and diversity of the community forest and can be utilized to develop strategies to guide future tree projects.

There are several benefits of a municipal tree inventory, such as ongoing scheduled maintenance, identification of tree health issues or risks, ability to determine tree planting locations, and better budgeting for future projects. These elements will be outlined in an Urban Forest Management Plan.

The Urban Forest Management Plan will guide management decisions. It takes data from the tree inventory to direct future planning. With this planning, comes increased public safety. The trees are monitored more regularly and those trees requiring maintenance or removal are prioritized, reducing risk of tree failure. Efficiency is also improved. Regularly scheduled maintenance allows for ongoing tree care versus reacting to issues as they arise. Optimized budgets will result from scheduling and prioritizing projects.

The Tree Inventory and Management Plan will ensure a healthy and more resilient tree canopy for the Village of Calumet Park. This project will commence this summer with regular updates and findings shared with the public. Those interested in learning more about Trees Forever's Illinois Community Canopy grants can visit <https://treesforever.org/icc/> to explore opportunities for enhancing their own urban forests.



CALUMET PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Extension Cord Safety

Protect Your Home and Family from Fire Hazards

Improper use of extension cords is one of the leading causes of residential electrical fires. Follow the important safety tips to keep your household safe.

EXTENSION CORD SAFETY TIPS



Use Extension Cords Temporarily

Extension cords are designed for temporary use only - NOT as permanent wiring.



Check for Damage

Before use, inspect cords for:

- * Frayed or cracked insulation
- * Exposed wires
- * Loose plugs
- * Burn marks or overheating



REPLACE DAMAGED CORDS IMMEDIATELY



Use the Correct Cord

Use only UL tested and approved extension cords and proper power strips.

Always use cords rated for the intended purpose:

- * Indoor cords for inside use ONLY
- * Outdoor cords for exterior use
- * Heavy-duty cords for large appliances or tools



Avoid Overloading

⊘ Do not plug multiple high-powered devices into one extension cord or power strip.

Common overload hazards include:

- * Space heaters
- * Microwaves
- * Refrigerators
- * Airconditioners



Keep Cords Visible

Never run cords:

- * Under rugs
- * Through doorways or windows
- * Across walkways where they create tripping hazards



Plug directly into Wall Outlets

Extension cords should be plugged directly into approved outlets whenever possible.

Avoid "daisy chaining" cords together.



Keep Away from Water

Water and electricity are dangerous together. Keep cords dry and away from sinks, wet basements, and outdoor moisture



Unplug When Not In Use

Disconnect cords after use to reduce fire and shock hazards

Power Strip Safety

- * Use power strips with built-in surge protection.
- * Do not overload power strips.
- * Never plug one power strip into another.
- * Large appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet

REMEMBER:

Extension cords are a temporary solution - Not permanent wiring.

If your home lacks enough outlets, contact a licensed electrician about installing additional outlets safely.

WHEN TO CALL 911

Call immediately if you notice:

- * Burning smells
- * Sparking outlets
- * Smoke from cords or outlets
- * Warm or discolored plugs
- * Electrical fires



Fire Prevention Starts at Home

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARTIN CORONA

12409 South Throop Street • Calumet Park, IL 60827

Telephone: 708-389-0857 • FAX 708-396-1053

buildingdepartment@calumetparkvillage.org

The **ULTIMATE** Summer Checklist for Home Improvement & Maintenance:

First things first – Organization. You should keep your checklist in a place that is easily accessible, and ready for you to bring out when the seasons change. You can keep these checklists in a binder, a clipboard, a computer, your phone, etc. Choose what will be easiest for you to access when the seasons change. You may need multiple checklists for all of the seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter.

A walkthrough should be done of the interior and exterior of your property. As you go through note the things that may need a deep clean, annual servicing, or anything that needs to be replaced.

See the lists below to get a start on improving your homes for the Summer!

Indoor Checklist:

- ☐ Look for dust on ceiling fans, vents, and corners of the room
 - Tip: Wrap a damp microfiber cloth around a butter knife, to easily clean in between the slats of vents.
- ☐ Clean out, and from under your refrigerator(s) / Defrost Freezer(s)
- ☐ Replace HVAC Filter and/or Air Conditioner Filters
- ☐ Unclog Drains & Clean Shower Head(s)
- ☐ Clean Sink Disposal
- ☐ Check Water Softener(s)
- ☐ Flush Hot Water Tank
- ☐ Shampoo Carpets
- ☐ Test Smoke Alarms and/or Alarm Systems
- ☐ Look for any holes around home
 - Tip: patch these small holes with steel wool for a temporary fix until you can hire a professional

Outdoor Checklist:

- ☐ Clean out gutters
- ☐ Clean/pressure wash siding
- ☐ Power Wash Deck
 - Tip: Choose a small inconspicuous place on your deck to test your pressure washer before you start on your entire deck
- ☐ Clean dead leaves & debris from yard
- ☐ Cut grass and/or tend to plants
- ☐ Repair cracks in driveway
- ☐ Look for and patch holes around house
- ☐ Touch up peeling/fading paint
- ☐ Clean grill
- ☐ Replace Mulch

Those checklists should help you start your own Ultimate Summer Checklist!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND STAY COOL!

CALUMET PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Director Deirdra Hart

1500 West 127th Street • Calumet Park, IL 60827

Telephone: 708-385-5768 • FAX: 708-385-8816

Calparklibrary1@gmail.com

Library Hours

Mon: 9 am – 5 pm

Tues – Thurs: 9 am – 6 pm

Fri: CLOSED

Sat: 11 am – 4 pm

Sun: CLOSED

The Reading Challenge Has Begun!!!

**Whoever reads the most books starting from June 1st – December 31st wins a prize!
(Contact Library for more details)**

Regularly Scheduled Programs



Book Club

**Every First Tuesday of the Month |
4:30pm – 5:30pm**



Sip & Paint

Every Wednesday | 12 pm – 2pm



Sewing Class

**Every Monday (Must sign up at front desk) |
12pm – 2pm**



Spanish Class

**Every Tuesday (Must sign up at front desk) |
12pm – 2pm**

Kids Days, Family Days & Senior Days



Kids Movie Days

**June 13th, July 18th, Sept. 12th & 26th, Oct. 31st
| 12pm – 2pm**



Kids Game Days

June 27th, Aug. 22nd, | 12pm – 2pm



Kids' Craft Days

Aug. 8th | 12 pm – 2pm



Family Game Days

July 25th | 12pm – 2pm



Family Craft Days

Aug. 15th | 12pm – 2pm



Senior Movie Days

**July 11th, Aug. 29th, Sept. 19th, Oct. 10th |
12 pm – 2pm**

Other Programs



Northstar Digital Literacy Class (please sign up at front desk)

Sept. 5th, Oct. 3rd | 12pm – 2pm



Decorating Halloween Baskets

Oct. 17th | 12pm – 2pm



Halloween Haunt

Oct. 31st | 12pm – 2pm

**Library Cards are FREE for Calumet
Park Residents.**

Check out our website to learn more:

<https://cpplibrary.org/>



Summer 2026



YOUR SUMMER COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2026

Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

July 9th, 2026

CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING

5:30 p.m.

July 9th, 2026

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

July 16th, 2026

RESIDENTIAL WATER BILLS DUE

August 1st, 2026

ANNUAL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

August 4th, 2026

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

August 13th, 2026

CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING

5:30 p.m.

August 13th, 2026

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

September 7th, 2026

LABOR DAY

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

September 10th, 2026

CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING

5:30 p.m.

September 10th, 2026

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

September 17th, 2026

RESIDENTIAL WATER BILLS DUE

October 8th, 2026

CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING

5:30 p.m.

October 8th, 2026

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

October 8th, 2026

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

October 31st, 2026

HALLOWEEN

November 11, 2026

VETERAN'S DAY

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

November 12th, 2026

CITIZEN'S CONCERN MEETING

5:30 p.m.

November 12th, 2026

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

6:00 p.m.

November 19th, 2026

RESIDENTIAL WATER BILLS DUE

November 26th, 2026

THANKSGIVING DAY

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED

The Messenger

The Village of Calumet Park's Quarterly Newsletter

The Place to Be

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Village Clerk

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Village Administrator

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Important Numbers

Police and Fire9-1-1

Fire Non-Emergency..... (708) 385-0550

Police Non-Emergency..... (708) 385-6862

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



THE VILLAGE OF
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