

CALUMET CITY NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR THADDEUS JONES, COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT TONI PRECKWINKLE, GOVERNOR JB PRITZKER & PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN DELIVERED FEMA



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Special thanks to Deputy Fire Chief Pete Bendinelli and Megan Wilson.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS - THURSDAY

- January 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- January 25, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- February 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- February 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

CITY HALL CLOSED - HOLIDAYS

- Monday, January 1, 2024, New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15, 2024, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Monday, February 19, 2024, President's Day

CALUMET CITY RED BALL D.A.'s Banquets and Events

757-777 River Oaks Drive
Friday, February 9, 2024
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD RUNS THROUGH CALUMET CITY CHICAGO TO DETROIT FREEDOM TRAIL

Calumet City Library
660 Manistee Avenue
Friday, February 23, 2024
6:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY 911

- (708) 891-8106 Mayor's Office
- (708) 868-2500 Police (non-emergency)
- (708) 891-8147 Fire (non-emergency)

CITY DEPARTMENTS & IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- (708) 891-8199 Animal Control
- (708) 862-6220 Calumet City Library
- (708) 862-6440 Calumet Memorial Park District
- (708) 891-8116 Clerk's Office
- (708) 891-8139 Community & Economic Development
- (708) 891-8190 ESDA
- (708) 891-8120 Inspectional Services
- (708) 891-8113 Personnel
- (708) 891-8135 Purchasing
- (708) 891-8161 Public Works
- (708) 385-8252 Republic Services (Garbage)
- (708) 891-8161 Sewer Maintenance
- (708) 891-8130 Treasurer's Office
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FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear Calumet City Family,

As we close out 2023 and begin preparing for 2024, I would like to thank you and your family for the unwavering support of Calumet City! Our community endured and overcame several challenges in 2023 – including the flood natural disasters. This was of course an unforeseen Act of God. But, working together, we defeated a crisis that impacted this entire city. Again, thank you!

With the flooding crisis, my office issued the First Disaster declaration, followed by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle; followed by Governor JB Pritzker Disaster Declaration and the final declaration was issued by President Joe Biden. Moreover, these actions were your City, State and Federal government in action working on your behalf to get relief for Calumet City residents. Many of you demonstrated your resolve, support and understanding; and for that, I am thankful.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has arrived to assist residents in jumpstarting their recovery efforts in the aftermath of the storms and flooding. The establishment of a FEMA Disaster Recovery Center marks a significant step towards aiding our affected communities. The deadline to register with FEMA for assistance is January 19, 2024. Visit the Calumet City Library for more information. My goal is to see the thousands of incredible residents of Calumet City back on their feet and for us to continue to build a community that we are proud of and that fosters great honor for residents of all ages.

As I close, it is my goal in 2024 to dedicate to the many residents to whom I serve with great pride, more efficient communication. I encourage residents to stay informed on new developments and consider volunteering. Please stay connected, as we have so much in store for you!

If you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach me at mayorsoffice@calumetcity.org or call (708) 891-8106. You can also find a list of events on our city website at www.calumetcity.org or follow the QR code below. Please visit our library to learn about upcoming class schedules and events for you and your family.

I look forward to hearing from you and your family soon.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus M. Jones
Mayor, Calumet City





DE SU ALCALDE

Querida familia de Calumet City,

A medida que cerramos el 2023 y comenzamos a prepararnos para el 2024, ¡me gustaría agradecerle a usted y a su familia por el apoyo inquebrantable de Calumet City! Nuestra comunidad soportó y superó varios desafíos en 2023, incluidos los desastres naturales de las inundaciones. Por supuesto, esto fue un acto imprevisto de Dios. Pero, trabajando juntos, derrotamos una crisis que afectó a toda esta ciudad. De nuevo, ¡gracias!

Con la crisis de las inundaciones, mi oficina emitió la declaración del Primer Desastre, seguido por la presidenta de la junta del Condado de Cook, Toni Preckwinkle; seguido por la Declaración de Desastre del Gobernador JB Pritzker y la declaración final fue emitida por el presidente Joe Biden. Además, estas acciones fueron el gobierno de su ciudad, estatal y federal en acción trabajando en su nombre para obtener alivio para los residentes de la ciudad de Calumet City. Muchos de ustedes demostraron su determinación, apoyo y comprensión; y por eso, estoy agradecido.

La Agencia Federal para el Manejo de Emergencias (FEMA, por sus siglas en inglés) ha llegado para ayudar a los residentes a iniciar sus esfuerzos de recuperación después de las tormentas e inundaciones. El establecimiento de un Centro de Recuperación de Desastre de FEMA marca un paso significativo para ayudar a nuestras comunidades afectadas. La fecha de límite para registrarse con FEMA para recibir asistencia es el 19 de enero de 2024. Visite la Biblioteca de Calumet City para obtener más información. Mi objetivo es ver a los miles de residentes increíbles de Calumet City de nuevo en pie y que continuemos construyendo una comunidad de la que estemos orgullosos y que fomente un gran honor para los residentes de todas las edades.

Al cerrar, mi objetivo en 2024 es dedicar a los muchos residentes a quienes sirvo con gran orgullo, una comunicación más eficiente. Animo a los residentes a mantenerse informados sobre los nuevos desarrollos y considerar la posibilidad de ser voluntarios. ¡Por favor manténgase conectado, ya que tenemos mucho reservado para usted!

Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes, no dude en comunicarse conmigo en mayoroffice@calumetcity.org o llame al (708) 891-8106. También puede encontrar una lista de eventos en el sitio web de nuestra ciudad en www.calumetcity.org o seguir el código QR a continuación. Visite nuestra biblioteca para conocer los próximos horarios de clases y eventos para usted y su familia.

Espero tener noticias tuyas y de su familia pronto.

Sinceramente,

Thaddeus M. Jones

Alcalde de Calumet City



Página de Eventos de Calumet City



JANUARY 2024 END OF THE YEAR REVIEW

Dear Residents and Businesses:

As we begin this new year, I would like to thank each one of you for your commitment to the City of Calumet City. Each of you brings so much to our town, and I want to thank you for being a part of this wonderful community. This administration is, indeed, grateful.

As we reflect on 2023, I'd like to call your attention to some of the projects the City has underway that began last year, projects that are completed, and discuss the accomplishments of our various departments:

1. First-Time Home Buyer program

The City is acquiring tax delinquent, abandoned, residential properties for the purpose of conveying to qualified developers that will provide affordable housing to those who would like to reside in Calumet City.

2. River Oaks West

The City is seeking to gain control of River Oaks West which houses Shopper's World and Game Stop. The owners have not paid taxes since 2016 and the City's redevelopment efforts will remain within the retail market.

3. River Oaks East and Vacant Sears

The City has plans underway for redevelopment and is working with developers about potential new uses. See the City's website for the reimagining of the River Oaks East and Sears Locations.

4. Blues Water Run

This outdoor entertainment venue and nature park is expected to open Spring-Summer 2024. The City has received over \$2 million in grant money for construction and has recently acquired 10 additional acres of property for expansion.

5. Three-Community Corridor Planning

Under the umbrella of SSMMA (South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association), the City is working with the villages of Lansing and South Holland to provide comprehensive planning for Torrence Avenue and River Oaks Drive as it connects to these other communities. The purpose is to improve these identified shopping corridors to bring more national retail business into each of our communities.

6. Dolton Road/State Street Industrial Region (DSIR)

The City is in the process of implementing its DSIR plan for State Street for the revitalization of streets, curbs, sidewalks, gutters, and lighting – including beautification of the project area. The City has received nearly \$11 million in grant money in this regard. The DSIR region includes State Street/Dolton Road; Plummer; Riverside Drive; Marble Street (33 acres); and North State Line Road.

7. Lead Service Line Program

The City is implementing replacement of lead service lines which means running new lines from the water main in the street all the way to homeowners' properties. This is part of an effort to repair current problems and keep residents' utility bills low and limit the costs of future repairs.

8. Grants! Grants! Grants!

Calumet City is famous for its ability to secure grants. Within 2023, the City has received tens of millions of dollars in grant money for the library, public safety and public safety equipment – including the hiring of new cops, youth programming, public infrastructure, demolition, housing, and much more. You'll see great things happening in 2024.

9. Current New Developments

(see list of new businesses noted in this newsletter)

The following are just some of the premier projects underway and now complete:

- DA's Banquets & Events, 757-777 River Oaks Drive – project complete - open for business
- HB Taylor, 800 Riverside Drive – industrial use - project complete
- Buddy Bear (300 Block of Torrence Avenue) – project complete - open for business
- Former Family Dollar on Burnham/River Oaks Drive – grocery store development underway
- PACE, 1600 170th Street, (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) – in the process of redeveloping the former Ingalls facility – design and construction underway
- Wilder Fields (former Target) – project complete – open for business
- 79th Street BBQ (former Applebee's) – project complete - open for business
- Omega Psi Phi (the Qs), 308 Torrence – redevelopment underway for community center
- Dollar General, Former Walgreens, River Oaks Drive – project complete – open for business
- Baymont Hotel - redevelopment complete
- Richards Building Supply at new location (1400 Huntington Drive) – project complete – open for business
- And many more

10. SCAC (Calumet City's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee)

SCAC members are 62 years of age and older and are retired professionals with a diverse background of disciplines and the ability to provide those life-long skills learned to Calumet City. The City has determined that significant senior residential community interests are served by establishing the SCAC to help promote and enhance quality of life for seniors, and senior citizen involvement within the community. The SCAC has proven to be essential to the performance of the duties of the City Administration in serving senior residents in order to help investigate the needs of senior citizens, seek grant opportunities, develop programs and services specifically to serve senior citizens, and help disseminate and provide

public information regarding senior citizens' programs and services.

- Seniors' Reach-Out, Check-In Program
SCAC members volunteer (at City Hall) to contact other seniors by phone to ensure they are safe and healthy; and if they need any special services from the City. SCAC members also offer counseling of other services offered to seniors throughout the region.

11. CC-RAP (Calumet City's Residential Assistance Program)

The Administration has helped hundreds of residents through this City program since its establishment during the beginning of Mayor Jones' tenure. The purpose is to directly pay for PAST-DUE utilities, rent, mortgage, appliances, medical bills, and other qualifying expenses (as determined) that would help to improve quality of life. Residents benefited from this program in 2023 as well.

12. Natural Disaster Partnerships

(see declarations and proclamations identified in this newsletter)

The City's Fire Department has led efforts to work directly with the County Emergency Management, State of Illinois, and the Federal Government in providing funding for those impacted by the City's natural disasters in 2023. In addition, the City (itself) has provided tens of thousands of dollars to qualifying residents who were not insured and underinsured during those horrific times.

13. Youth Programs, 542 Pulaski

The City has received approximately \$1.3 million for the establishment of Youth Development Programs including Violence Prevention and Youth Employment. These programs are housed at 542 Pulaski – a tax delinquent, abandoned property acquired by Calumet City. The purpose of these programs is to empower Calumet City's youth by helping them to grow and develop skills and connections they need to take part in society and reach their potential. Youth development is about our young people gaining a sense of contributing something of value to our society.

14. Jazz on the Grass

This weekly musical event held on Thursday evenings, is an outdoor community gathering that provides hundreds of residents with an enjoyable evening of live jazz and other genres of music - including gospel night. Residents also enjoyed free food and free entertainment.

15. Park Harbor Demolition, State Street

The City completed its relocation of residents for the acquisition and demolition of dilapidated and hazardous trailer homes for future green space and redevelopment.

16. Omega Psi Phi (the Qs), 308 Torrence

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity has completed its acquisition of 308 Torrence and has now begun its redevelopment of the property into a community center to help address some of the social needs within the surrounding neighborhoods and the community as a whole. The Qs' mission includes fostering humanity, freedom, and dignity – and these local Brothers are well known for their community.

17. McGee's Café (Calumet City Library)

Mayor Jones lost his best friend (Robert McGee) in 2022; and in 2023, a Café was opened in his honor – which was supported by everyone. Rob was a wonderful man who provided IT services to the City. His loss was devastating not only to the Mayor, but to the City Council, staff, and the entire community. Enjoy McGee's Café housed in the Calumet City Library - the food is wonderful.

18. No-Cash Bid Task Force – Combatting Abandoned Properties

The City has been successful with utilizing its No Cash Bid (NCB) program to acquire tax delinquent, abandoned residential and commercial properties. Properties that have turned from productive use to disuse are found in cities, suburbs, and rural areas throughout the entire country, and they vary widely in size, shape, and former use – and located within all communities throughout this nation. This problem is not limited to Calumet City. Currently, the City is in the process of securing 7 multi-family residential properties, 4 vacant residential lots, 3 vacant commercial lots, 25 single-family homes, and 9 commercial buildings.

19. Land Bank Property Acquisitions

In addition to properties acquired by the City's NCB program, the Administration is in partnership with both the Cook County and South Suburban land banks to acquire tax delinquent, abandoned properties as well. Calumet City has mastered these programs and is doing all it can to secure these properties back in use. To date - during this Administration, the City has secured another 50 properties utilizing these programs.

20. Calumet City's Community Rating System (CRS)

Within 2023, the city maintained its Class 5 rating. The City has one of the best CRS ratings in the state of Illinois as determined by FEMA. This means residents and business owners can receive up to 25% Flood Insurance Discount upon request from their insurance agencies.

21. Chamber of Commerce

The City's partnership with the Calumet City Chamber of Commerce has proven to be exceptionally successful. Nearly 60 new businesses have joined the Chamber of Commerce in 2023. The City's partnership includes sponsoring "Meet and Greet" events, educational opportunities for businesses, and in 2023 - the Southland Development Authority gave a presentation and provided businesses with a one-stop shop for growth. The organization presented businesses with their resources and networks to support growth and prosperity as well as conveyed its expertise and capacity for on-going assistance in our community.

22. Crime-Free Housing Program

The City's Crime-Free Housing Department has expanded to a professional staff of four. The Department has completed approximately 34 landlord training seminars in 2023 – with a total of approximately 380 landlords in attendance – representing over 1,200 rental properties located within the City's corporate boundaries. This means landlords and tenants have better relationships with each other and residents are provided a safer community to call home.

23. Vacant and Foreclosed Property Registration

The program requires owners and responsible parties to register their properties with the City. The Administration has secured an outside vendor called MuniReg to handle

the registrations and process properties accordingly. The properties identified are often a blight in the community and this program allows the City to proactively address these kinds of problems common to vacant and foreclosure issues and concerns. The City just went live with MuniReg in November 2023 and expects much success in 2024.

24. Planning/Engineering/Construction - Public Infrastructure

The following projects are underway – much of which is paid for by grant money from Cook County, State of Illinois, and Federal Governments. Please see the City's website (www.calumetcity.org) for more information:

- Roadways:
 - Pulaski Road Complete Streets
 - Burnham Avenue Streetscape
 - Dolton Road/State Street Improvements
 - 157th Street Reconstruction
 - Alley Improvement Program (green alleys)
 - River Oaks Drive Resurfacing
 - State Line Road Development
- Utilities:
 - Arthur Street Watermain Repair (96 River Oaks Center)
 - River Oaks Elevated Tank Rehabilitation
 - 166th Street Sewer and Water Reconstruction
 - Lead Service Line Program – Phase I
- Transportation:
 - PACE Bus Transfer Facility (1414 Ring Road)
 - I-94 and Dolton Road Planning and Environmental Linkage Study
- Economic Development:
 - Blues Water Run (1455 Ring Road)
 - Reimagining River Oaks Plan and Former Sears Site
 - Park Harbor Reclamation and Development Plan
 - Riverside Drive Industrial Park
- Infrastructure:
 - United States Army Corp of Engineers Little Calumet River Levee Improvement Project
- Recreation:
 - Michigan City Road Path
 - River Oaks Trail (96 River Oaks Center Drive)
- Municipal:
 - Public Library Renovations (666 Manistee)
 - Public Works – New Facility & Community Center (1701 Dolton Road)

25. The Department of Community and Economic Development (CED)

The City's CED is responsible for the facilitation of community development initiatives, economic development programs, grants, engineering coordination, City marketing and event planning, special projects, coordinating zoning board of appeals, and much more. The purpose of the department is to help make our community a better place to live and work - as well as help with the creation of wealth from which City benefits are relative for its residents and business owners – which equates to an improvement to the quality of life. In addition, the City's college intern program is coordinated by the CED. And, the CED is famous for its ability to secure millions and millions of dollars of grant money for City initiatives.

26. Fire Department (FD)

In 2023, the City invested \$2.6 million in the Fire Department for the purchase of new equipment – as well as hired four new trained fire-fighters/paramedics. In 2024 the Fire Department will receive new ambulances, a fire engine, and ladder truck in regards to this investment. In previous recent years during this Administration, the Fire Department received nearly \$3 million in grant money for personnel and equipment. In addition, work continues at the training center regarding the state-of-the-art training tower and other improvements to ensure the innovative capacity of one of the region's premiere fire departments – the Calumet City Fire Department.

27. Police Department (PD)

In 2023, the Police Department hired new sworn officer personnel, 911 staff, and three police canines. In addition, the City added officers to its bicycle patrol program to show more visibility relative to its community policing efforts. The City also held its first citizen police academy and graduated nine residents of Calumet City at the end of 2023. In addition to receiving grants from the COPS hiring program, the City received nearly \$500,000 for traffic safety initiatives and \$60,000 for organized retail theft grant.

28. Public Works Department (PW)

As another one of the City's premier departments, Public Works is always ever evolving to meet the needs of seniors, residents, and business owners. The department has

been commended by residents, staff, and others within the region for its work during the 2023 floods. Calumet City Public Works is the combination of physical assets, management practices, policies, and personnel necessary for the City Administration to provide and sustain structures and services essential to the welfare and improvements to quality of life for its citizens.

29. Building and Zoning Department (B&Z)

B & Z (formerly known as Inspectional Services) has evolved into a world-class operation for the coordination of services regarding the building, housing, and fire prevention bureau. The Department provides a more efficient handling of inspection and procedures for new construction, remodeling, rental occupancies, complaints relating to property conditions, flood plain issues, and zoning. The Department has added additional staff to ensure efficiency and timeliness of inspection work efforts, updated its software system, and improved inspection times (inspect 75 properties per week and process 40 transfer stamps per week). In addition, the permitting process has been upgraded and streamlined. B&Z is a consistent partner with Animal Control, FEMA, Fire, Police, and Public Works during hazardous weather; and B&Z also inspects businesses on an annual basis for the renewal of business licenses. Updated ordinances as well.

30. Business License Department

The major accomplishment of the Business License Department was to bring all businesses into compliance in 2023. Included in that effort was the establishment of an online registration program to make it easier for businesses to apply for their licenses without leaving their business location. The City has moved the business license process into the virtual world – hard copies are no longer accepted. It's a smooth and simple process. Businesses should provide the following documentation with their applications:

- Business Owner Valid Photo ID
- Emergency Contact Valid Photo ID
- Illinois Secretary of State Certificate of Good Standing
- Copy of Signed, Current Lease Agreement
- Copy of Certificate of Insurance
- Any other required certificates or licenses (e.g., barbershop, beautician, etc.)

It's important to note, again, that no business is authorized to operate in Calumet City until a business license has been issued by the City. See all new and existing businesses in Calumet City in this issue of the newsletter.

31. Shop Calumet City

Although the Shop Calumet City program was revitalized for the holiday season, it's purpose is ongoing. This City campaign is all about love for our community – an effort to ensure the sustainability and viability of our local businesses and give back to those companies that have shown their commitment to our residents and neighborhoods. So, please, continue to Shop Calumet City!

On behalf of the City Council and City Administration, I'm wishing you and yours a happy, healthy, and abundant 2024.

Sincerely,



Thaddeus M. Jones
Mayor, City of Calumet City

CITY OF CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.006

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 17, 2023, the City of Calumet City experienced a severe flooding event where an estimated 11.5 inches of rain fell in one hour, resulting in significant damage to property infrastructure and posing a threat to the safety and well-being of our residents.

WHEREAS; This flooding event requires an immediate and coordinated response from city agencies, departments, and other relevant stakeholders to address the ongoing crisis and support the recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to mobilize all available resources and take all necessary actions to ensure the safety of our residents, minimize damage, and expedite the recovery process.

WHEREAS, the severe rain weather event that dropped nearly 11.5 inches of rain has the potential to create conditions of distress and hazard to the safety, welfare, and property of the residents of the City of Calumet City beyond the capabilities of some local jurisdictions and other established agencies and;

WHEREAS, the City of Calumet City must continue to be proactive where the health and safety of its citizens are concerned;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that all available resources are marshaled and all necessary measures are taken to protect our community, restore normalcy, and expedite the restoration of affected areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has directed, The Public Works Department, Calumet City Police Department, ESDA, and the Department of Inspectional Services to be on high alert and to monitor the activity of potential harm to residents due to significant storm water in homes to ensure that our city streets are safe, accessible and to protect the life, health and safety of all citizens, and;

Now, therefore, I, Thaddeus M. Jones, as Mayor of the City of Calumet City, by virtue vested in me, do hereby issue the following Executive Order that:

1. I declare a state of emergency within the City of Calumet City, effective immediately and continuing until further notice, in response to the mass flooding that occurred on Sunday, September 17, 2023.
2. The City Water Department determined that nearly 11.5 inches of rain fell within one hour on our streets, causing significant damage; residents' houses and basements were flooded, which impacted streets. Local Streets were flooded, and cars were underwater from the heavy rainfall.
3. Every home in Calumet City has been impacted by the heavy rainfall through either sewer and water backup and the loss of personal items.
4. The State Police closed a section of the Bishop Ford Expressway, which is located near Calumet City, causing traffic jams impacting our neighborhoods. Local parks and recreational centers were also flooded, leading to a disaster.
5. The City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is hereby activated to coordinate and oversee all emergency response and recovery efforts.
6. All city departments, agencies, and personnel are directed to coordinate their efforts through the EOC and provide any necessary support to address the flooding emergency.
7. I request Governor JB Pritzker, President Joe Biden, Congresswoman Robin Kelly, Senators, Senator Dick Durbin and Tammie Duckworth, and state and federal agencies, including but not limited to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provide assistance as deemed necessary to address the impacts of this flooding event.
8. Further we request that President Joe Biden, Governor Pritzker declare disaster, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle declare disaster to unlock state, county, and federal resources.
9. This Order shall take effect upon execution and filing with the City Clerk.

Received and filed on September 19, 2023

Attest: 
Juel Stanley, Operation Manager


Thaddeus M. Jones, Mayor



COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Cook County Issues Disaster Proclamation for September 17 Storms and Flash Flooding

Cook County, Illinois sent this bulletin at 10/04/2023 04:47 PM CDT



Office of Cook County Board President

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 4, 2023

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Cook County Issues Disaster Proclamation for September 17 Storms and Flash Flooding

Thousands of residents impacted by severe weather event

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle issued a disaster proclamation today for Cook County in response to storms that hit the region on September 17. Parts of Cook County experienced more than six inches of rainfall in less than 12 hours, leading to severe flooding and other storm damage. Burnham, Calumet City, Dolton, Harvey and South Holland were among the hardest hit municipalities in the County.

By signing this proclamation, the County can pursue all available resources to assist communities and residents in their recovery efforts.

“My team has seen firsthand the significant damage residents in the southland sustained during the September 17 storms,” said President Preckwinkle. “My administration continues to coordinate recovery efforts with impacted municipalities and will ensure we pursue all possible opportunities for additional assistance. This proclamation is another step to assist residents in the recovery from the storm’s impacts.”

The Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS) monitored the needs of communities during the storm and assisted with recovery efforts. EMRS continues to coordinate recovery efforts and provide technical assistance and support in conducting damage assessments at the municipal level.

Municipalities in Cook County have already received more than 1,200 reports of damage to homes and businesses from this event. These reports, combined with data collected by the City of Chicago for their jurisdiction, demonstrate the significant impact of this storm and associated flash flooding on the region.



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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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IN THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE

Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2023, severe storms generating heavy rainfall moved through Illinois; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, these storms produced a range of approximately three to nine inches of precipitation in some areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, this precipitation caused substantial flooding in communities located in Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the flooding resulted in significant property damage to homes and businesses, caused widespread power outages, impacted roads and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Cook County Proclaimed a Disaster on October 4, 2023 and requested aid from the State, including preliminary damage assessments to facilitate state and federal assistance; and

WHEREAS, requests for aid and the results of the preliminary damage assessments made by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security indicate that local resources and capabilities have been exhausted and that State resources are needed to respond to and recover from the effects of the flooding; and

WHEREAS, these conditions provide legal justification under Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act for the issuance of a proclamation of disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, in the interest of aiding the people of Illinois and the local governments responsible for ensuring public health and safety, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, hereby proclaim as follows:

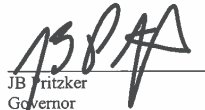
Section 1: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7, I find that a disaster exists within the State of Illinois and specifically declare Cook County a disaster area.

Section 2. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security is directed to continue implementation of the State Emergency Operations Plan, as it has been doing since September 17, 2023, and to coordinate State resources to support local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

Section 3. To aid with emergency purchases necessary for response and other emergency powers as authorized by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the provisions of the Illinois Procurement Code and the Illinois Joint Purchasing Act that would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster are suspended to the extent they are not required by federal law. If necessary, and in accordance with Section 7(1) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/7(1), the Governor may take appropriate executive action to suspend additional statutes, orders, rules, and regulations.

Section 4: This proclamation can facilitate a request for Federal disaster assistance if a complete and comprehensive assessment of damage indicates that effective recovery is beyond the capabilities of the State and affected local governments.

Section 5: This proclamation shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for 30 days.


JB Pritzker
Governor

Date: October 26, 2023

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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Illinois

Release Date: November 20, 2023

WASHINGTON – FEMA announced today that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Illinois to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms and flooding that occurred Sept. 17-18, 2023.

The President’s action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Cook County.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Waddy Gonzalez has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 1-800-621-3362 or by using the [FEMA App](#). If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.



UPDATES FROM CALUMET CITY ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL MEMBERS



ALDERMAN DEJUAN GARDNER 5TH WARD CHAIRMAN, FINANCE

Greetings 5th Ward Residents,

Happy Holidays to all the beautiful families of the 5th Ward. Despite the long year with so many uncertainties, we made it through. As the year ends, I want to highlight some positive measures that were supported by our Council. We took an aggressive approach to ensure all departments have the tools they need. We enhanced various departments throughout the City with the resources, technology, and equipment to provide better service for the residents of our City. This year we hired 4 new firefighters/paramedics, purchased 1 new ladder truck, 1 new fire engine, and 1 new ambulance. In addition, we received a \$1.4 million grant for the hiring of firefighters/paramedics. In the Police Department, we hired 7 additional public safety personnel, approved the purchase of 6 new police vehicles, added 15 new pole cameras, and received a \$486,000 grant for a traffic safety initiative. We also approved the purchase of new equipment for the Public Works Department like new leaf vacuum trucks, new tractors, new plow trucks, and new communications radios.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

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H2A Retail, LLC, will soon develop the former Family Dollar located at 893 Burnham, into a state-of-the-art grocery store and will occupy over 8,000 square feet - bringing fresh fruits and vegetables; fresh bakery and breads; fresh meat and seafood; pasta and rice; oils, sauces, salad dressings, and condiments; cereals and breakfast foods; soups and canned goods; frozen foods; produce, dairy, cheese, and eggs; household items; pharmacy products; snacks; and much more.

5TH WARD HOUSING PROJECT

Forsythe Village is one of the City's premiere projects. The City is compiling 11.5 acres of developable land in the 5th Ward, for housing development and some mixed use which includes retail. The project encompasses property west of State Line Road and east of Wentworth Avenue and south

of Pulaski Road. The project is also part of the City's Subarea Comprehensive Plan that includes Pulaski Road.

VACANT HOUSING INITIATIVE

The City of Calumet City partnered with South Suburban Land Bank & Development Authority (SSLBDA) in an effort, to reduce vacancies, stabilize the tax base, and enhance economic activities in the 5th Ward. My office introduced the pilot program in partnership with the South Suburban Land Bank. Since our partnership, I've been appointed to serve as representative on the Board of Directors. As a representative for our municipality, several abandoned properties in the 5th Ward were submitted for redevelopment, in which some were not eligible for acquisition and redevelopment at the time of initial assessment. The acquisition process can be a lengthy court process. As a result of this housing initiative, a few homes have been redeveloped and put back on the tax rolls.

Lastly, this past year the City has received millions of dollars in state and federal grants to address our sewer infrastructure issues and other economic initiatives. There is still so much more to do and I'm excited about the future. If you have any issues or concerns feel free to call my office at (708) 891-8195 Have a blessed holiday!

Alderman DeJuan Gardner



DOES SEWER WATER BACKUP IN YOUR BASEMENT?

OVERHEAD SEWER REBATE PROGRAM

The City offers the Overhead Sewer Rebate Program to mitigate sewer back in your home. Here is how it works. The City of Calumet City will rebate a maximum of \$4,000.00 to the homeowner occupying the residence where all pre-approved completed installation of overhead sewer repairs or replacement of sewer traps, valves or waterproofing occurs.

The application process is as follows:

1. Homeowner must complete rebate application and submit it to the Department of Building and Zoning located at 670 Wentworth Ave.

2. Two written estimates from contractors are required with application.
3. An onsite inspection is required by the City's plumbing inspector to assure compatibility for overhead sewers prior to any work being done.
4. Permits must then be secured. All contractors must be licensed with the City of Calumet City.
5. Once work is completed, the property will be inspected to verify compliance with code complaints.
6. When all work and inspections are final, you must submit a paid in full receipt and all other corresponding paperwork to the Department of Building and Zoning to receive reimbursements. Please allow a minimum of 4 to 6 weeks for processing.



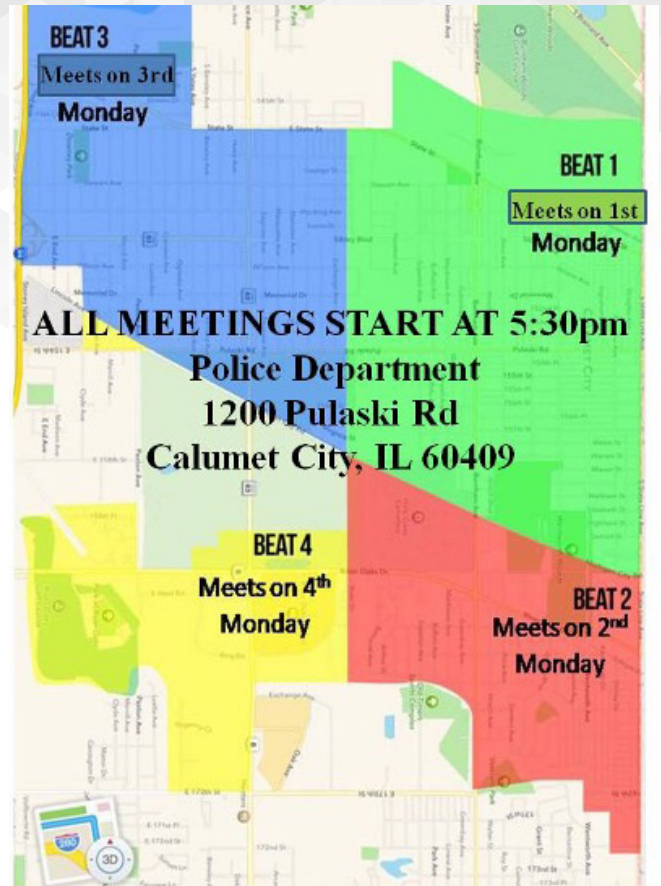
STOP THE BLEED

The STOP THE BLEED project is a public/private collaboration involving a wide range of non-profit organizations, government agencies, companies and individuals working to create more public awareness of the STOP THE BLEED campaign and the importance of learning how to stop traumatic bleeding.

The STOP THE BLEED course, will teach you three quick techniques to help save a life before someone bleeds out:

1. How to use your hands to apply pressure to a wound
2. How to pack a wound to control bleeding
3. How to correctly apply a tourniquet

These three techniques will empower you to assist in an emergency and potentially save a life. To learn more about certification, contact my office for information at (708) 891-8120.



CRIMEWATCH MEETINGS

The 5th Ward is in Beat 1. Beat 1 Crimewatch meetings are held every 1st Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the Police Department, 1200 Pulaski Rd.

Alderman DeJuan Gardner



ALDERMAN ANTHONY SMITH
7TH WARD
CHAIRMAN, PERMITS & LICENSES

Happy New Year Friends and Neighbors:

Our 7th Ward Meetings will be held every 3rd Saturday of each month at 24 State St. (Public Safety Center). The next meetings are Saturday, December 16, 2023, and January 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The 7th Ward has KN95 masks in limited supply for distribution. If you need one, please contact my office at (708) 891-8197 or email asmith@calumetcity.org. Please check out the new Cafe located in the Calumet City Library. They are offering free coffee for a limited time.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO PRESENT:

1. Enforcement of the Public Safety and Sign Ordinances with legislative enhancements to improve public cleanliness in business and residential areas
2. Implementing New Economic Development Initiatives to revitalize River Oaks, Torrence Ave., Sibley Blvd., 159th St., and Burnham Ave. corridors
3. Passing an increased balanced City budget for '22-'23 with additional grant funding to offer more services for residents which include after school programs, senior services, and City services without tax increase
4. Offering more City jobs to provide better city services with greater emphasis on more diversity
5. Implementing MuniReg to address ownership accountabilities of foreclosures and vacant homes along with improvements to our Crime Free Housing Department and related ordinances
6. Continuing to provide COVID relief and support to residents and businesses
7. New businesses: D.A.'s Banquet & Events Hall, Dollar General, 79th Street BBQ, Buddy Bear Car Wash, Wilder Foods, Drucker Sports Academy

The NRG Renewable Energy Proposal previously submitted by our office to bring affordable, renewable energy to Calumet City with infrastructure, workforce development, jobs, manufacturing, and housing is still under review and consideration by the City. More information will be provided as details develop.

CURRENT 7TH WARD PROJECTS:

- Blues Water Run Canoe and Kayaking project is currently under construction. Calumet City previously received a \$1.4 million grant to fund the project.
- 79th Street BBQ Restaurant at the old Applebee location – Now Open
- Wilder Foods Indoor Farm at old Target location – Now Open
- DA's Banquet Hall (old Aronson location on 159th) – Now Open
- Indoor Waterpark with hospitality accommodations at River Oaks Sears Location (estimated \$200 million project) – Under City Review & Consideration

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Food Assistance, Energy Assistance (LIHEAP)):

www.chicagosfoodbank.org/locations/thornton-township-pantry/
Location: 15340 Page St., Harvey, IL 60426
Phone: (708) 596-6040



PROPERTY TAX INFO:

www.cookcountypropertyinfo.com/formsandtaxbillrequests.aspx
www.thorntontownship.com/departments/assessors-office/

2023-2024 UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- 7th Ward Meetings. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., every 3rd Saturday. The next meetings will be held on 12/16/23, 1/20/24, and 2/17/24 at D.A.'s Banquet and Events Hall, 757-777 River Oaks Drive, Calumet City, IL.
- 7th Ward Meetings at Garden Houses 1 & 2, Victory Centre, and Park of River Oaks - TBA
- Health, Wellness, Legal, Financial, Technology, and Business Workshops - TBA

As your Alderman, I work diligently across many areas to improve the quality of life for all residents. To get involved, please contact our office at (708) 891-8197 or email asmith@calumetcity.org with your questions, issues, concerns, and comments.

Anthony Smith - 7th Ward Alderman

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING

Winter is here, and we ask that everyone please be safe! The Department of Building and Zoning would like to share the following winter tips please:

SNOW REMOVAL

Please remember to keep all snow away from the streets and sidewalks.

GARBAGE

Please be proactive and remember to place all trash in dedicated garbage cans and containers.

ANY UPDATES

Please feel free to visit our office located at 670 Wentworth Avenue, or the city website at www.calumetcity.org for more info and available updates. Our services include:

- Rental Inspection
- Annual Rental Code Compliance
- Contractor Registration
- Permit Applications (all trades)
- Point of Sale Inspection
- Vacant Building Registration Form
- Business Inspection Guidelines
- Flood Prevention
- Comprehensive Land Use Zoning Map
- Overhead Sewer Rebate Program Form
- Property Maintenance
- Business Inspection
- Transfer Stamp Processing

PERMITS

To apply for a permit, please visit our city website at www.calumetcity.org (Building and Zoning Department) or visit to our office at 670 Wentworth Avenue.

CONTRACTORS

All contractors must be licensed with the City of Calumet City before starting work for a business or resident. To apply for a contractor registration, please visit our website at www.calumetcity.org or visit our office and our staff will be happy to assist you.

RENTALS

If you are a landlord, you are required to participate in the rental program. To apply for an annual rental inspection, please visit our website at www.calumetcity.org or visit to our office and our staff will be happy to assist you.

POINT OF SALES

If you are planning to sell or purchase a home in Calumet City, you need to obtain a Point-of-Sale packet which will

outline the process for completion. Please visit our website at www.calumetcity.org or visit our office.

SCHEDULING AN INSPECTION

Permit(s), Point of Sale, Rental and Commercial

Please contact us by phone at (708) 891-8120 or visit our office located at 670 Wentworth Ave., Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (excluding holidays). For more information or any questions about our services, please visit us at www.calumetcity.org or contact us at (708) 891-8120 or dis@calumetcity.org.

Sheryl Tillman

Director, Department of Building & Zoning
670 Wentworth Ave., Calumet City, Illinois 60409
www.calumetcity.org | email: dis@calumetcity.org
Phone: (708) 891-8120 | Fax: (708) 891-2128

CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear Valued Calumet City Residents and Business Owners: HAPPY NEW YEAR from the hard-working Clerks of the City of Calumet City! Please keep in mind the following dates and services that are fast approaching in 2024, our Clerks are ready to serve you and answer your questions.

- **The Business License Renewal Season is here.** Please complete and submit your application online immediately at <https://calumetcity.org/business-license-renewal-application>.
- **Vehicle Sticker Season is coming soon.** Vehicle Stickers will go on sale in early March. Please be on the lookout for your renewal notices.
- **Pet Owners:** Purchase your pet tags in early March. Please provide your pet inoculation documents when purchasing your pet tags.
- **Senior** (65 and older) single family unit homeowners can receive half off refuse. For details, please inquire with one of our water Clerks.

Please contact Clerk's Office Manager, Cleo Jones, at (708) 891-8100, ext. 8501 or cjones@calumetcity.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Cleo Jones

Clerk's Office Manager
204 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL 60409
(708) 891-8100 ext. 8501

CALUMET CITY IT

In an exciting development for residents and businesses alike, Calumet City is eagerly preparing to unveil its highly anticipated mobile application. Designed to serve as a digital hub for community engagement, the Calumet City App promises to redefine how residents connect with the heartbeat of their city.

KEY FEATURES TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

- 1. Real-Time Updates:** Stay informed with instant notifications on community events, news, and important announcements directly to your mobile device.
- 2. Local Business Showcase:** Explore the diverse offerings of Calumet City's businesses through a user-friendly directory, supporting local commerce and fostering community connections.
- 3. City Services at Your Fingertips:** Access essential city services, from utility information to permit applications, with the convenience of a tap.

WHY THE ANTICIPATION?

While the app's official launch date is yet to be announced, the city is buzzing with excitement over the promise of a more connected and informed community. Mayor Thaddeus Jones expresses enthusiasm, saying, "The Calumet City App represents a significant leap forward in our commitment to enhancing resident experiences and fostering local pride. We're confident that this digital platform will become an integral part of our residents' daily lives."

Residents and businesses are encouraged to stay tuned for further updates on the official launch date. The Calumet City App is poised to become the go-to resource for everything Calumet City, bringing the community together in the digital age. For more information and updates, visit calumetcity.org or follow us on social media.



CALUMET CITY LIBRARY

CALUMET CITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ON DISPLAY

We accomplished quite a bit this past Sept./Oct./Nov. - Participants have exposure to various Careers, Colleges, Service Learning, Mentorship, Life Skills, Cultural, Ats STEM, Academic Enrichment

1. College Tour to Southern Illinois University
2. Calumet City Youth Development Open Closet Extravaganza
3. Calumet City Youth Development participated in ACT Now STEM workshops
4. Eight Financial Health Workshops for parents and children
5. Thank you cards for our Veterans
6. Volunteers for Turkey Giveaway
7. Day at City Hall

We have some amazing things coming up:

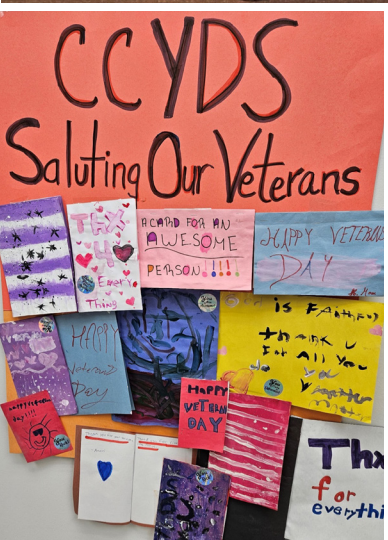
DECEMBER - Participants have exposure to various Careers, Colleges, Service Learning, Mentorship, Life Skills, Cultural, Ats STEM, Academic Enrichment

1. Chase Homebuyer Workshop
2. Macy's Family & Friend's Engagement
3. Partnering with Fraternal Order of Police Calumet City Lodge #1 for the Toys for Tots
4. Partnering with Calumet City's Mayor, Thaddues Jones for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

JANUARY - Participants have exposure to various Careers, Colleges, Service Learning, Mentorship, Life Skills, Cultural, Ats STEM, Academic Enrichment

1. College and Career Exposition Murder Mystery Style (TBA)
2. I have a Dream Too!
3. Partnering with South Suburban College to offer Registration for GED classes







CALUMET CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES

Participants in the 2023 Citizens Police Academy recently graduated after successfully completing the program. Participants received a better understanding of the operations, responsibilities and day to day operations of the Calumet City Police Department. The Citizens Police Academy is an outreach program to increase police and community partnerships with a shared commitment to building a safer and stronger community.



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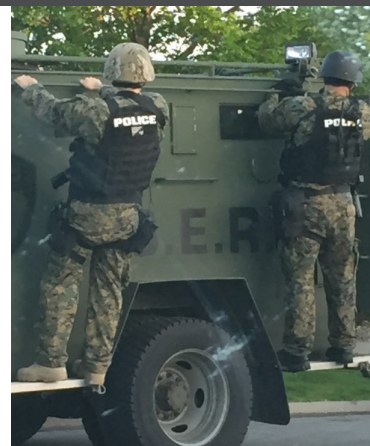
POLICE ACADEMY 2024

CALUMET CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calumet City Police Department is now accepting applications for the 2024 Citizens Police Academy. Calumet City's Citizens Police Academy gives citizens insight into the inner workings of police operations, practices, and objectives.

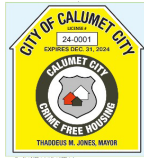
Participants in the academy will learn how they can help prevent crime in the community and become resources for improved community/police relations. Sessions include interactive discussions and hands-on demonstrations of various areas of policework. Academy graduates are encouraged to take their knowledge back to their neighborhoods, where they can use it to enhance the safety and quality of life in Calumet City.

All classes are free and will be held at the Calumet City Police Department. Individuals who apply for the Citizen Police Academy must be 21 years of age, reside and/or work in the City of Calumet City. The training will start in the Spring of 2024. Interested candidates should print and complete the Citizen Police Academy application and waiver found at www.calumetcity.org.





CALUMET CITY CRIME FREE HOUSING



Happy New Year! The 2024 Crime Free Housing License is available for purchase from the CFH Department office, located inside the lobby of the Police Department building. Our hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Any previous license sticker MUST be removed from your property window.

This license is required for all residential rental properties only. Landlords must attend a mandatory in-person training seminar as a pre-requisite for getting this license. If you have not attended this training in 2022 or 2023, then you must contact our office to get scheduled for one of these upcoming seminars:

- Saturday, January 20, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 30, 2024 | 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

License paperwork was mailed out at the end of November, so if you haven't received it, you should contact our office right away. All 2024 CFH Licenses must be displayed in your rental property window by February 1, 2024 for compliance. Rental properties that don't have this displayed are subject to non-compliance enforcement. Office phone: (708) 868-2500 and ask for the Crime Free Housing Department. We can also be reached by email at: crimefreehousing@calumetcity.org. Additional information may also be found on the City's website: www.calumetcity.org and go to the Crime Free Housing Department tab.

Mike Banske, Director



CALUMET CITY FAIR HOUSING

Calumet City's Fair Housing program focuses on fairness in all housing matters, so that everyone looking to buy a home, rent a home or apartment, or even existing tenants are treated without any discrimination. Complaint forms are available from the Building and Zoning Department, the Crime Free Housing Department, or contact me directly. It is important to provide all relevant details of the situation you are experiencing for a proper investigation. If we are unable to resolve the issue, we will assist you with getting the matter to the State of Illinois or Department of Housing & Urban Development.

VACANT & FORECLOSED PROPERTY REGISTRATION

Pursuant to Ordinance #21-25, Calumet City property owners, and other responsible parties, are required to register their vacant and/or foreclosed property with Calumet City on a bi-annual basis. The purpose of this registration program is to address the blight and negative appearance these properties bring into our community. We want to see these properties cleaned up, brought up to current building code compliance, and occupied legally by individuals wanting to call Calumet City home.

The registration process is outsourced to a new vendor of ours by the name of MuniReg, LLC. Information about MuniReg can be found online at info@munireg.com or by calling their office at (866) 686-4734. To register your property with MuniReg online, visit <https://app.munireg.com/login>. This program is under the supervision of the Calumet City Crime Free Housing Department, so questions may also be directed there. As part of the registration process, property owners and responsible parties must submit an action plan to the City so that we know what the plans are for the property, and a timeline for things so these properties are quickly restored.

If you have a property that you want to report as vacant, please call the Crime Free Housing Department at (708) 891-8100 ext. 8423 or email crimefreehousing@calumetcity.org.

SQUATTERS VS. TRESPASSERS

It may be hard to believe, but Federal and State laws exist that allow complete strangers to essentially take over abandoned properties and stay there LEGALLY. Unsuspecting property owners discover people living inside their property without permission and contact the Police believing this to be a criminal act, subjecting the occupants to arrest and immediate eviction. In most cases, the officers have no ability to make an arrest or forcibly remove the occupants.

Another national problem involves tenants looking for legitimate rental property, only to be scammed by someone who is not the real landlord of the property. Cash is paid up front, keys are handed over with a bogus lease agreement, but then the real property owner shows up with the Police. Renters can identify scammers as they hurry the rental process and require cash instead of any other payment method. Landlords are licensed in Calumet City, so contact the Crime Free Housing Department before you pay that money so you aren't the victim of these rental scams.

Sharon Buford-Davis
Calumet City Fair Housing Administrator

CALUMET CITY WATER DEPARTMENT

PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING THIS WINTER

When temperatures plummet, the chances of your pipes freezing are eminent. In wintertime, burst pipes are one of the most common causes of property damage potentially causing thousands of dollars in water damage. Pipes in unheated spaces, like attics, garages, and basements are almost waiting to freeze during frigid weather. The good news is there are some ways to prevent pipe freezing without spending too much money.

Frozen water pipes burst because as water freezes into ice, it expands, resulting in solid ice filling more of the pipe than the liquid water that normally runs through pipes. As there is less space available between the ice and the closed tap that is upstream, the pressure spikes which causes the bursting to happen.

TIPS TO PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING

1. Insulate pipes with polyethylene, foam, fiberglass, or wrap pipes in heat tape, all of which you can buy at a local home or hardware store. You also want to consider insulating piping that exists in outside walls. The use of heat tape would require it being plugged into an outlet for electric current and would be used in basements, crawl spaces or garages that are not properly heated.
2. Seal leaks that let cold air inside such as gaps in windows, doors, or around pipes to prevent cold air entering. If you find openings, seal them up with insulation or caulk to maintain a stable room temperature.
3. Let the cold or warm water run from a faucet (a small stream or drip). This may add a small cost to your bill instead of the potential higher bill and damage should the pipes burst.
4. It is recommended the thermostat is set to at least 55 degrees especially when not home so you have heat in the house. If you leave your home for an extended period, shut the water off at the meter and drain your pipes. If a water meter has been enclosed between the outside foundation and a wall, it will not get heat and will likely freeze and burst.
5. Drain outdoor faucets. If there is a shut off inside, turn it off and drain the outside pipe. You can also insulate the outside faucet with covers from home or hardware stores.



WHAT TO DO IF YOUR PIPES ARE FROZEN

Shut off the water supply at your meter. When the frozen water thaws, the sudden release of pressure can force unfrozen water to gush out of any potential cracks in the pipes and cause an even bigger mess. Once you have closed off the water supply, start thawing out the frozen area of the pipe by using an electric heating pad, hair dryer, heat tape, or even warm towels. But before you do, open the faucets from the end. Once started, it's only a matter of time before the ice thaws and the pipe becomes unfrozen with the water flowing again through the pipe. Of course, once done, you may have to call a plumber to fix the cracked pipe where it froze unless you are able to complete the repair yourself.

Protecting pipes from freezing might seem like a daunting task, however, with only a minor investment and some forward thinking, you can take sufficient safeguards to provide freeze protection and worry less during the winter.

From the Calumet City Water Department, we hope you have a happy holiday season and if you every have any questions regarding this, your meter, or water related issues, please call us at (708) 891-8155.

CALUMET CITY PUBLIC WORKS

Dear Residents of Calumet City,

As we embrace the start of this new year, the Calumet City Public Works team extends heartfelt gratitude to all who participated in our leaf program. Your dedication and involvement in keeping our community clean and beautiful are truly appreciated.

For those of you who still require leaf pickup, we are here to assist you. Please reach out to our dedicated team at the Public Works office, and we will ensure your needs are met promptly.

We also want to highlight our Senior Shoveling Program, designed to support our valued seniors during the winter season. If you or someone you know would benefit from this program, please contact the Mayor's Office to be added to the list. We're here to help make the snowy days a bit easier for our senior community members.

Regarding our garbage service with Republic Services, please call (708) 385-8252, and remember that they are available to pick up one bulk item per week. Simply inform them that the item is placed by the garbage, and they will schedule the collection. In case of any issues with pickups, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Public Works office, and we will promptly address the matter.

Recycling is an essential part of our commitment to sustainability. If you wish to recycle, you can drop off your recyclables at the Public Works facility. Just check in at the front desk, and our staff will guide you to the designated bins.

We wish each and every one of you a happy and healthy new year. May this year be filled with prosperity, joy, and community spirit.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support in keeping Calumet City a wonderful place to call home.

Sincerely,
Public Works





CALUMET CITY'S FLOOD HAZARD

Properties in Calumet City are subject to flooding caused by the river overtopping its bank, local flooding when the storm sewer can't keep up and sewer backup.

OVERBANK FLOODING

Calumet City is subject to overbank flooding from the Little Calumet River. Although the Grand Calumet River flows along the northern boundary of the City, it stays within the banks of the river.

The most recent flooding along the Little Cal occurred on September 13, 2008. The flood reminds us of the flood risk the river poses. The floods of September 2008 nearly matched the flooding in June 1981. The City's worst flood on record occurred in November 1990. That year, heavy local storms caused the Little Cal to rise higher than ever before on record, the water was a half foot higher than the September 2008 flood. Similar flood levels were reached in December 1982 and July 1996.

Construction of a levee on the Little Cal during the 1980's kept the 1990 and 1996 floods out of most of the town. Additional work upstream, diverting flood flows from Thorn Creek into the Thornton Transitional Reservoir, has helped reduce our flood risk. However, flooding remains a threat along the river.

LOCAL DRAINAGE

Calumet City's local drainage problems are primarily due to backed up sewers and storm sewers combined. The sewers are designed to drain streets and ponding areas along with transporting sanitary sewage to treatment facilities. When they are blocked or overloaded by heavy rains, the drainage system is plugged. Stormwater sits for hours or days, waiting for the sewers to clear.

Local drainage problems occur during storms in any part of the City. In some cases, yard ponding will cause or aggravate basement flooding. Flooded streets and yards can cause or aggravate health and safety problems and disrupt traffic.

STRENGTHENING CALUMET CITY'S FOUNDATION AND FUTURE

Calumet City has begun a multi-year effort to build up roads, utilities, transportation, and infrastructure that are vital to keeping our communities safe and viable. The City is also investing in recreational spaces and economic development projects that will continue to make Calumet City a place where people can live and work. This interactive map charts our vision and projects that will help Calumet City grow and thrive for generations to come. Visit: <https://calumetcity.org/strengthening-calumet-citys-foundation-future/>

HAPPY NEW YEAR CALUMET CITY BUSINESSES WISHING YOU ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Businesses listed below have approved and issued business licenses from the City of Calumet City as of December 4, 2023.

1ST & 10 BARBERSHOP
576 TORRENCE AVE

2 CUTE INC
96 RIVER OAKS CENTER SPACE D-13

5/3 BANK
925 BURNHAM AVE

79TH STREET BBQ
1719 RIVER OAKS DR

A&A KIDDY KOLLEGE
425 TORRENCE AVE

A&S DIVINE HEALTHCARE
1477 RING RD

AARON'S SALES & LEASE #C1139
654 TORRENCE AVE

ABUNDANT RESTAURANT
1509 SIBLEY BLVD

ACCEPTANCE NOW 07666
1370 TORRENCE AVE

ADEN MINI MART
1812 SIBLEY BLVD

ADVANCE AUTO PARTS
480 TORRENCE AVE

AJEEBA HAIR DESIGN
1254 BURNHAM AVE

ALDI #33
1490 TORRENCE AVE

ALL NATION BARBER SHOP
1622 SIBLEY BLVD

AL'S AUTO REPAIR LLC
635 BURNHAM AVE

ALTA ELECTRIC VEHICLES
150 STATE ST

ALWAYS CELLULAR
96 RIVER OAKS CTR C-20

ALWAYS CELLULAR
96 RIVER OAKS DR K130

AMAZING CARE SYSTEMS
404 RIVER OAKS DR

AMERICAN LEGION CALUMET
MEMORIAL POST
330 402 154TH PL

AMERICAS BEST CONTACTS
AND EYEGLASS
2060 RIVER OAKS DR

ANASTASIA AFRICAN
HAIR BRAIDING
1809 SIBLEY BLVD

ANDY'S HOT DOGS
803 RIVER OAKS DR

ANGELS
96 R.O.C. SPACE A-9

ANNABEL'S VIDEO CAFE
148 154TH PL

AR NAILS
1457 SIBLEY BLVD

ASHLAUR CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY INC
1595 VALENCIA CT

ASHLEY STEWART #117
96 RIVER OAKS CTR A-17

AUDIO ESSENCE
573 WENTWORTH AVE

AUTOMEX AUTO REPAIR
421 TORRENCE AVE

AUTOZONE #2686
701 TORRENCE AVE

BABAS PHILLY
473 TORRENCE AVE

BABA'S STEAK & LEMONADE
481 BURNHAM AVE

BAGLEY'S
666 HIRSCH AVE

BANK FINANCIAL
1901 SIBLEY BLVD

BATH & BODY WORKS
#506 96 RIVER OAKS CTR B-1A

BAYMONT INN & SUITES
510 EAST END AVE

BEAUTY HAIR WIG
1727-1737 EAST WEST RD

BELVIDERE BLUES
96 RIVER OAKS CTR C-3

BIG LOTS #1810 1699 RIVER OAKS DR	CITY AUTO PARTS 1901 DOLTON RD	EVENTS BY D.A.'S 757-777 RIVER OAKS DR	HASSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC 10 LINCOLN AVE
BIG TIME 96 RIVER OAKS CTR B32	CITY FOOD MARKET 1682 DOLTON RD	EXACT TIME WATCH & JEWELRY 96 RIVER OAKS CTR T-28	HELP FROM A SISTER INC 605 E SIBLEY BLVD
BMO HARRIS BANK 530 TORRENCE AVE	CLAIRE'S 96 RIVER OAKS CNTR SPACE B-07	EYEBROW THREADING STUDIO 1904 SIBLEY BLVD	HIGHLY FLAVORED CHICAGO CITY GRILL 1819 SIBLEY BLVD
BOB'S BODY SHOP 339 STATE ST	CLASSY KIDS SALON 1765 RIVER OAKS DR	FINISH LINE 1 RIVER OAKS CTR	HOMEWOOD DISPOSAL SERVICE INC 1501 W 175TH ST
BOB'S DISCOUNT FURNITURE LLC 1370 TORRENCE AVE	CLUB TEMULAC 777 GREENBAY AVE	FIRST SAVINGS BANK OF HEGEWISCH 1100 SIBLEY BLVD	HONEY'S CHICKEN AND MORE 604 TORRENCE AVE
BOGEY'S CAFE 1761 RIVER OAKS DR	COCULA RESTAURANT 645 TORRENCE AVE	FOOT LOCKER #25567 490 RIVER OAKS WEST	HUGS AND SNUGS DAYCARE ACADEMY 550-52 TORRENCE AVE
BOSTIK INC 14303 PAXTON AVE	COM-KAY MOTORS 1885 SIBLEY BLVD	FOOTLOCKER #10588 96 RIVER OAKS CTR C-34	HUMMINGBIRD FRAGRANCES 96 RIVER OAKS CTR A-31
BRAIDS AND WEAVES BY FRAN 506 BURNHAM AVE	CRYSTAL'S FAST FOOD RESTAURANT INC 1727 SIBLEY BLVD	FRIENDLY AUTO SERVICE 1290 FREELAND AVE	HUNTINGTON BANK 493 TORRENCE AVE
BRAIDS BY SHADE 1455 SIBLEY BLVD	CUSTOM ICE JEWELERS 96 RIVER OAKS CENTER DR #A27	FULLER'S CAR WASH OF CALUMET CITY 1500 TORRENCE AVE	IDEAL AUTO ACCESSORIES 557 TORRENCE AVE
BUDDY BEAR CAR WASH 382 TORRENCE AVE	CUTEYLOOPS RESHAPING 1759 RIVER OAKS DR	FURNITURE BARGAINS 1785 RIVER OAKS DR	ILLIANA CREDIT UNION 1600 HUNTINGTON DR
BUFFALO WILD WINGS/AMC 1250 TORRENCE AVE	CVS PHARMACY #5769 470 TORRENCE AVE	GAI GASVODA & ASSOC INC 1530 HUNTINGTON DR	INDUSTRIAL VALCO 1550 HUNTINGTON DR
BYRD CHEST FITNESS LLC 2020 RIVER OAKS DR	D.A.'S BANQUETS & EVENTS 1781 RIVER OAKS DR	GAME STOP #5241 1247 TORRENCE AVE	JASNAK'S 2011 SIBLEY BLVD
C AND L APPAREL AND HOSIERY 580 TORRENCE AVE	DE'BON BARBER & BEAUTY 343 TORRENCE AVE	GATEWAY WAREHOUSE 1000 STATE ST	JAVYS INC 612 TORRENCE AVE
C&G CONSTRUCTION SUPPLY COMPANY 1593 VALENCIA CT	DENNYS RESTAURANT 1380 TORRENCE AVE	GELITA USA CHICAGO 10 WENTWORTH AVE	JAZZY HAIR BAR & BOUTIQUE 1555 SIBLEY BLVD
C&G DEVELOPMENT GROUP 1595 VALENCIA CT	DICKS HIDEAWAY 537 155TH ST	GIGIS SUGAR BAR 604 B TORRENCE AVE	JC PENNEYS 200 RIVER OAKS CTR
CAL CITY BAKERY 816 BURNHAM AVE	DIVINE HOME CARE SERVICES 1461 RING RD	GLAMOUR NAIL 1821 SIBLEY BLVD	JCPENNEY OPTICAL 200 RIVER OAKS DR
CAL CITY JEWELERS 562 TORRENCE AVE	DKZ KIDZ CLOSET 96 RIVER OAKS CENTER B-9	GOBBLES CATERING 1690 DOLTON RD	JIFFY LUBE #174 1450 SIBLEY BLVD
CAL CITY PANTRY 645 BURNHAM AVE	DOMINOS 1086-1088 SIBLEY BLVD DON PEDRO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 316 TORRENCE AVE	GOKESON FREIGHT WORLDWIDE 1610 SIBLEY BLVD	JIMS AUTO CLINIC INC 1774 SIBLEY BLVD
CALUMET CITY PLUMBING & HEATING 281 RIVER OAKS DR	DREAM JEWELERS 1624 SIBLEY BLVD	GOLD MAX 96 RIVER OAKS CTR K-104	JJ SEAFOOD MART INC 636 SIBLEY BLVD
CALUMET COLLISION REPAIR 507 COMMERCIAL AVE	DUKE OF OIL LTD 1700 STATE ST	GOLD VALLEY 96 RIVER OAKS CTR K-107	JOHNSON CONTROLS INC 1500 HUNTINGTON DR
CALUMET FURNITURE INC 1760 SIBLEY BLVD	DUNKIN DONUTS 533 TORRENCE AVE	GOOD EATZ CATERING 1674 DOLTON RD	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK 1783 RIVER OAKS DR
CALUMET MARINE 426 BURNHAM AVE	EASY FINANCE AUTO, INC 573 BURNHAM AVE	GORDITA'S LOLIS #3 239 PULASKI RD	JUST A DASH FOOD SERVICE GROUP 1579 HUNTINGTON DR
CASH AMERICA INC OF IL #538 939 RIVER OAKS DR	ECOATM 96 RIVER OAKS DR	GOSHA IMPORTS 96 RIVER OAKS CTR B1-9	K & M CAR SALES INC 1235 BURNHAM AVE
CASH AMERICA PAWN OF CHGO #2375 1847 - 1861 RIVER OAKS DR	ED NAPLETON'S KIA 1951 RIVER OAKS DR	GRANDMA JONES DAY CARE 777 SIBLEY BLVD	K. STYLES POP BEAUTY BAR 2050 RIVER OAKS DR
CASTAWAY'S BOWL 1025 SIBLEY BLVD	EDUCATIONAL DEPOT 2010 RIVER OAKS DR	GRANDMA JONES DAYCARE III 1802-1810 SIBLEY BLVD	KERATIN HAIR SALON 2040 SIBLEY BLVD
CASTLE HILL FUNERAL HOME 248 155TH PL	EHINGER BROTHERS VFW POST 8141 664 HIRSCH AVE	GREAT LAKE COCA-COLA DISTRIBUTION 5321 W 122ND ST	KERATIN HAIR SALON LLC 2040 E RIVER OAKS DR
CHAMPS #14465 96 RIVER OAKS CTR C-22	EL CANELO MEXICAN RESTAURANT 700 BURNHAM AVE	H.B TAYLOR 100 RIVERSIDE DR	KERNELS & KREME 1561 SIBLEY BLVD
CHEZ SHEARS 1676 DOLTON AVE	EL MARIACHE 537 TORRENCE AVE	HADJS BRAIDS 694 RIVER OAKS DR	KIDDIE KLUBHOUSE 96 RIVER OAKS CTR DR UNIT C-35
CHILDRENS HOME CENTER 1652 DOLTON RD	EL TAPATIO II 521 LINCOLN AVE	HAIR BY HONEY 1858 SIBLEY BLVD	KIDS ACADEMY 668 RIVER OAKS DR
CHILI'S GRILL AND BAR 1580 TORRENCE AVE	ENA TAX SERVICES INC 619 SIBLEY BLVD	HANDS OF WELLNESS INC 1070 SIBLEY BLVD	KIDS FOOT LOCKER, #6841 96 RIVER OAKS CTR C-32
CHU'S CHINA BISTRO 1 STATE ST 1D	ENTERPRISE RENT A CAR 410 RIVER OAKS WEST	HARBORSIDE (MISSION CALUMET CITY) 1330 TORRENCE AVE	KIDS FOR LESS 96 RIVER OAKS DR STE C-13C
CITIBANK 1779 RIVER OAKS DR		HAROLD'S CHICKEN 1559 SIBLEY BLVD	KIM'S HAIR THERAPY 95 PAXTON AVE

KIM'S NAIL & SPA 1521 SIBLEY BLVD	MIKA'S FOOD & LIQUOR 1215 BURNHAM AVE	RAINBOW #405 96 RIVER OAKS CTR A39	SMOKE BROTHER BBQ 96 RIVER OAKS DR D34
KINGS PALACE BARBERSHOP 1459 SIBLEY BLVD	MILKY BEAUTY SUPPLY 1618 SIBLEY BLVD	READY & ROLLING RESCUE REPAIR 148 156TH ST	SMOKE STATION 96 RIVER OAKS DR
KNUDSEN CONSTRUCTION INC 1440 HUNTINGTON DR	MINDY'S NAILS 682 RIVER OAKS DR	REAL GOLD 96 RIVER OAKS DR	SMOKING OS LLC 696 RIVER OAKS DR
KONCRETE JUNGLE 1825-1831 RIVER OAKS DR	MISCH BROS 745 BURNHAM AVE	REFLECTIONS OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM 1551 REGENCY CT	SMOOTH GINGER SMOOTHIE & JUICE BAR 1563 SIBLEY BLVD
KUTIE'S KORNER BEEF AND KOOLAID SIBLEY BLVD	MISSION CALUMET CITY 1330 TORRENCE AVE	REFRESH CENTER 96 RIVER OAKS CTR D-1	SNATCHED BEAUTY LAB 598 TORRENCE AVE
KWIK MART 481 BURNHAM AVE	MOTIONS AUTOMOTIVE 951 BURNHAM AVE	REPUBLIC SERVICES 13701 S KOSTNER AVE	SOLAR NAILS 1565 SIBLEY BLVD
LA CECINA RESTAURANT #2 601 BURNHAM AVE	MR. SUBMARINE 669 RIVER OAKS DR	RICHARDS BUILDING SUPPLY CO 540 BURNHAM AVE	STATE LUMBER COMPANY 532 STATE ST
LA ORIGINAL DE MICHUACAN INC 768 BURNHAM AVE	MR. SUBMARINE 610 TORRENCE AVE	RISING ABOVE THE STARS ACADEMY INC 611 WENTWORTH AVE	STEALTH SECURITY GROUP 736 BURNHAM AVE
LABELS 96 RIVER OAKS CTR C-17	NAPLETONS HYUNDAI 1985 RIVER OAKS DR	RIVER OAKS GOLF COURSE 1 PARK AVE	STEPS TO THE FUTURE DAYCARE 20 PULASKI RD
LADY NAILS 610-A TORRENCE AVE	NAPLETONS RIVER OAKS LINCOLN 1777 RIVER OAKS DR	RIVER OAKS GYROS 293 RIVER OAKS DR	STOKES SUPREME STEAKS & HOAGIES 686A RIVER OAKS DR
LALA PALACE 96 RIVER OAKS DR D-42	NEW CALUMET CITY CURRENCY 592 BURNHAM AVE	RIVER OAKS L & E AUTOMOTIVE INC 770 BURNHAM AVE	SUBWAY 578 TORRENCE AVE
LASINO COCKTAIL BAR 148 154TH PL	NEW CHOICE INTERVENTION, INC 850 BURNHAM AVE	RIVER OAKS MOBIL 1401 RIVER OAKS DR	SUBWAY 2030 SIBLEY BLVD
LEARNING TREE CHILD CARE 950 BURNHAM AVE	NICKYS GYROS 2050 SIBLEY BLVD	RIVERA TIRE SHOP 617 BURNHAM AVE	SUN CLEANERS 1854 SIBLEY BLVD
LET'S CHILL VENUE & GRILL 735 TORRENCE AVE	NO COBBS (GROWING & GOING INC) 574 TORRENCE AVE	ROMAN DECORATING PRODUCTS 824 STATE ST	SUNRIZE CAFE LLC 1652 SIBLEY BLVD
LITTLE TOTS DAY CARE CENTER 454 BURNHAM AVE	NRS GAS & FOOD, INC 2074 SIBLEY BLVD	ROYAL AUTO SHOP 1200-1210 BURNHAM AVE	SUPER SHARKS 1 STATE ST UNIT 1A
LITTLE TOTS DAY CARE CENTER 642 SIBLEY BLVD	NURTURING DEVELOPMENTAL LEARNING AC 525 WENTWORTH AVE	RUBIANNA RASTA PAST JAMAICAN JERK CUISINE 1560 BURNHAM AVE	SUPERMERCADO TARIMORO INC 754 BURNHAM AVE
LUPITAS FOOD MARKET 249 PULASKI RD	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS #3402 1458 SIBLEY BLVD	RUCKERS SPORTS LOUNGE 1807 SIBLEY BLVD	SURGE STAFFING 702 RIVER OAKS DR
LUSH IMPERIAL 96 RIVER OAKS DR A-30	PANDA EXPRESS #1091 1300 TORRENCE AVE	RUE 21 INC #1298 96 RIVER OAKS CTR STE A-35	T&J CHILDCARE CENTER 1576 BURNHAM AVE
M & W CELL PHONES (BOOST MOBILE) 638 SIBLEY BL UNIT B	PANOS BIG BOY 732 BURNHAM AVE	SAM FURNITURE & MATTRESS OUTLET 96 RIVER OAKS DR	TACO BELL #26751 1501 RIVER OAKS DR
M&J BREAKFAST HOUSE LLC 606-608 TORRENCE AVE	PARADISE LIQUORS 544 PULASKI RD	SAM'S CLUB #6489 603 RIVER OAKS WEST	TAQUERIA DONA FLOR 203 154TH PL
MACY'S 1 RIVER OAKS CTR	PARTY CITY 450 RIVER OAKS WEST	SANCTUARY HAIR AND NAIL SALON 102 PULASKI RD	TEAM REGGIE (DBA KONCRETE JUNGLE) 1825-1831 RIVER OAKS DR
MALECKI MONUMENTS 1001 BURNHAM AVE	PENNY'S PLACE 920 SIBLEY BLVD	SCHOOPS HAMBURGERS 695 TORRENCE AVE	TECH CREDIT UNION 1011 RIVER OAKS DR
MANNY AUTO REPAIR 840 WENTWORTH AVE	PENNY'S PLACE 440 RIVER OAKS WEST	SHARKS CALUMET CITY 1250 BURNHAM AVE	TECHNOTRIX, INC 1407 HUNTINGTON DR
MARISCOS LOS SAUCES, INC 742 BURNHAM AVE	PERFUME PYRAMID 96 RIVER OAKS CTR K-7	SHARKS FISH & CHICKEN 1870 SIBLEY BLVD	THE CHILDRENS PLACE INC C/O FANDILLC 115 RIVER OAKS CTR
MARSHALLS #189 520 RIVER OAKS WEST	PETES FRESH MARKET 1900-1968 SIBLEY BLVD	SHOE CARNIVAL #174 581 RIVER OAKS WEST	THE DOG STAND (HOME DEPOT) 1550 TORRENCE AVE
MASTER CLEANERS 1660 SIBLEY BLVD	PLUMBING & ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO 642 BURNHAM AVE	SHOPPER'S WORLD 550 RIVER OAKS DR	THE HIDEAWAY 1245 BURNHAM AVE
MAVIS TIRES & BRAKES 1360 RING RD	POPEYES FAMOUS FRIED CHICKEN 4 SIBLEY BLVD	SIBLEY GAS & MINI MART, INC 1650 SIBLEY BLVD	THE HIVE NUTRITION WELLNESS & BEAUTY 1651 SIBLEY BLVD
MCDONALDS 656 RIVER OAKS DR	POPEYES FAMOUS FRIED CHICKEN 1999 SIBLEY BLVD	SIEBERT CONSTRUCTION & MILLWORK 1440 HUNTINGTON DR	THE HOME DEPOT #1909 1550 TORRENCE AVE
MEATS BY LINZ 414 STATE ST	PURE SCENTS & ESSENTIALS 1573 E SIBLEY BLVD	SIMPLY SHAE SOUL CAFE 1674 DOLTON RD	THE KINGS PALACE 1459 SIBLEY BLVD
MICHAELS BARBER SHOP 1672 DOLTON RD	PUSH HARD FITNESS 638A SIBLEY BLVD	SIZE BOUTIQUE 96 RIVER OAKS CENTER DR	THE LOOK 96 RIVER OAKS CTR B-34
MIDWEST EYE CENTER 1700 EAST WEST RD	QUICK CYCLE LAUNDROMAT 590 TORRENCE AVE	SKINKRAFT INK 1507 SIBLEY BLVD	THE MEN'S WAREHOUSE 1374 TORRENCE AVE
MIKA LOCKSMITH & HARDWARE 736 BURNHAM AVE	QUICK STOP GOLO (U2MAA) 264 TORRENCE AVE	SMARTWAY DISCOUNTS INC 147 RIVER OAKS DR	THE SHOP 147 96 RIVER OAKS DR

THE TRIBE KITCHEN & GRILL LLC
686 RIVER OAKS DR

TIP TOP NAILS #4
1671 SIBLEY BLVD

T-MOBILE LIMITED
1757 RIVER OAKS DR

TOM THUMB CHILD CARE CENTER
410 154TH PL

TOMBSTONE INN
997 BURNHAM AVE

TORRENCE LIQUORS
616 TORRENCE AVE

TRANSIT MOTORS, INC
749 TORRENCE AVE

TRENZ BEAUTY ACADEMY
695 WENTWORTH AVE

TRIANGLE AUTO REPAIR OF IL, INC
547 STATE ST

TROPICAL ISLAND JERK CHICKEN
& JAMAICAN ISLAND CUISINE
570 TORRENCE AVE

U- HAUL OF RIVER OAKS
1510 S. TORRENCE AVE

URBAN MINISTRIES INC
1551 REGENCY CT

US GLU-LAME, INC
2150 DOLTON RD

USA PANCAKE HOUSE
1801 SIBLEY BLVD

V & R MATERIALS LLC
310 BURNHAM AVE

VALUE CITY FURNITURE
2100 159TH ST

VERIZON WIRELESS
1245 TORRENCE AV

VICTORY PHARMACY
1837 RIVER OAKS DR

VIDA SALON & SPA INC
684 RIVER OAKS DR

VITAL HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER
1865 SIBLEY BLVD

WALGREENS #06564
522 TORRENCE AVE

WENDY'S
3 SIBLEY BLVD

WES'S SERVICE INC
928 WILSON AVE

WHEATLEY FUNERAL HOME LLC
400 PULASKI RD

WHITE CASTLE
1551 RIVER OAKS DR

WHITE DIAMONDS JEWELRY CO.
96 RIVER OAKS DR UNIT 0A29

WILDER FIELDS
1717 EAST-WEST RD

WINGZ IT IZ & LEMONADE
1781 RIVER OAKS DR UNIT 200

WISAM, INC (AIR TIME 1)
2040 SIBLEY BLVD

WM J CASSIDY TIRE CO
1063 RIVER OAKS DR

WONDERLAND TIRE CO
1550 HUNTINGTON DR

WOO WOO'S BAR B QUE INC
1050 SIBLEY BLVD

WORLD CHANGER'S ACADEMY
740 STATELINE RD

WOW FURNITURE OUTLET
1757 EAST WEST RD

XTREAM BODY AND MECHANIC
817 BURNHAM AVE

YOUNGS CLEANERS
1501-1503 SIBLEY BLVD

YOUNG'S NATURAL LOOK
825 RIVER OAKS DR

ZENITH GLOBAL LLC
14201 PAXTON AVE

LET'S WELCOME THESE NEW BUSINESSES TO CALUMET CITY

*New Businesses as of 12-4-2023
who have completed the entire
business license process.*

HELP FROM A SISTER INC
605 E SIBLEY BLVD

79TH STREET BBQ 1
719 RIVER OAKS DR

ALTA ELECTRIC VEHICLES
150 STATE ST

CAL CITY JEWELERS
562 TORRENCE AVE

DKZ KIDZ CLOSET
96 RIVER OAKS CTR B-9

EVENTS BY DA'S
757-777 RIVER OAKS DR

GOSHA IMPORTS
96 RIVER OAKS CTR B1-9

HIGHLY FLAVORED CHICAGO CITY GRILL
1819 SIBLEY BLVD

JUST A DASH FOOD SERVICE GROUP
1579 HUNTINGTON DR

LABELS 96
RIVER OAKS CENTER C-17

LALA PALACE
96 RIVER OAKS DR D-42

LET'S CHILL VENUE & GRILL
735 TORRENCE AVE

LUSH IMPERIAL
96 RIVER OAKS DR A-30

READY & ROLLING RESCUE REPAIR
148 156TH ST

REFLECTIONS OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM
1551 REGENCY CT

RUCKERS SPORTS LOUNGE
1807 SIBLEY BLVD

SIMPLY SHAE SOUL CAFE
1674 DOLTON RD

SMOKE STATION
96 RIVER OAKS DR

STOKES SUPREME STEAKS & HOAGIES
686A RIVER OAKS DR

THE DOG STAND (HOME DEPOT)
1550 TORRENCE AVE

WILDER FIELDS
1717 EAST-WEST RD

CALUMET CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS JOINED IN 2023

A&S DIVINE HEALTHCARE
1477 RING RD

ANOINTED & APPOINTED
ACCOUNTING SERVICES, INC
PO BOX 2539

BABA'S FAMOUS STEAK
473 TORRENCE AVE

BEACHIE TRANSPORTATION INC
815 W 63RD ST, 4TH FL, CHICAGO

BLINGY THINGZ
14426 CALHOUN RD

BOB'S BODY SHOP
339 SATE ST

BOUND/ENTERPRISE CASINO
148 154TH PL/WENTWORTH AVE

BRAIDS & WEAVES BY FRAN
506 BRNHAM AVE

BUDDY BEAR CAR WASH
482 TORRENCE AVE

BURNBRIDGE & ASSOCIATES
137 N OAK PARK AVE, #1760, OAK PARK

C & G CONSTRUCTION
1593 VALENCIA CT

CAL CITY JEWELERS
562 TORRENCE AVE

CALUMET CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
760 WENTWORTH AVE

CALUMET CITY PLUMBING
281 RIVER OAKS DR

CALUMET CITY SENIOR CITIZEN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CALUMET CITY LIBRARY

CASTAWAYS BOWL
1025 SIBLEY BLVD

CHI GIRL
96 RIVER OAKS CENTER DR (MALL)

CHICAGO WINGZ
AROUND THE WORLD
1515 SIBLEY BLVD

CHILDREN'S HOME CENTER
1652 DOLTON RD

CMAP- CHICAGO METROPOLITAN
AGENCY FOR PLANNING
433 WEST VAN BUREN, CHICAGO

CREATIVE TRIBES RENOVATIONS
& ELECTRIC
520 FORSYTHE AVE

D.A.'S BANQUET CENTER
757 RIVER OAKS DR

D.A.'S BANQUETS & EVENTS
757-777 RIVER OAKS DR

DRY CLEANING BY WESLEY
2318 EAST STATE ST, BURNHAM

EDUCATIONAL DEPOT/
TEACHERS STORE
2010 RIVER OAKS DR

EMBLC KITCHEN
954 WENTWORTH AVE

ENA TAX
619 SIBLEY BLVD

FULLERS CAR WASH
1498 TORRENCE AVE

GMI MECHANICAL
10325 S KENNETH, ALSIP

GREEN OAKS RIVER OAKS
1370 RING RD

HAIR THERAPY SALON
95 PAXTON AVE

J.H. FORTMAN & ASSOCIATES
328 MARQUETTE AVE

JOHN KASPEREK CO, INC
1471 RING RD

KIDDIE KLUBHOUSE
96 RIVER OAKS CTR (MALL)

KREATIVE KINNECTIONS
YOUTH OUTREACH
4137 SAUK TRAIL, RICHTON PARK

LA LA PALACE
96 RIVER OAKS CTR

LEARNING TREE CHILD
CARE CENTER, LLC
950 BURNHAM AVE

LEIJA'S LUV SKIN CARE LLC
722 PULASKI RD

LP HOUSE OF BEAUTY
19810 TORRENCE AVE

MA3 HEALTH SOLUTIONS
7000 S SW HWY, CHICAGO RIDGE

MAX & MABEL REFRESHING
IS A NECESSITY
PO BOX 70, PARK FOREST

MISSION DISPENSARY
1330 TORRENCE AVE

NEW CHOICE INTERVENTION, INC
850 BURNHAM AVE

OASIS SUPERMARKET
1557 SIBLEY BLVD

RIVER OAKS TOWNE
HOUSES COOP
1 CHESTNUT CT

ROMAN PRODUCTS LLC
824 STATE ST

RUCKER SPORTS BAR
1807 SIBLEY BLVD

SAFARI SOUL
MENTORING PROGRAM
526 CALHOUN AVE

SAM'S CLUB
603 RIVER OAKS DR

SMG AGENCY INC (INSURANCE)
7937 S HARLEM AVE #256, BURBANK

SMOOTH GINGER SMOOTHIE & JUICE BAR
1563 SIBLEY BLVD

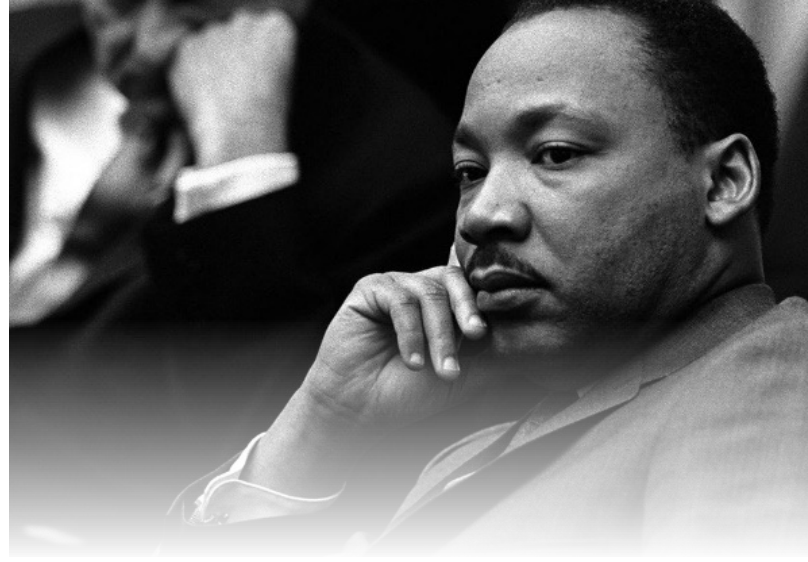
STYLISH MEDI GEAR
100 E 159TH PL, SOUTH HOLLAND

TACANA'S KITCHEN LLC
1543 LINCOLN AVE

THE HIDEAWAY
1245 BURNHAM AVE

TRENZ BEAUTY ACADEMY
695 WENTWORTH AVE

WILDER FIELDS
1717 EAST-WEST RD



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIOGRAPHICAL

Information cited from the Nobel Prize Martin Luther King received the Nobel Peace Prize on December 10, 1964

Martin Luther King, Jr., (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968) was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, Martin Luther King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode

the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity, its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience. and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

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FREEDOM SEEKERS AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD - FINDING BLACK HISTORY 'IN YOUR BACK YARD'

In the years before the Civil War, coming through Calumet City was a major route for freedom seekers who had escaped enslavement in the South and reached Chicago. They traveled out of Chicago on the historic road to Detroit and then on to freedom in Canada. Michigan City Road was part of that historic pathway.

Today, the Little Calumet River Underground Railroad Project (www.undergroundrailroadproject.org) works to discover and reveal local places where freedom seekers traveled, and details the assistance they found from the networks called the Underground Railroad. Their latest effort is to designate this entire route as a National Historic Trail called the **Chicago to Detroit Freedom Trail**, which ran through what today is known as Calumet City.

Join us on Friday, February 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Calumet City Library, to learn all about this important history in our own backyards. Presenting will be Dr. Larry McClellan, a regional expert on the Underground Railroad, and Tom Shepherd, Coordinator for the Little Calumet River UGRR Project. In addition, spiritual songs from the Underground Railroad era will be included in the program.

Dr. McClellan's latest book was published in September 2023, by Southern Illinois University Press: **Onward to Chicago: Freedom Seekers and the Underground Railroad in Northeastern Illinois.**



2024 THEME - AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE ARTS

African American art is infused with African, Caribbean, and the Black American lived experiences. In the fields of visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression, the African American influence has been paramount. African American artists have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Artistic and cultural movements such as the New Negro, Black Arts, Black Renaissance, hip-hop, and Afrofuturism, have been led by people of African descent and set the standard for popular trends around the world. In 2024, we examine the varied history and life of African American arts and artisans.

For centuries Western intellectuals denied or minimized the contributions of people of African descent to the arts as well as history, even as their artistry in many genres was mimicked and/or stolen. However, we can still see the unbroken chain of Black art production from antiquity to the present, from Egypt across Africa, from Europe to the New World. Prior to the American Revolution, enslaved Africans of the Lowcountry began their more than a 300-year tradition of making sweetgrass baskets, revealing their visual artistry via craft.

The suffering of those in bondage gave birth to the spirituals, the nation's first contribution to music. Blues musicians such as Robert Johnson, McKinley 'Muddy Waters' Morganfield and Riley "BB" B. King created and nurtured a style of music that became the bedrock for gospel, soul, and other still popular (and evolving) forms of music. Black contributions to literature include works by poets like Phillis Wheatley, essays, autobiographies, and novels by writers such as David Walker and Maria Stewart. Black aesthetics have also been manifested through sculptors like Edmonia Lewis and painters like Henry O. Tanner.

In the 1920s and 30s, the rise of the Black Renaissance and New Negro Movement brought the Black Arts to an international stage. Members of the armed forces, such as James Reese Europe, and artists such as Langston Hughes, Josephine Baker and Lois Mailou Jones brought Black culture and Black American aesthetics internationally, and Black culture began

its ascent to becoming a dominant cultural movement to the world. In addition to the Harlem Renaissance, today we recognize that cities like Los Angeles, Chicago, and New Orleans also were home to many Black artists.

The 1960s continued this thread through the cultural evolution known as the Black Arts Movement, where artists covered issues such as pride in one's heritage and established art galleries and museum exhibitions to show their own work, as well as publications such as *Black Art*. This period brought us artists such as Alvin Ailey, Judith Jamison, Amiri Baraka, Nikki Giovanni and Sonia Sanchez. The movement would not have been as impactful without the influences from the broader Black world, especially the Negritude movement and the writings of Frantz Fanon.

In 1973, in the Bronx, New York Black musicians (i.e. DJ Kool Herc and Coke La Rock) started a new genre of music called hip-hop, which comprises five foundational elements (DJing, MCing, Graffiti, Break Dancing and Beat Boxing). Hip-hop performers also used technological equipment such as turntables, synthesizers, drum machines, and samplers to make their songs. Since then hip-hop has continued to be a pivotal force in political, social, and cultural spaces and was a medium where issues such as racial violence in the inner city, sexism, economic disinvestment and others took the forefront.

The term Afrofuturism was used approximately 30 years ago in an effort to define cultural and artistic productions (music, literature, visual arts, etc.) that imagine a future for Black people without oppressive systems and examines how Black history and knowledge intersects with technology and science. Afrofuturist elements can be found in the music of Sun Ra, Rashan Roland Kirk, Janelle Monáe and Jimi Hendrix. Other examples include sci-fi writer Octavia Butler's novels, Marvel film *Black Panther*, and artists such as British-Liberian painter Lina Iris Viktor, Kenyan-born sculptor Wangechi Mutu, and Caribbean writers and artists such as Nalo Hopkinson, and Grace Jones.

In celebrating the entire history of African Americans and the arts, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) puts into the national spotlight the richness of the past and present with an eye towards what the rest of the twenty-first century will bring. ASALH dedicates its 98th Annual Black History Theme to African Americans and the arts.

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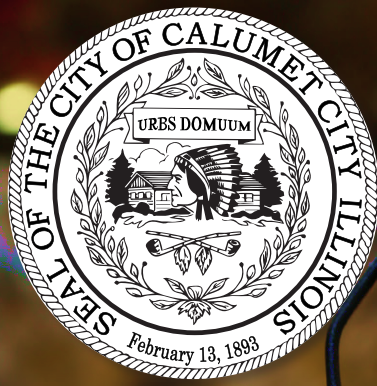


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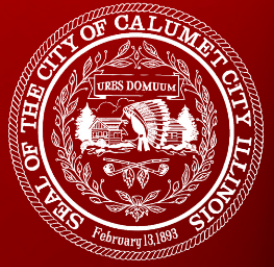
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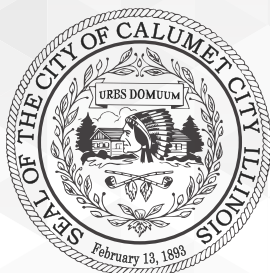
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