

CALUMET CITY

REVIEW

SUMMER 2013

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MICHELLE



Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush

Summer has finally arrived! The flowers are planted, banners hung and the grass is growing.

On May 1, 2013, the Student Achievement Awards and Teacher of the Year awards were held. Our City honored graduating students from 8th grade and 12th grade in the following categories: academics, leadership, athletics, fine arts, and citizenship. Congratulations to the winners!

I attended the swearing ceremony for the School District 157 School Board Members. Congratulations to all the re-elected and newly elected school board members in our four grade school districts and high school district.

Congratulations to the Calumet City Youth Organization board members, parents and players for another successful opening day on May 2nd, approximately 300 kids are participating in the baseball and softball programs offered. Good luck to all teams for a winning season.

In May, I attended T. F. North High School's commencement ceremony. As an alumni of T. F. North, Class of '76, I was

proud to attend and offer congratulations and words of encouragement to the graduates. I am proud to say that the students have received over \$350,000 in college grant opportunities. Job well done Class of 2013!

On May 30th, I addressed the Schrum graduating class of 2013 at their commencement ceremony. My message to their graduating 8th graders was "to be courageous", study hard, make the right choices, and be kind to one another even when others are not. Congratulations to Schrum Class of 2013.

The Summer Youth Job Program has begun. These seasonal employees will assist our full-time employees and receive training on resume preparation and job interview skills.

Our Calumet Memorial Park District has many activities and programs for our youth to participate in all summer long. I encourage you to visit the Calumet Memorial Park District website at www.mycmpd.com.

Have a Happy, Fun and Safe Summer,

Mayor Michelle

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NICOR GAS SAFETY TIPS

In June of this year, an explosion occurred inside a vacant residential property, causing serious damage to the property itself and minor damage to neighboring properties. No one was injured, but plenty of people were scared by the noise of the blast and the flying debris from the house. The front window was completely blown out into the front yard and all of the bricks were knocked loose from one side of the building.

Gas leaks can occur in any building, occupied or unoccupied. Gas explosions can and will cause complete destruction of a building and kill or injure any of the occupants. In order to avoid the risk of an explosion, NICOR gas company has offered the following safety tips that should be followed by all gas customers.

Natural Gas Safety

Leak Detection: Natural gas is injected with a distinct odor, which many people equate to that of rotten eggs. If the odor of gas is present, immediately leave the affected area leaving doors and windows open during their exit. Call Nicor Gas at 1-888-Nicor4u (1-888-642-6748) from a safe location. Do not use a telephone or cellular phone, turn light switches on or off, or operate any appliance or anything that might cause a spark, such as lighting a match.



Meter Safety: Customers should be able to locate their natural gas meter, and ensure that it is clear of obstructions that can damage the meter. During the summer, be mindful of keeping any fire source away from your meter or landscaping near the meter. Do not drop cigarettes, matches or any other flammable items in mulch or grass near your meter.

Appliance Safety: Keep your appliances running safely and at peak efficiency by having a certified professional perform a maintenance check. Ensure your appliances are vented properly. Be sure to clean air filters regularly and replace them as directed by the manufacturer.



Safe Digging

Don't dig without calling JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) first. Call 8-1-1 or 1-800-892-0123 to schedule a free marking of your underground utility lines so you can dig safely.



NICOR GAS SAFETY TIPS



State law requires your lines to be marked before you begin any digging around your property.

Inclement Weather Safety

Customers affected by natural disasters, such as floods or tornados, are advised to inspect for natural gas leaks, as appliance connectors and gas piping may be impacted.



If gas appliances have been submerged or remain under water, do not attempt to operate until a certified professional conducts a safety inspection.

Personal Safety and Financial Security

When a field service representative visits a home or business, he or she will provide company identification. If needed, however, you may contact customer care at 1-888-642-6748 to confirm that a representative has been scheduled to perform work at your premises.

To verify that the phone call from a customer service representative is legitimate, request to have the representative confirm information about your account that only you and the company would know.

Nicor Gas will never ask for account or credit card information in an email. Customers can safely access and make changes to their account information and payment methods using the “My Account” online account management option.



FREE CALUMET CITY SMARTPHONE APPLICATION

Do you have an Android smartphone or an iPhone ?
Or an iPad or Android tablet ?

If you do, you can download a free app for your device that allows you to easily interact with Calumet City officials and departments.

The Cal City App also allows users to send information to the city instantaneously.

For example, if you see a pothole you can take a picture and send in the picture along with the exact location of the pothole so city crews can quickly respond.

Or, for example, if you spot suspicious behavior, trouble brewing or a crime in progress, you can immediately submit an ANONYMOUS crime tip to the Calumet City Police Department. Residents should always call 911 in case of an emergency, but if you only have your tablet or computer and no phone, the Cal City App can be your lifeline to our public safety officers.

Anonymous crime tips are crucial to the ability of City Officials to stop and prevent crime.

Download The Cal City App today:

iPhone / iPad Users:

Visit the iTunes store and search for City of Calumet City.

Android Users:

Visit the Google Play store and search for City of Calumet City.

The application is completely free without any initial or hidden recurring charges.

No advertisements will pop up on your phone due to the Cal City App.



REMEMBRANCE DAY IS POPPY DAY ALL OVER THE WORLD

The fighting in World War I officially ended on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th Month in 1918, and a year later the first Remembrance Day was held throughout the British Empire to honor those who died during the war. November 11th was designated as Remembrance Day, which was also called Poppy Day due to the red poppy wild flowers which grew on the many battlefields in Europe that saw some of the heaviest casualties during the some of the war.

Remembrance Day also became a national holiday of remembrance in the United States for military veterans who died in all United States wars, but it was called Veteran's Day. U.S. military veteran's organizations have established the tradition of raising money for veterans homes by creating and selling red artificial poppies. Hospitalized veterans make the poppies and are paid for their work, and some of the proceeds are also used to help less fortunate hospitalized veterans.

This year, Mayor Michelle issued a proclamation for the Ehinger Brothers Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8141 praising the Buddy Poppy fundraising drive which earned \$3,500 to fill the needs of local veterans.

Two young people who assisted in the drive were named the King and Queen of Poppy Day effort and will appear in the Calumet City Labor Day parade. Paul Buck, the son of Auxiliary Member Sarah Buck and grandson of Auxiliary President Jane Malone was crowned the King, and Veronica Simkus, the granddaughter of Post and Auxiliary Members Wally and Kathy Simkus was crowned the Queen.



Poppy Queen Veronica Simkus, Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush and Poppy King Paul Buck



FINNERAN POOL



CALUMET MEMORIAL PARK DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS, STAN MILLER, BONNIE RISING, NYOTA FIGGS, RANDY VALASQUEZ AND JIMMY CIGLIOTTI INVITE YOU TO REDISCOVER FINNERAN POOL

Finneran Pool includes a 127-foot water slide, a splash play area, a diving area, a tot-sand play area, and sand volleyball. It also includes a grass sunbathing area and a concession stand. The pool is located on the corner of Lincoln Avenue & Freeland Avenue. (Nearby 163rd Street & Burnham Avenue and continue east on 163rd to Lincoln and continue southeast until Freeland Avenue.)

General Admission Fees

Adults: \$6 (Ages 19 and older)
Students: \$5 (Children ages 6 thru 18)
Tots: \$2 (Children 5 and younger)



Hours of Operation

Mondays thru Fridays: 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturdays & Sundays: 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm



Seasonal Pool Pass Information

Pool Pass Registration:

- A pass entitles the holder to swim at no daily charge when the pool is open to the general public. You **MUST** show your pass to enter the pool at any time.
- Passes are photo ID's. You **MUST** register in person and have your photo taken.
- Proof of residency is required at registration. If you are not a district resident, you will be charged non-resident rates. Proof for adults includes a valid Illinois driver's license with proof of residency.
- Pass registration begins in May at Memorial Park from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Plans for Passes

- Family: Includes immediate family (parents and children ages 18 and younger) living at the same address and claimed on one 1040 form. This does NOT include cousins, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts or uncles living at the same address.
- Adult: Persons ages 19 through 61 years of age.
- Students: Children 6 through 18 years of age (Students must show valid ID, if applicable).
- Tots: Ages 5 years and younger.
- Seniors: Ages 62 years and older (seniors must show valid ID, if applicable).

Prices for Passes

Family: \$60 for residents, \$150 for non-residents
Adults: \$40 for residents, \$100 for non-residents
Students: \$30 for residents, \$75 for non-residents
Tots: \$20 for residents, \$50 for non-residents
Seniors: \$20 for residents, \$50 for non-residents



Your pool pass is also a season pass to the Family Fun Center!

For more information please visit the Calumet Memorial Park District website at www.mycmpd.com

RIVER OAKS MALL

RIVER OAKS MALL NEW TENANT AND NEW MALL MANAGER

One of the fastest growing specialty retailers in the nation, **rue21**, opened its doors at the in Calumet City's River Oaks Mall for a Grand Opening on June 21st. **rue21** offers a broad assortment of the newest emerging fashion trends in apparel and accessories for girls and guys. Using a competitive pricing strategy, **rue21** makes a specific, unique statement by offering fashion at a value. **rue21** operates over 930 stores in 47 states with an aggressive expansion plan to open 100 stores annually.

Simon Property Group, Inc., owner of the River Oaks Mall, announced the placement of a new mall manager for River Oaks Mall — Michael (Kirk) Moffit. Kirk was most recently the General Manager of Lincolnwood Town Center and previously worked as Director of Operations for Gurnee Mills. Prior to joining Simon, Kirk was the Founder and President of Moffitt Construction Corporation, which he owned and operated for 16 years. He received his Bachelor

of Science from Michigan State University and his MBA from Loyola University. Simon Properties Inc. currently owns or has an interest in 390 retail real estate properties comprising 262 million square feet in North America, Europe and Asia and employs 5,000 people worldwide.

River Oaks Mall continues to be one of Calumet City's most vital economic engines, and is currently going through what amounts to a rebirth. While several stores have left the Mall, the City is working proactively with Simon Property Group to attract new retailers. Residents will notice demolition work occurring, which will lead to new buildings, and new businesses.

The City is excited about the amount of interest retailers have expressed in the Mall, and look forward to welcoming many new businesses in the coming months.



TRAIN SAFETY

TRAIN SAFETY V. NEIGHBORHOOD PEACE

The railroads that helped join the North American coasts still serve as a vital transportation link for the delivery of freight. The central location of the Chicago area in the United States, as well as its access to the Great Lakes and Gulf of Mexico through the Illinois river system, have made the Chicago area the busiest hub for rail, air and automotive traffic in the United States.

Calumet City's proximity to the bottom of Lake Michigan where many trains begin their access to the east coast has caused us heightened inconveniences from both train noise and road crossing blockages, but especially from whistle noise since the passage of Federal train safety laws.

Every Calumet City resident understands the importance of rail crossing barriers, lights and whistle warnings to prevent accidents, but Calumet City officials have recently begun meeting with railroad

company executives and the Federal transportation officials to determine the limits and restrictions of whistle blowing near rail-road intersections.

"The heavy volume of train traffic, coupled with the federal regulations for train whistle notification, makes it difficult for people living near the busiest train routes to live in peace. I am working with State Representative Jones, the CSX Rail Company, the Illinois Commerce Commission and the Federal Railroad Administration to see if we can get some relief for our residents without jeopardizing the safety of any individual," said 1st Ward Alderman Eric Schneider.

The CSX line has 70 to 90 freight trains passing through Calumet City each day, and CSX officials encouraged any Calumet City residents with complaints about specific incidents of excessive train whistle noise to call 1-877-TELL-CSX.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION

ROAD CONSTRUCTION SEASON BEGINS AGAIN

The City Council recently approved many road construction projects. Calumet City must keep up with our infrastructure repairs and improvements in order to make traffic flow safely and smoothly through the community. All of the work should be done by the Fall, and in the end it will be worth the inconvenience.

The City is currently using the road condition report that was prepared by the City Engineer to acquire funding for additional road and infrastructure projects. Stay tuned for more road project announcements!

The following projects may have already begun in your neighborhood and will be finished by October as long as the work crews do not run into any complications.



- State Street from Lincoln Avenue to Burnham Avenue
- Cleveland Avenue from Exchange Avenue to Saginaw Avenue
- 153rd Street from Muskegon Avenue to Manistee Avenue
- Cornell Avenue from State Street to Stewart Avenue
- Chappel Avenue from State Street to Stewart Avenue
- Stewart Avenue from Torrence Avenue to Luella Avenue
- Detroit Street from Wentworth to State Line Road
- Lincoln Avenue from 163rd Street to 166th Street
- Arthur Street from Williams Street to 163rd Street
- Forestdale Park
- Freeland Avenue from Pulaski Road to State Street — Summer of 2014

STUDENT AWARDS

2013 MAYOR'S STUDENT AWARDS

LEADERSHIP

China Anderson, Thornwood High School
Chaciydah Heffner, Schrum School
Christopher Szablewski, T.F. North High School
Anahi Valdivia, Wentworth Jr. High School
Jesse Taylor, Lincoln School
Brayden Banske, Bishop Noll Institute
Amari Carnise Cole, District 149 Creative Communications Academy

FINE ARTS

Kennedy Kilgore, Thornwood High School
Horacio Rodriguez, Schrum School
Shaquille Johnson, T.F. North High School
Kyla Denise Stevens, Wentworth Jr. High School
Mayra Terrazas, Lincoln School
Antonia Roberts, Bishop Noll Institute
Vincent Dale Washington, Jr. District 149 School of Fine Arts

ACADEMICS

Adia Moore, Thornwood High School
Giselle Hernandez, Schrum School
Ruben Martinez, T.F. North High School
Skyler Thompson, Wentworth Jr. High School
Carlos Ramirez Garcia, Lincoln School
Douglas Roach, Bishop Noll Institute
Nicholas Tanniehill, Seton Academy
Kyshla Aryanna Windom, District 149 School of Fine Arts

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENT

Tashea' Tinglin, Thornwood High School
Montana Martinez, Schrum School
Devin Luster, T.F. North High School
Chinyere Ozoh, Wentworth Jr. High School
Jazlynn Williams, Lincoln School
Gabriel Duran, Bishop Noll Institute
Rashaud Jackson, S.T.E.M Academy

CITIZENSHIP

Mary Ogungbemile, Thornwood High School
Samantha Pinnock, Schrum Memorial School
Adrian Vargas, T.F. North High School
Jesus Unzueta, Wentworth Jr. High School
Yasmine Stewart, Lincoln School
Breanna Banske, Bishop Noll Institute
Ciarra Collins, Seton Academy
Jonyta Ward, District 149 Creative Communications Academy

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Michelle Liberio, Thornwood High School
Mrs. Jessica Housty, Schrum School
Mrs. Adria Bartley, T.F. North High School
Ms. Leisl Brown, Wentworth Jr. High School
Mrs. June Kennedy, Lincoln School
Lisa Ramos, Seton Academy
Shirley Mayberry, Dolton School District 149

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ROLL OUT THE RAIN BARREL



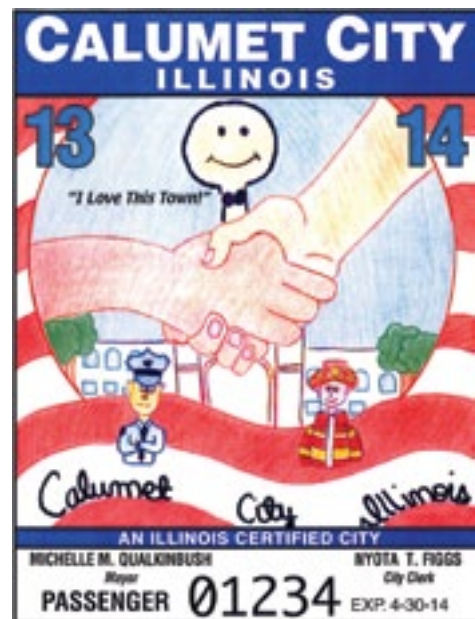
Congratulations to all the winners of the Rain Barrel Raffle. In an effort to promote water conservation, the Clerk's office partnered with the children of the Calumet Memorial Park District to hand paint rain barrels that were raffled off to visitors to the Clerk's Office who submitted entries. Barrels are available for purchase at www.MWRD.com for \$58.00 and will save you much more by reducing your summer watering costs.

CITY STICKER REQUIREMENTS FOR CARS AND TRUCKS

Residents just moving to Calumet City have 30 days to register their vehicle and purchase a sticker from the Clerk's Office. They must provide verification of their new residence in the form of a lease, closing statement or utility bill in addition to a photo ID.

New (or used) car buyers have 30 days from the date of purchase to buy a City Sticker and they must provide verification of car purchase.

Residents who missed the April 30th deadline for purchasing a Calumet City Vehicle Sticker should act as soon as possible to obtain one to avoid ticketing which has begun on every city street.



For complete city sticker requirements please visit www.calumetcity.org or stop in the Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Practice wise water use! Watering the lawn thoroughly once per week makes better use of our water than watering it every day.





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FISCAL YEAR 2013 REVENUES

The fiscal year for Calumet City ended April 30, 2013. We are now in Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 14) and as required by State law, we are working diligently to prepare a budget for the year that will map out how your hard earned tax dollars are going to be spent over the next year. This budget must be passed by the City Council no later than the end of July.

I believe that it is important for you to have an understanding of just how tax dollars are received in the City so I have outlined the actual revenue dollars that have been received to date for Fiscal Year 2013

(FY 13) and have also provided you with a proposal of revenues for Fiscal Year 2014 (FY 14). It is the responsibility of the Treasurer's Office to make a projection of revenues every year to be incorporated into the budget process. This allows the City's financial team to have a clear picture so that we base our expenditures on predicted revenues. No process is fool proof, but rest assured that we in the Treasurer's Office are keeping all of our records up to date along with keeping the city council informed of all current financial trends.

REVENUES	FY 2014 (Proposed)	FY 2013 (Actual)
GENERAL PROPERTY TAX	\$ 13,000,000.00	\$ 13,279,212.84
STATE SALES TAX	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 5,382,738.78
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,903,895.98
STATE LOCAL USE TAX	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 590,025.94
STATE REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 187,294.25
HOME RULE SALES TAX	\$ 3,600,000.00	\$ 3,796,656.78
REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 390,122.80
HAZARD WASTE TAX	\$ 1,000.00	
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 21,021.86
CABLE TV TAX	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 469,512.72
UTILITY TAX	\$ 1,760,000.00	\$ 1,746,800.28
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 1,220,299.48
FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE		
VEHICLE LICENSES	\$ 700,000.00	\$ 685,783.50
OTHER LICENSES	\$ 304,450.00	\$ 366,374.00
PERMITS	\$ 379,500.00	\$ 437,601.74
FINES	\$ 496,300.00	\$ 497,412.09
REFUSE COLLECTION	\$ 1,760,605.00	\$ 1,753,891.68
OTHER SERVICES	\$ 473,100.00	\$ 601,244.86
INTEREST	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3,697.23
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	\$ 167,200.00	\$ 143,107.98
GRANTS	\$ 1,368,864.00	\$ 290,968.31
TOTAL CORPORATE FUND	\$ 34,635,119.00	\$ 35,767,663.10

1st Ward Alderman Eric Schneider
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A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IS A SAFE COMMUNITY!



The City of Calumet City partners with the Calumet Memorial Park District, in encouraging our residents to take advantage of the many opportunities to become active and stay fit.



The Park District offers some of the best programming in the south suburbs, whether you fancy yourself the next Michael Phelps and take advantage of the wonderful aquatic center, or you simply want to train for the World's Strongest Man competition at the Sandridge Fitness Center, the park district offers a wide variety of fitness activities for residents of all ages and abilities.

SIDEWALKS AND GRASS

The old saying goes that in Chicago there are two seasons — winter and road construction — and that holds true in Calumet City. As in years past, the City is working to replace damaged or dilapidated sidewalks throughout our City. 1st Ward residents are encouraged to call Alderman Schneider at 708.891.8198 to be added to the sidewalk replacement list. The sidewalk replacement project is on a first come first served basis, so residents are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, as funds are limited.



If 1st Ward residents notice overgrown grass or weeds on property, please call Alderman Schneider at 708.891.7198 or email him at eschneider@calumetcity.org. Please leave the address of the property, as well as the location of the overgrown vegetation (front or back). All reports will be kept confidential. The sooner public works is made aware of overgrown grass, the sooner it will be cut.



PROVIDING SERVICE WHILE HOLDING THE LINE ON SPENDING

Alderman Leni serves as the Finance Committee Chairman and is finalizing the annual budget submission process which ends in July. Calumet City administrators are asked to review every service, purchase and personnel function to determine their needs for the next fiscal year so that we can cut back on spending when it is prudent while increasing expenditures where they are needed. Alderman Leni believes we will be able to maintain our current levels of services with the need for no increased or additional revenue streams which will place any additional burden on Calumet City taxpayers.

2ND WARD EARTH DAY

Alderman Leni and 2nd Ward residents celebrated Earth Day in April. Alderman Leni sponsored flower planting, shredding of sensitive documents, electronic recycling and paint/oil drop off. The Earth Day celebration saw dozens of families take part in helping keep our environment clean, healthy and safe, and so much was recycled that the City received a check for over \$500!

Under a change in State law, residents must now recycle any electronics that they are seeking to dispose of, watch for future electronic recycling days.



ANNUAL HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Alderman Leni would like to thank the participating organizations, which included: American Cancer Society, Aunt Martha's Youth Services, Bone & Joint Physicians Group, Catholic Charities, Citizens Utility Board, CN Hearing Care, CEDA, Health Commissioner, Dr. Juan Tellez, EMB Medical Supply, Home Depot, Illinois State Treasurer, Ingalls Hospital, LAF – Legal Assistance Foundation, Lupus Foundation of America, Midwest Eye Center, the Sandridge Fitness Center, the Victory Center of River Oaks and the Thornton Township Senior Services Department and Transportation.



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FREE FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT THADDEUS M. JONES

3rd Ward Alderman and State Representative in conjunction with McDonald's, The Jones Foundation, Comcast Cable, AT&T Cable, City of Calumet City, The Aids Foundation of Chicago, Children's Home Center-Malika Cooper and Supervisor Frank M. Zuccarelli

INVITE YOU TO A

Community

CookOut

and Back to School Event

Saturday, August 17th

Downey Park Field House

Stewart & Jeffrey Avenue, Calumet City, IL • 1:00pm to 7:00pm

Special Guests:

Ronald McDonald, South Shore Drill Team, Family Christian Health providing free health Screenings, Secretary of State office will renew driver's licenses, special musical performances and a SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY THE JESSE WHITE TUMBLERS!

Limited School Supply Giveaway

Supplies limited to two per family and will be distributed at 4pm during the event. Supplies will be given on a first come, first serve basis. NO Exceptions. Supplies donated by Walgreens.

This event is co-sponsored by: Comcast Cable, The Jones Foundation Board: Stevon Grant, Makila Cooper, Saprina Martin, Demetria Waddell, Adam Hage, State Farm Insurance, Eugene Varnado, Attorney Burt Odelson, Attorney George Revelotis, Alderman Nick Manousopoulos, Nicky's Gyros, Pete's Fresh Market, McDonalds, and AT&T Cable
For more information, Please call 708-933-6018 or email at calcity3@yahoo.com

4th Ward Alderman Ramonde Williams
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As the newly elected Alderman of the 4th Ward, I would like to personally thank everyone who has taken the time to work with me as I embark on my new responsibilities on behalf of the residents of Calumet City.

In order to reach out and assist 4th Ward residents in addition to my legislative City Council duties, I sponsored my first community event by hosting a Senior and Mother's Day Appreciation Dinner at Bernadin Manor serving over 100 senior citizens who celebrated the day with their family members. This was followed shortly by a May 21st Job Fair, which Calumet City held in conjunction with Thornton Township and South Suburban College in an effort to make sure every 4th Ward and Calumet City resident has equal access to employment opportunities.

I hope to personally meet each resident of the 4th Ward during my first year in office as I expand community outreach events and programming. On August 10th, I have scheduled a 1st Annual Back-to-School Summer Picnic at Sandridge Fitness Center located at 600 Oglesby. Please join me for a day of good music, good food, and good fun and games. I will provide more details regarding the time and agenda for the events as we get closer to the date.

Areas of the 4th Ward with standing water are being evaluated to determine the best remedy for prioritized repair. Some of the locations reviewed for repair include (but not limited to): Hoxie Avenue (between State St. & Cleveland Ave), Chappel Avenue (between Michigan City Rd & Pulaski Rd.), and 158th Place & Paxton Ave (near the River Oaks Townhomes).

I would like to congratulate the graduates of 2013 and wish them many blessings in their future endeavors. I would also like to congratulate the players of Next Athletics in their Championship Victory in the Junior Varsity Basketball Academy Winter League Tournament.



Have you received your 4th Ward Upcoming Events and Meeting Schedule? If so, please try to attend at your convenience. If not, please contact 708-891-8194 to have one forwarded to you.

"Traffic Safety Bump" (speed bump) petitions are now available.

5th Ward Alderman Roger Munda
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As Chairman of the Public Works Committee, Alderman Munda makes regular inspections of the entire city to make sure that the properties throughout the city are properly maintained and secured. The neat and orderly appearance of a neighborhood preserves the property values each block, each neighborhood and the entire city.

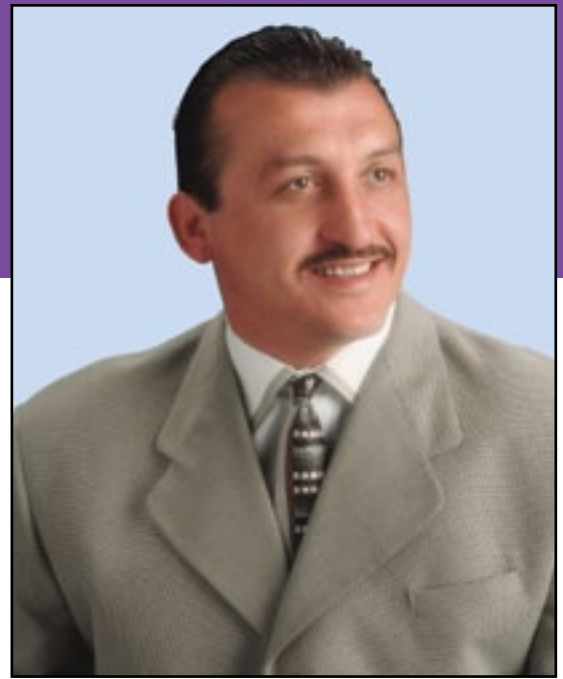


Little things like a few homes on a block with wild growing and unkempt lawns can make the entire block look abandoned. If 'wrongdoers' think no one is around to watch, it may look like an easy block to target. A well kept, well lit and active block where the residents spend some time on the front porch watching the street activity is the best deterrent to criminal activity. As an additional crime prevention strategy, Alderman Munda and public safety representatives host regular crime prevention meetings for residents to voice their concerns and learn about police efforts in their area.



The Calumet City Public Works Department receives daily reports of excessive weed, bush and tree growth that is either a safety hazard or a public nuisance. Whether the homes are owner occupied, vacant and maintained by lenders, or abandoned and awaiting a tax sale, the Public Works Department will landscape the property and charge the owner for the cost in addition to a ticket for ordinance violations.





Public Safety Chairman Nick Manousopoulos was pleased to receive a crime statistic update from Police Chief Edward Gilmore that reflected substantial drops in vehicle burglaries and business location burglaries over the last six months. As a result of new crime fighting tactics instituted by the Police Department at the beginning of the year (which will not be disclosed to ensure their continued effectiveness), the burglary rate in Calumet City dropped an astounding 53.7% for businesses and vehicles and 36.2% for home burglaries compared to the six months before the new changes were implemented.

The Police Department also has instituted their adjusted summer community policing and patrol strategies to ensure a quiet and peaceful summer for all Calumet City families. A Special Summer Gang Enforcement Detail has been organized to cooperate with the regular Tactical Gang Unit officers to eliminate as much gang activity as possible. There will be ZERO tolerance for gang activity and gang related criminal activity, aided by the new HOT ZONE ordinances which will allow self-identified gang members to be arrested after a single warning to clear out of a designated gang activity area during a time of unrest.

A dozen of our youth will be serving Summer Internships at the Police Department after committing to studying law enforcement, being recommended by the teaching and administrative staff, and being screened by the Calumet City Police Department. The students will be hired as part of the Calumet City Summer Jobs For Youth program and will be able to experience firsthand the inner workings of a police department while providing valuable support staff assistance under the close supervision of police personnel. Hopefully the students will transmit their positive experiences to their friends and classmates,

fostering a new respect for the job our police officers do while recruiting a new generation of law enforcement professionals.

The Citizen's Police Academy will begin again in the Fall to allow interested residents to learn the detail of police procedure which can be transmitted throughout the community. Enrollment information will be on the Calumet City Police Department website at the end of August.



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**ALDERMAN COLLINS CONGRATULATES
ALL OF THE 2013 GRADUATES**



On May 30th, 2013, Alderman Antoine Collins delivered the Commencement address to the Schrum graduating class of 2013 at T.F. North High School. In this year's address, Collins touted the need for the graduates to use

their "Free Will" responsibly, challenging the graduating class to find something or someone that motivates them to excel in a positive way. "Discovering who you are and your potential starts with you," stated the Alderman. "When you find that inspiration, you must cling to it and allow it to propel you to greatness. Embrace your gifts and discover your purpose."

LET'S KEEP IT CLEAN



The 7th Ward Annual Summer Clean Up will be July 20, 2013. In addition to cleaning up the areas around your home, I am also requesting volunteers to help with other areas around the 7th Ward. From 7:00 AM until 12 Noon, we will be scouring the 7th

Ward block by block to clean it up. The first 50 residents to volunteer for this clean up will be given a pair of tickets to attend a White Sox game with Alderman Collins. The tickets are courtesy of the Jones Foundation (Thaddeus Jones) and the Collins Cares Initiative (Antoine Collins). To RSVP or for more information please leave a message at 708.360.9207 (Ext. 5) and your call will be returned.

On August 6, 2013, join your Alderman and fellow residents for an evening of WNBA Basketball. We will be attending the Chicago Sky vs. Indiana Fever game. The total cost to attend this event is \$10 dollars which includes your game ticket, round trip transportation and a hot dog and soda. To RSVP or for more information, please leave a message at 708.360.9207 (Ext. 5) and your call will be returned.



**SAVE THE DATE!!
AUGUST 3rd, 2013
Youth Event
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COLLINS & SIMS HOST A SHRED DAY

On Saturday, June 15th, Alderman Antoine Collins, along with State Representative Elgie R. Sims (34th District), sponsored Shred Day at River Oaks Shopping Center. Residents from all over came out to shred and properly recycle tons of paper free of charge. Residents were very well pleased that they were able to securely dispose of old and unwanted documents. Many watched first-hand with intrigue as their old papers were safely shredded in the mobile shredding truck provided by Shred - it. For more information on the Fall 2013 Shred Day in Calumet City don't hesitate to contact Alderman Collins' office at (708) 360-9207.

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