

Calumet City

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REVIEW

Fall/Winter 2019



Mayor enjoys Trunk-N-Treat.

Message from the Mayor

Greetings Neighbors,

It's been a while and there's a lot to catch up on!

The past year has been a challenge, but we've made it through. The City continues to balance the books and deliver the services Calumet City residents expect and deserve. In addition to reviewing and re-evaluating ways to do more with less, time has been well spent planning for projects that will make you proud to live in our great City. In this newsletter you will see a common thread that ties us all together as residents: emphasis on public safety, community outreach and activities, quality of life, development of a mix of business and recreation for us and for our children.

I am proud that our City has what it takes to attract serious investors willing to put hundreds of millions of dollars into a casino and hotel project on the grounds of River Oaks Mall. Like most of us, the Mall has survived the economics that've challenged our Region

and our country. While revenues from a casino development would improve the City services you receive, it also would create good-paying jobs to raise the quality of life for so many families in our City and in our Region. Due to our location, population and workforce, I believe we are ready to launch a great comeback story – and at no cost to the City. Calumet City has always been a place of hidden treasures. Please take the time to read about the many projects we are working on to improve our City.

The past year was a time to plan. Soon ahead is the time to implement. Some of those actions include installing a canoe launch, fishing pier, and outdoor amphitheater encompassed by a Riverwalk and bike path along the Little Calumet River. Nearby a luxury event center is planned to open along East-West Road. The City continues to invest in strengthening our infrastructure with its LED Lighting Program to make our streets and walkways safer and better lit; the multi-million dollar reconfiguring and rebuilding of State Street/Dolton Road will include a middle turn lane along with landscaping and signage improvements to foster business and job creation; a green infrastructure program has been developed to address storm water issues; and the City is phasing in a walk/bike path system to connect all areas of our City.

In addition to the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, the City is in its second semester of an accredited student internship program with two major universities. Both bachelor's and master's degree students are participants in this for-credit initiative.

I hope you enjoy reading about these and other exciting topics within this newsletter. Please don't forget to respond to the upcoming Census. Don't let anyone take away your right to be counted as a person or your right to receive funding to better your community.

I love the diversity our town has to offer. There are many languages spoken here and so many different types of people from whom we can learn. In a world where diversity and race has become a touchy subject, it is always comforting to see different faces and cultures in one place. Diversity is our strength and our success together. We who serve you "Love this Place" and as a resident or business owner, we know you "Love this Place" too!

My Best,

Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush
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State Street Plans Target New Jobs, Roads, Business Expansion

Spurring economic development in the south suburbs will take creative and innovative approaches. The Calumet City administration has done just that! The creation of *Dolton Road/State Street Industrial Region Development Corridor (DSIR)* is one approach that the City is taking for industrial development and economic growth within the City's northern industrial region. Current businesses located within the DSIR have partnered with the City in various aspects to help build capacity for federal, state, and county infrastructure grant money (transportation dollars). This partnership has taken a professional and systematic approach to ensure sustainability and growth within the northern section of our town. By investing in local transportation, the City's DSIR can position itself to better facilitate the flow of goods throughout the region as well as the country.

According to recent responses



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Plans are underway for an increase in good-paying jobs and business expansion.

from businesses within the DSIR, plans are underway for an increase in good-paying jobs and business expansion. The partnership between the DSIR and Calumet City has improved industrialized sustainability and growth. The workforce provided within this region has many benefits that are more far-reaching as well. Businesses have improved profits by enhancing industrialization with modernization

by adding technology and implementing better methods that increase output and productivity.

The City's partnership with DSIR businesses provides systematic, incremental meetings with these companies in order to share updates on the status of local public infrastructure projects that directly impact and help to improve business growth; and to convey findings of surveys and various research projects. In turn, DSIR businesses convey potential needs for the future that will ensure their sustainability within Calumet City.

"STS" TIF Underway – A Tool for Business Growth & Expansion

Calumet City is expanding opportunities for business development with the creation of a new Sibley Boulevard/Torrence Avenue /State Street Tax Increment Financing District – commonly known as the STS TIF District. The new STS TIF District will stretch the entire length of Dolton Road/State Street and from State Street south on Torrence Avenue to Sibley Boulevard, then west to I-94. This will help generate incremental revenues for development, road improvements, and other incentives for new and existing businesses. Calumet City was one of the first communities to establish a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District within its corporate boundaries and

implement the process successfully – as the City has implemented several successful TIF programs to date. TIF Districts have been an excellent economic development tool within the community since 1993. TIFs are a public financing method created to last

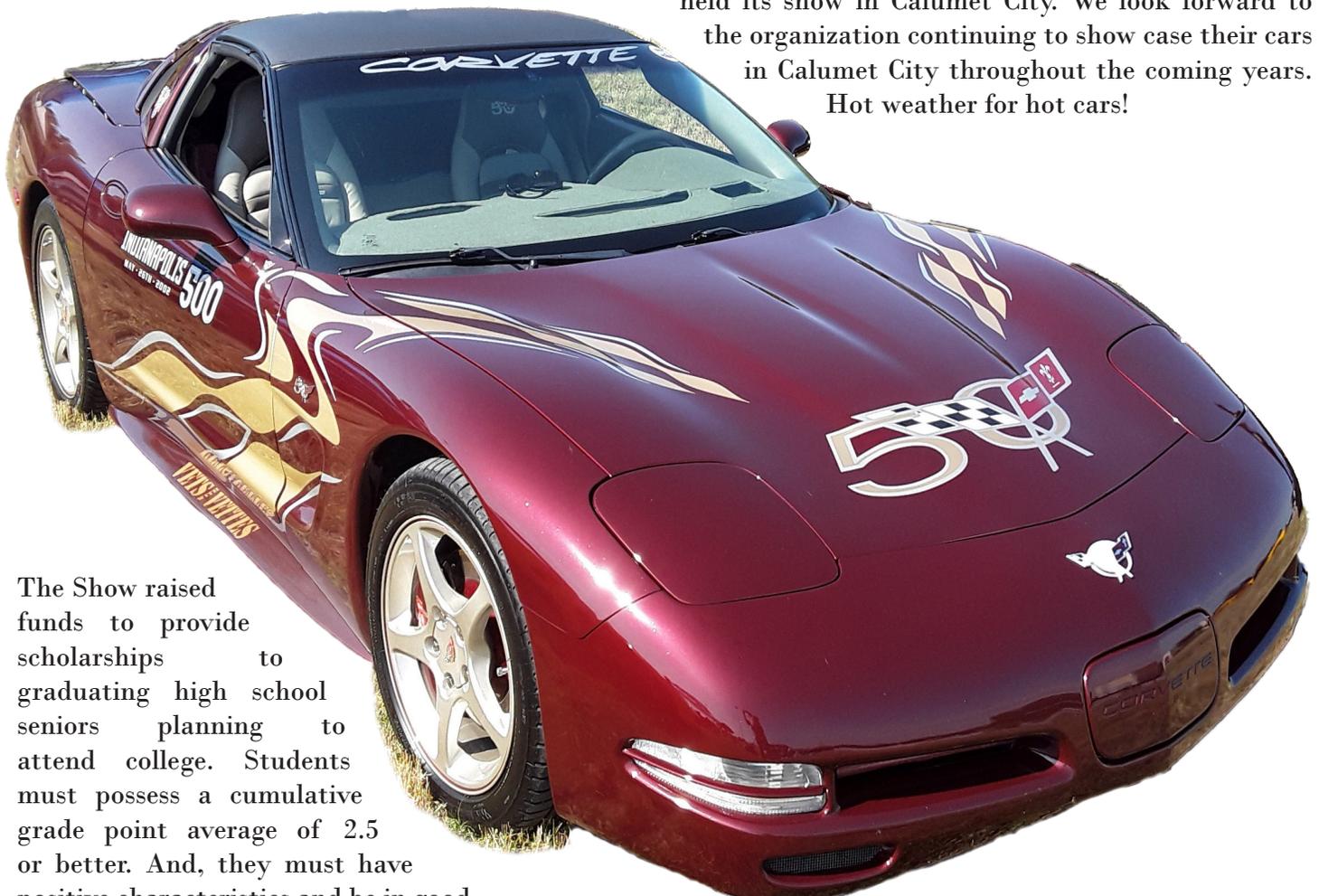
23 years – utilized as an incentive for redevelopment, enhanced public infrastructure, and other community improvement projects. Using TIFs, towns like Calumet City typically divert future property tax revenue increases from a defined area or district toward an economic development project or public improvement project in the community. The STS TIF is part of the DSIR project reported on in this newsletter.

Corvettes, Lamborghinis, Ferraris Help Fund Scholarships



The City of Calumet City had the opportunity to partner with the Crossroads Foundation's Summer 2019 Corvette show. It was held in the River Oaks Parking lot just south of Macy's on July 13th sponsored by the Chicago Chapter. The Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club was founded in 1992 and is a non-profit entity with a 501c3 IRS determination.

standings academically as well as socially. Chicago Crossroads hosts a drug-free and alcohol-free car show that is family oriented and designed to help build community relations and long-lasting partnerships for the betterment of students. Over 350 Corvettes, Lamborghinis, and Ferraris were show cased at this year's event. This was the first year the Foundation held its show in Calumet City. We look forward to the organization continuing to show case their cars in Calumet City throughout the coming years.
Hot weather for hot cars!



The Show raised funds to provide scholarships to graduating high school seniors planning to attend college. Students must possess a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or better. And, they must have positive characteristics and be in good

“Southland Live” Raises Ante with Casino Bid at River Oaks Mall

300 new jobs, tables go live within 90 days of license award

The City of Calumet City is backing a plan to bring 1,150 jobs to the River Oaks Mall and compete for dollars going to Indiana casinos. This proposal, a bid for one of the six new casinos approved by the State of Illinois in June, would be the largest investment in the River Oaks Mall since it was enclosed in 1994.

While the casino is under construction, 1,200 construction jobs will be created, as well as 300 temporary jobs a location in the vacant Carson Pirie Scott building. The temporary location would open in just 90 days after the state selects this bid. Carson’s will be retrofitted to resemble the future “Southland Live Casino,” giving visitors a taste of what is to come on a grander scale.

Presenting their vision at a special meeting in City Hall on Friday, October 18, the planners and promoters of Southland Live Casino, along with casino operator Delaware North Gaming, proposed a \$275 million investment for gaming south of the Macy’s building in River Oaks Mall.

The City Council of Calumet City then unanimously passed a resolution supporting this proposal, which has also gained support of State Senators Napoleon Harris and Elgie Sims Jr., State Representative Nicholas Smith, and neighboring Lansing, Dolton, South Holland and Burnham. The application will be submitted by the October 28 deadline to the Illinois Gaming Board.



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Afterward, Mayor Michelle held back tears as she described what would be the largest investment in the City since the River Oaks Mall was opened in 1966. She noted that, although the mall is still the biggest taxpayer in the City, its tax revenue has decreased steadily since its peak 15 years ago.

“This is a big win for the South Suburbs,” she said. “This is the right time, right place and right location.”

The presentation focused on how the Calumet City bid would fulfill the state’s goal for the South Suburban casino. The Southland Live Casino would be less than two miles from Indiana and less than two miles from Interstates 80, 94 and 294.

Calumet City celebrates its diversity. Hiring a diverse workforce and providing jobs with quality wages are important to this bid.

The River Oaks casino plan narrowly missed approval from the IGB by a 3-2 vote in 2008 when Des Plaines was awarded a casino

license. With opportunity knocking once again, Calumet City hopes to answer the bell with an ambitious proposal and time schedule.

The casino would operate in a 150,000-square-foot building on 20 acres of land. The venue will feature 35 table games, 1,200 slot machines, a vibrant music venue, restaurants and lounges. After the third year, the casino will add an 18-floor hotel.

The project’s planners expect the casino to bring in more than \$200 million, which includes at least \$40 million in taxes. Of that, Calumet City would receive \$6 million or more.

Delaware North, which operates venues on four continents, employs more than 55,000 workers, including many at Illinois locations, including Jumer’s in Rock Island. It has a track record of hiring women and minority employees.

The Southland Live Casino Charitable Foundation would be formed to advance education and economic development.

City Makes Plans for Former Sears, Applebee's, Target

Calumet City strives to ensure that existing businesses are successful with opportunities to expand, and that new businesses consider Calumet City as their home. Our economic development team is exceptionally proficient in marketing our community to both retail and industrial companies with an array of economic development tools including Tax Increment Financing, Enterprise Zone, Cook County Property Tax Incentives, Opportunity Zone, Grants, and much more.

The City is proactive when it comes to vacant businesses – including big box retail. The City has recently acquired the Sears building to obtain control for future development opportunities. Applebee's is currently under negotiation for a seafood restaurant. Target is being considered for in-door vertical farming, whereby fresh fruits and vegetables will be sold at the location with

opportunities for education tours.

One of the City's biggest challenges to recruitment of retail organizations is on-line shopping. Studies show that this shopping option has had a negative impact on retail boxes all over the country – not just Calumet City. Studies also show that there are only 20 shopping centers in the entire nation that are doing well - as others are struggling.

City officials understand that economic development is paramount to the success and quality of life of our residents. With best practices and incentives, we will continue to perform the duties and tasks to ensure that business development continues to bring employment opportunities and enhance the vitality of our neighborhoods. The City has enjoyed many successes throughout the years, and we continue to move forward with this determination.

Developers Eat Up City Breakfast Tour

In March 2019, the City of Calumet City sponsored a Developer's Tour and Breakfast to showcase the City for new development possibilities in the realm of both retail and industrial. Businesses and realtors from all over the region were in attendance and had an opportunity to hear professionals to explain our business incentive programs and take a bus tour of the City. During these presentations we showed just how competitive Calumet City can be with surrounding communities and the state of Indiana. The sole purpose of this effort was to enhance our economic development options – a process by which the economic well-



Photo: Debbie Sellers

Municipal tax attorney Elizabeth Shine Hermes discusses property tax reduction incentives in a segment with Reggie Greenwood, seated on left, at the Developer's Breakfast on March 27, 2019. Greenwood is executive director of Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation.

being and quality of life in our communities are looked after and take priority. The outcome of this event brought forth new

development opportunities - including the new upscale event venue coming to the former Circuit City location.

City Readies to Set Course Down the Little Calumet River *Canoe Launch, Riverwalk, Fishing, Music and More Planned*



Photo: Erik Sprenne

Local paddler, Erik Sprenne, scouts the proposed canoe launch area, from Riverfront Park in South Holland to a little east of Torrence Avenue. The proposed launch and park would be just west of the Torrence Avenue bridge and south of Tilly's Pit & Pub barbecue restaurant.

Imagine paddling a canoe with family members and friends on a sunny afternoon with thick trees on either side of the water trail. After paddling for an hour down to one of the other take-out points on the Little Calumet River, such as the landing areas in South Holland, you turn around and return to other family members and friends – who has been enjoying games of disc golf and bocce ball at a park in Calumet City. When you are done at the park, you stop to eat, either in new picnic shelters or in one of the many restaurants by River Oaks Mall.

Calumet City understands that local parks are an integral part of a happy, healthy community. There are so many benefits that come from having high quality parks. The Boat Launch and Park Development proposed on land by the Little Calumet River (behind Tilly's) will be designed to have an abundance of green space and relaxing recreation areas which are critical to the wellbeing our City. In perhaps the most noticeable way, the City's new park program will provide beautiful green spaces to admire and feel safe.

The City submitted grant applications to IDNR's (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) OSLAD (Open Space and Land Acquisition and Development grant) and BAAD (Boat Access and Area Development grant) programs in August 2019. The City will develop this park on seven acres of City-owned land adjacent to

the Little Calumet River - including improvements to parking and road access - and trail linkage to 30 miles of existing trail which encompasses numerous communities within the south suburbs. The new park will include green gardens, landscape & seeding; public utilities; clearing of trees, stormwater facilities; and more. The project also includes a canoe launch development, wayfinding signs; Frisbee/disc golf; security system; band & picnic shelters; bathroom facilities; fishing pier; boardwalk; dog park area; bocce ball; site benches/trash receptacles; and a nature education component for children.

The City believes this park development will help the long-term preservation of the plant community within that area as a commitment to the environment. And the park will also provide attraction for tourism, help make the City more desirable for business and residential developments, and increase the property values of our residents and business owners. It will provide different cultures with a sense of community and an opportunity for interaction; ensure a good place for children to play outside and learn about nature; provide for our community's involvement in an array of activities and events; offer accessible recreation for the disabled and disadvantaged; allow for our community pride to grow; and also provide an area for pets to enjoy the outdoors with their owners.

The park will also provide attraction for tourism.

Thornton Township Provides Senior Transportation (Shopping & Doctors)

The City of Calumet City views its senior population with great importance – as transportation services are a major priority. Thornton Township’s senior transportation program is a curb-to-curb service provided by Thornton Township for Calumet City residents, 60 years of age and older. Service complies with all American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Service is available from 7 am to 6:15 pm, Mondays through Fridays. Transportation is provided from Calumet City to any point within Thornton Township and designated medical facilities outside of the Township. A three business day notice for appointments are greatly appreciated. Each one way ride is given for the suggested donation of \$1.00 (exact fare only please!)

The following is a list of the only major medical facilities outside the township that riders may be transported to (*subject to change – call Thornton Township for accuracy*):

- Community Hospital, 901 MacArthur Blvd., Munster
- DaVita Comprehensive Renal Service, 222 Douglas, Hammond
- Governors Highway Clinic, 17901 Governors Highway, Homewood
- Hammond Clinic 7905 Calumet Avenue, Munster
- MetroSouth Medical Center, 12935 South Gregory, Blue Island
- South Suburban Hospital, 17800 Kedzie, Hazel Crest
- St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Center (North), 5500 Hohman Ave., Hammond

**For appointments, call
708-339-9980 or
708-596-6040 x4011**

Shopping is also provided to the following locations on these specified days (*subject to change – call Thornton Township for accuracy*):

- Mondays: Halsted Street Shopping (Homewood) – return 2pm
- Tuesdays: Jewel/Osco, Walt’s, and Aldi’s (South Holland); and Ultra and Walmart (Lansing) – return 2pm
- Wednesdays: River Oaks-East & West (Calumet City) – return 2pm
- Thursdays: Call Thornton Township for more information
- Fridays: Pete’s Fresh Market (Calumet City)

All Township bus drivers have CDL (Commercial Drivers Licenses) and must comply with all IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) regulations and guidelines.

Learn How to Lower Your Property Insurance Rates

Homeowners and Businesses can advise insurance companies about Calumet City’s participation in the following three programs. These programs can help to lower your insurance rates:

a. The City of Calumet City’s Fire Department’s ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating is 3 (EXCELLENT!). The City is proud of its Fire Department because this rating determines how well our local fire department can protect our businesses AND homes. Insurance companies use the score to help set home and business insurance rates, as a home and business that are less likely to be severely damaged or destroyed by fire is cheaper to insure. your insurance rates.

b. Cal City participates in the CRS (Community Rating System) by FEMA. That rating is 5 (GOOD!). FEMA’s (Federal Emergency Management Agency) CRS program rewards flood risk reduction – it’s a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that make communities safer and lower flood risk.

c. The City of Calumet City participates as an annexed community in the Cook County Hazardous Mitigation Plan certified and approved by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). *The Cook County Hazard Mitigation Plan Mission includes identifying risks and sustainable cost-effective actions to mitigate the impact of natural hazards in order to protect the life, health, safety, welfare, and economy of the communities of Cook County.* On September 10, 2014, the Cook County Board approved the largest Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan (HMP) ever completed in the United States. Cook County’s Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) spearheaded the HMP planning process. And with that, this effort can help to reduce your property insurance costs.

Contact Calumet City’s Economic Development Department for more information.

Luxury Event Center Planned for Ring Road

D.A.'s, a restaurant and event center located in Orland Park, is expanding its operation to Calumet City. The Circuit City location is being proposed as a 500-capacity upscale event and banquet facility where weddings and large special occasions can take place. Currently the City has no venue of this caliber. In addition to their existing following of thousands of customers, D.A.'s will have the advantage of its new location – which is essential when choosing an event venue. Space requirements are usually the first thing event organizers determine when looking at venues, and the Circuit City location has plenty of space. And the

decoration ideas presented reflect the tone of most any upscale gathering - giving attendees the right impression that will last long after the event is over.

D.A.'s has been vetted by Orland Park and its current customer base.

From the experience there, we expect quality service. Customers often note that how they are treated and taken care of is what makes an event worth talking about. Therefore, this business is sure to be successful.



Concept Photo.



Photo: Richard Chambers

Owner Ollie Williams stands inside the new D.A.'s Deli & Dining, located at 1781 W. River Oaks Drive, Suite 100.



Photos: Provided

Concept Photo.

Wentworth Woods Slated for Demolition

The City plans to demolish the Wentworth Woods Shopping Plaza to improve the aesthetic value of the location, which impacts the surrounding neighborhoods. The current owners have neglected The Plaza for many years - as the City has tried to ensure code compliance.

The City administration is committed to abating any issue that may cause concerns that impact the value of our community. Therefore, the current condition of the plaza warranted the City to take emergency action to tear this building down!

The City will market the area to viable businesses and also seek residential development options that would enhance our quality of life. Nevertheless, in the meantime, open green space for recreation and beautification is proposed. This will help enhance the beauty and environmental quality of our neighborhoods.

As the City moves forward with economic and community development initiatives for the area, green and open space is still a priority, as we recognize that a future development will provide a connection between the City's social, cultural, environmental and economic considerations. In addition, the City is seeking grants and other resources to assist with ongoing efforts for demolition, green space, and future developments for the area.

U.S. Census: Can You Afford to Pass Up \$18,000 per Year?

Mayor Michelle recently appointed Aldermen Ramonde Williams and Michael Navarrete to serve as co-chairmen of the City's Complete Count Census Committee for 2020. Getting an accurate count of all residents is critical to Calumet City because state and federal funding is dependent upon the

number of residents we have. Census experts say each Calumet

Census experts say each Calumet City resident who is not counted costs \$18,000 in federal funds every year for 10 years.

City resident who is not counted costs \$18,000 in federal funds every year for 10 years. Therefore, we are asking everyone who lives in Calumet City to be counted within the 2020 Census.

The Census is more than just a "head count." It's what determines how congressional, legislative and aldermanic seats are apportioned, how state and federal dollars are distributed, where businesses choose

to ship products and where they build new stores. To do all that properly, the count needs to be accurate – and as Calumet City residents, we want to be a part of that accuracy. So, let's be counted!

We only get one chance every ten years to get this right! That is why it's critical for everyone to be counted. By law, the U.S. government

must count the number of people living in the United States every 10 years. Getting an accurate count is important because census numbers impact life in the United States in many ways - including our daily lives in Calumet City. For example, census data are often used to determine how much federal funding is allocated for important projects and services that benefit our City.

Because getting an accurate count is so important, the process is designed to be fast, easy, and safe. There are no worries to being counted! On average, it takes no more than 10 minutes to answer the questions on the census. However, if assistance is needed, please contact the City's Economic Development Department.

It is important to understand and to reiterate, the 2020 population numbers will shape how political power and how federal tax dollars will be shared in the U.S over the next 10 years. Businesses use Census Bureau data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores within our community – as this creates jobs. The City uses census data to ensure public safety and how we fight for future funding for our safety, infrastructure, schools and hospitals. ... The 2020 Census is important for you and our community, and each and every one of you can help.



2020

BE COUNTED!

#CalumetCityCensus

Calumet City Facts:

Motor Fuel Tax: are allocated by population. The more people the city has that are counted, the more road repairs that can be done each year for the next ten years!

LGDF Local Government Distributive Fund: The State of Illinois allocates a portion of State Income Tax dollars according to population. The more people that are counted, the more money the City will receive which will help to alleviate property taxes.

Calumet City Builds on Accredited College Internship Start Up

The City of Calumet City has partnered with Purdue University and the University of Illinois to help provide a quality level of higher education for local college students whose disciplines and/or majors include Urban Planning, Engineering, Economic Development, Public Policy, Public Administration, and other related programs. Other Colleges and Universities are welcome to participate in this partnership.

The City offers 14-week internships, at eight hours per week, to college students seeking to meet the volunteer, class credit, and/or internship requirements of their chosen majors as described above. Students must seek approval for college credit (or meeting another requirement for graduation) while working with the City during this specific timeframe.

Calumet City's Internship Program helps to build the City's professional capacity to bring in new businesses, expand existing businesses, and enhance quality of life. And, the



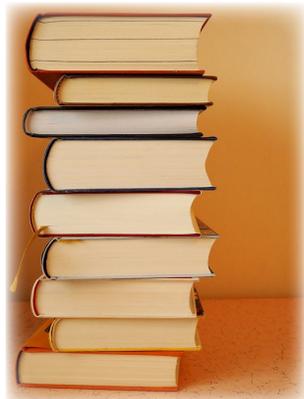
Internship Program provides professional experience to graduating seniors and graduate students who attend local colleges and universities and have completed coursework within these fields of study. Therefore, qualifying students carry out

work.

At Calumet City, we are committed to offering students a meaningful professional experience. Interns work alongside elected officials and professional staff in providing significant research and technical support for a variety of projects. Interns have the opportunity to learn about the many aspects of Public Administration.

Therefore, qualifying students carry out intense research and complex projects as well as related field work.

City Partners with Purdue Faculty to Study Zoning, Planning, Economic Development



In addition to the Internship program, the City has partnered with University professors and department heads with assignments allocated within the classrooms - that can provide insights into City administrative policy relative to zoning, engineering, economic development, comprehensive planning, and much more. There is no charge! After grades have been assigned, students are given permission to present their findings to the City Council and staff. Because students are supervised and taught by certified experts in the field, the City Council may utilize students' work efforts and pass findings from research as policy. Calumet City's collaboration with colleges and universities is unique to municipalities within the south suburban region.

Grant Funding Tapped for Streets, Lighting, and Sewer Projects

During this administration, the City has prepared grant applications that total nearly \$75 million, and has been awarded nearly 75% of that amount. Grants prepared assisted with public infrastructure relative to streets, lights, curbs, gutters, water, watermains, sewers, and much more. In addition, the City has received funding for youth summer programming and other community development initiatives. Within the last year alone, the City prepared \$8.4 million in grant applications that will aid in approximately \$13.5 million in city-wide public infrastructure projects including park development and a boat launch along the Little Calumet River. This City has shown the capacity to facilitate grant funding from other governments in a timely and efficient manner. Therefore, the County, State,

and Federal governments has shown a willingness to fund eligible projects in Calumet City.

A Shout Out to VFW Post 8141

The VFW submitted and received a Home Depot Grant for materials to remodel the Post's main hall. Alderman Navarrete was successful in working with School District 215 to create a partnership that allows Junior and Senior Construction Class Students to perform construction/installation of the materials for the new hall. These high school students will obtain real work experience in estimation, demolition, and construction. Furthermore, they will have the added pride of helping the neighborhood and our City's veterans. Work began on September 3, 2019 and is expected to be completed sometime in October.

Streets, Walks, Water, Lighting: A Decade of Success

Public infrastructure refers to facilities, systems, and structures that are owned and operated by Calumet City, Thornton Township, Cook County, State of Illinois, and the US Federal Government. This includes all infrastructural facilities that are open to the general public to use and not owned by private parties. Infrastructure includes basic facilities such as roads, water mains, sewers, street lights/electricity, and much more. This means we compete with the region for grant dollars from the County, State, and Federal government to keep maintain and keep these facilities viable.

Our state representatives and state senators – as well as our congresswoman and US senator – all play pivotal roles in helping our City secure county, state, and federal dollars that would improve our livability relative to transportation, lighting, and flood safety. So the commitment of our regional elected officials are crucial – we must work together. The City administration alone, we can't do it by itself.

We believe our state representatives

and senators understand that infrastructure is important for faster economic growth and alleviation of potential poverty in our community. Good roadways make a crucial contribution to economic development and bring important social benefits. They are of vital importance to our community. These legislators understand know that providing access to employment, social, health and education services makes a road network crucial in fighting against poverty.

We're pleased to announce the City of Calumet City has significant accomplishments in public infrastructure over the last 10 plus years. These projects have improved the aesthetics of our community, aided in economic development, and helped to enhanced the quality of life for many residents as well. And, we're moving forward with new housing programs, new retail, and expanding our industrial businesses base. Also, the City is aggressive with demolition dilapidated structures. The partnership with legislators who "love

this place" have made it possible

Our national elected officials speak of infrastructure quite often and the improvements needed throughout the country. However, we are not there yet with a significantly approved funding plan as of yet. Therefore, competing for additional funding is difficult at this time, but we continue to make the best possible case by submitting highly-eligible projects. Nevertheless, the City of Calumet City has facilitated tens of millions of dollars in public infrastructure improvements since 2008; and facilitated hundreds of millions in grant money over the past 30 years. To the right are just some of those past accomplishments since 2008.

The City understands, in addition to the aesthetic value of improved infrastructure, our local economy needs reliable infrastructure to connect supply chains and efficiently move goods and services across borders. Infrastructure connects households across metropolitan areas to higher quality opportunities for employment, healthcare and education.

A Decade of Success

- 2008:** State Line Road resurfacing; sewer maintenance and rehabilitation; combined sewer overflow rehabilitation, street lighting and street lighting upgrades; development of River Oaks Drive and Paxton Intersection and lighting; police and fire station parking lot improvements; city wide sewer rehabilitation – combined sewer separation - sanitary sewer and force main improvements; Ring Road and River Oaks Drive traffic signals; Sibley Boulevard and Exchange traffic signals; ground storage reservoir repaint jobs – water storage facility improvements at all locations;
- 2009:** Sewer maintenance and sewer rehabilitation; sewer rehabilitation and combined sewer overflow; combined sewer lining – site work and sewer rehabilitation; water supply line construction – water main improvements;
- 2010:** City wide roadway improvements and street resurfacing; Downey Park baseball field improvements – site work; updated red light cameral installation – traffic signals; city wide sewer video/sewer lining/sewer rehabilitation; storm sewer improvements and appurtenances – sewer video;
- 2011:** State Street water pump station replacement; Burnham Avenue fresh water lift system – water pumping station improvements; roadway resurfacing and improvements in various locations throughout the City; water main improvements Burnham Avenue Station; water storage facility painting and improvements including elevated tank;
- 2012:** Roadway resurfacing and improvements throughout the city in various locations; water main replacement revisions and study; water storage facility – underground water storage reservoir improvements; water main replacements in various locations throughout the City; sewer lining, sewer curing, sewer point repair - sewer rehabilitation throughout the City – flood mitigation; Calumet City redistricting; school zone improvements; water storage facility – ground water storage reservoir improvements; lighting improvements;
- 2013:** Traffic signals installation and improvements; roadway circulation review; roadway resurfacing and street improvements throughout the City; sewer televising program – sewer rehabilitation – sewer lining and repair; water storage facility improvements – elevated tank interior repairs within the City; implementation of Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program within the City;
- 2015:** Sewer rehabilitation; roadway resurfacing and improvements throughout the City;
- 2016:** Street lighting improvements and installation; roadway improvements and resurfacing throughout various locations within the City; water main improvements throughout the City including – supply water main installation;
- 2017:** Water main improvements and construction throughout various locations within the City; street light improvements and installation; sidewalk improvements and installation; sewer lining – sewer rehabilitation;
- 2019:** Sewer rehabilitation – sewer lining improvements; improvements to Yates pond stormwater pump station and upgrades – sanitary lift station; roadway improvements and upgrades throughout the City.

Cal City's TNR Program – A Humane Method for Stray Cats

What is TNR? Trap Neuter & Return

TNR is the most humane and effective method known for managing feral and stray cats and reducing their numbers within our community. The cats, who typically live together in a group called a colony, are trapped and brought to a veterinary clinic. They're then spayed or neutered, vaccinated for rabies where appropriate and ear tipped. After they've recovered from their surgeries, the cats are returned back to their original territory where a caretaker provides regular food and shelter. When foster or permanent homes are available, young kittens and friendly adults are removed and placed for adoption.

Because the cats can no longer reproduce, the colony has the potential to decline in size over time. Spaying and neutering also greatly reduce nuisance behavior. Once the cats are fixed - fighting, yowling and other noise associated with mating stops almost entirely. The foul odor caused by unaltered males spraying to mark territory disappears and the cats, no longer driven to mate, roam much less and become less visible. The cats themselves are healthier and less likely to spread feline diseases. Meanwhile, rodent control is maintained by the cats' continued presence.

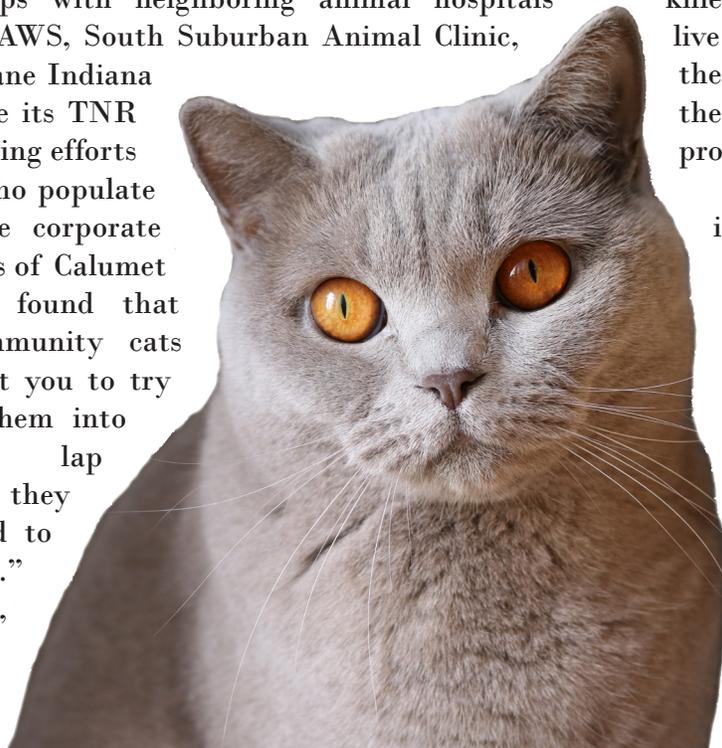
The City of Calumet City has established partnerships with neighboring animal hospitals such as NAWS, South Suburban Animal Clinic, and Humane Indiana to enhance its TNR programming efforts for cats who populate within the corporate boundaries of Calumet City. We found that most community cats don't want you to try to turn them into pampered lap cats, and they don't need to be "saved." In fact, what someone with

good intentions thinks of as a "rescue" could even lead to the death of a cat who was happy and healthy outdoors. The Calumet City administration wants what's best for the cats, and that means keeping them out of shelters where they will most likely be killed.

Cats have been living outdoors alongside people for many thousands of years, so they've gotten pretty good at it. Being outside isn't a mistake or a tragedy, it's simply the way of life for community cats. Community cats aren't homeless—their home is outdoors, where it's very possible that a community cat has spent her whole life - where the life expectancy can be up to 10 years outdoors. She has formed strong bonds with her home turf and the other cats in her colony.

There are stories about feral cats who were brought indoors and eventually "tamed." It's true, these instances exist, but it took years of work and an incredible amount of time—resources that could have been spent carrying TNR for hundreds of cats. And for every story of a successfully socialized adult feral cat, this administration has heard of 30 stories that went a different way - a feral cat who is miserable and unmanageable after being brought inside. Then taken to a shelter to be eventually killed. That's why the real solution is to let cats live peacefully outdoors. We have improved the lives of community cats and ensured their health and safety by means of TNR programming.

Calumet City understands that TNR improves the lives of cats, addresses community's concerns, reduces complaints about cats, and stops the breeding cycle. We hope this article addresses the community as to how TNR also improves the co-existence between outdoor cats and humans in our shared environment. To quote Anatole France: *"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."* Animals are living creatures of our society. Therefore, the community will continue to address the over-population of cats as humanely as possible.



Research Partnership with U of Illinois Nets National Recognition

Results of a research partnership between the City of Calumet City and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign studying green infrastructure solutions to urban flooding netted national recognition. A study from an elite team of soils, design, and engineering student researchers won an Honor Award in the Student Collaboration category of the 2019 American Society of Landscape Architects Student (ASLA) Awards, announced on October 1.

These students, along with professors and regional agency support spent the past year studying and visiting Calumet City as part of their work. The Calumet City study was one of 26 selected by the American Society of Landscape Architects from more than 350 submittals for consideration of a national Honor Award.

The Calumet City plans to use the study's data and recommendations as part of a mix of green and traditional approaches to tackling flooding issues. The City continues to partner with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District on grant opportunities to further the goal of eliminating all flooding in Calumet City.

The study, "Before the City, There Was the Sand: Designing a Resilient Calumet TER/RAIN," explores urban flooding in southern Chicagoland and how this has developed from the

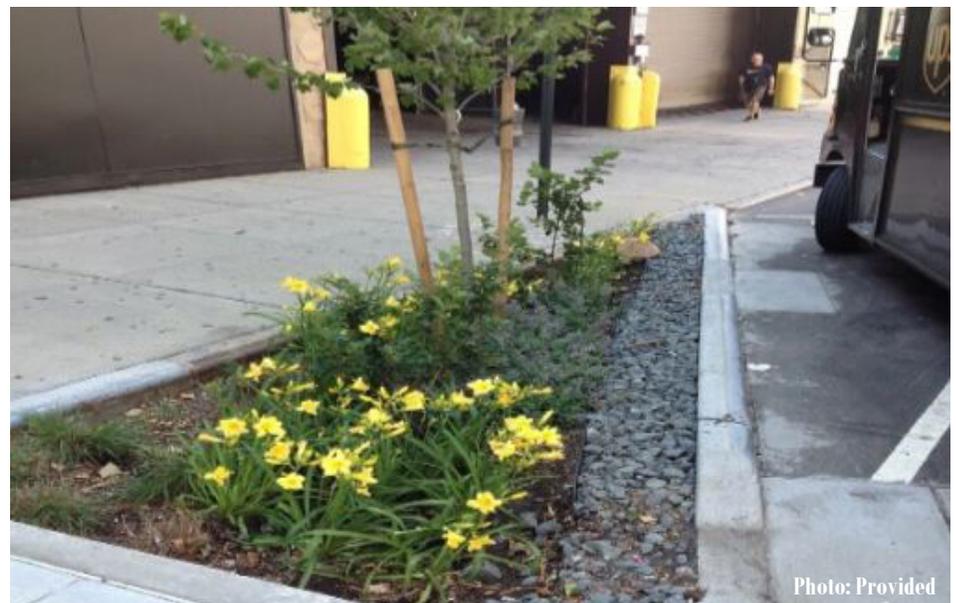


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Picture: Examples of green infrastructure.

region's geographical origins of beach ridges and dune-swale ecology. The study contains an in-depth look at the geography of 300 acres in a neighborhood of Calumet City

The study used several types of software to analyze the effects on the neighborhood from the interaction of the native soils with runoff reduction designs.

"Taking cues from the vanished landscape, the team developed a multi-faceted approach to stormwater management that uses a variety of designed surfaces, a palette of native plants, and inventive models for new green infrastructure in this flood-threatened neighborhood," the 2019 awards jury said.

FBI Stats Confirm Local Policing Methods Drive Change

Calumet City employs the most highly-trained, professional group of officers in the region. The Calumet City Police Department strives every day to serve, protect, and provide our residents and businesses with a sense of inclusion, safety, and security. Our Department continues to be a leader in innovation and technology to keep our community safe. New technologies, new methods, and new ideas have brought significant change to law enforcement. Calumet City police officers are driving that change, pioneering creative ideas, adapting to changing contexts, and incorporating insights from officers and our community partners.

The City is proud that crime is trending down according to UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) statistics maintained by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigations). Projected crime reporting for 2019 shows that total incidents are down approximately 50% since 2016.

The role of the police in Calumet City is the same as it's been ever since societies determined that they needed police - to maintain and to enforce laws by detecting and apprehending the members of the society who break those laws. Therefore, as part of law enforcement, Calumet City Police Officers have four major responsibilities: enforcing laws, preventing crimes, responding to emergencies, and providing support services.

The mission for every member of the Calumet City Police Department is to constantly seek and find ways to positively promote and preserve safety, but also deliver a feeling of community - while honoring the Constitutional and Civil Rights of all people. All



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Calumet City Police Department celebrates National Night Out.

members of the police department understand, accept, and are aligned with the responsibilities established by this mission. It provides the foundation upon which all the Department's decisions and directives are based – directives that include rules, regulations, operating policies, procedures, and practices. Most people willingly obey most laws, whether a police officer is present or not. They comply with the laws because they consider them fair and because they believe that in the long run - it is in their interest to observe them. We are indeed a society with the "rule of law" which is respected by most.

Remember, Calumet City's police officers are charged with preventing crime, reducing the fear of crime, and improving the quality of life for all citizens and business owners. Please continue to work with our police department - "When You See Something" "Say Something."

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Labor Day Parade



Technology, Training Keeps Calumet City Fire Department on Top

Calumet City's Fire Department is the premiere firefighting agency in the south suburbs of Chicago. It continues to employ the most up-to-date technology to save your life. The Department currently has over 50 career fire personnel where rescue efforts are the most important function. Our firefighters are trained to keep life safety as the #1 priority and have promised our community that they will endanger their lives to try and save another. So there is a continual of preparation. Members of the City's Fire Department are also paramedics, operating under the guidance of the Ingalls Hospital Emergency Medical Services System. Many members also participate in specialty rescue teams, including Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue, and Dive Teams. Not only are they highly trained, but they are sought out to train others.

What are the Goals of Fire Prevention and Fire Safety in Calumet City?

The most effective way of avoiding injury and damage by fire is the prevention of the fire in the first place. There are three main goals of fire prevention: a) as noted previously, the first and most important goal is life

safety, which is to prevent injury and loss of life. Human life and health always take top priority in an emergency; b) the second goal is to prevent property damage - though second to life safety, property damage should always be considered; and c) the final goal of fire prevention is the protection of operations. By preventing fires and limiting damage, the Department can assure that work operations will continue without interruption.

Calumet City's Fire Department is a member of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 24, which consists of 20 municipal departments. These departments, along with others, provide mutual aid to our town in the event of large incidents. The Villages of South Holland, Dolton, or Lansing Fire Departments provide automatic-aid on structure fires. The Department runs approximately 8,000 calls per year out of two stations.

Calumet City firefighters deem firefighting as a proud and noble calling that brings men and women together. These men and women have the common goal of protecting lives and property for those within the community they serve.



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The 2019 Horton Ambulance was placed in service May 2019 and the 2019 E One Engine is one of two placed in service February 2019.



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LED Street Light Program Boosts Public Safety, Savings

Calumet City is taking a new approach to saving energy and tax dollars with the replacement and installation of about 1000 new street lighting. Streetlights will be or have already been replaced citywide, but permitting is currently underway along state routes including on well-trafficked, high commercial zones Burnham Avenue, Sibley Boulevard, Dolton Road/State Street and Torrence Avenues. The higher quality, more reliable lighting will boost public safety in these areas.

In addition to using substantially less energy typically 50-75% less and saving the City on electrical cost, LED streetlights are expected to

last two to three times longer than the old high-energy use incandescent sodium vapor and mercury vapor lighting. The LED lighting reportedly provides better visibility at night and cut down on light pollution because they project downward instead of the light splaying upward as well. Many other communities who earlier installed LED streetlights had complained that the LED lights are too bright, but since then the technology has been fine-tuned and better LED lighting is now available.

The City is currently in the permitting process with the Illinois Department of Transportation so that it can work along the State Routes. The City hopes to have these new lights installed by Spring of 2020.

Farmer's Market Sprouts a Lot More than Just Fruits and Vegetables

The Calumet City-sponsored Farmer's Market was a success this year. The event was held every Wednesday from July 24th through September 25th, 2019, from 10am to 1pm - across the street from City Hall (Wentworth Ave. & Pulaski Road).

Nothing arouses the senses like walking into a heap of fresh fruits, vegetables and honeys. The atmosphere in Calumet City buzzes as our neighbors stop to chat while they choose between the reddest strawberries, sweetest scented pineapples and the deepest blue blueberries – and share their recipes with others. All of this as you revel in the fact that these products are the freshest of fresh and grown locally.

The history of farmer's markets begins over 5000 years ago on the banks of the Nile, where Egyptians would bring produce to be sold. Informal markets have been a part of American society since the Pilgrims of

Jamestown landed on Plymouth Rock. Settlers would gather in the town square and sell excess produce to other town dwellers. Pinpointing an exact date in history when the first modern farmers market opened is difficult since most lists are done by state, but the nineteenth century is around the time that farmer's markets became the community orientated shopping experience we know them as today.



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Why You Should Make the Farmer's Market Part of Your Summer Routine:

a. A Boost In Nutrition

Fruits and vegetables pack a healthy punch of vitamins, nutrients and minerals.

b. Supporting Our Community

There is something to be said about the importance of supporting local businesses, and local farmers are no exception. When you stop and shop at a farmers market, you are helping to support local growers and their families. The dollars you spend directly impact your local community and allow farmers to continue to provide fresh, sustainable produce directly from their farm to your family.

c. Variety of Vegetable & Fruit Options and Other Vendors

A trip to the Calumet City's farmers market will open your eyes to a plethora of seasonal fruits and vegetables that never find their way to your local grocery store. You can often find foods native to your area and more varieties of the produce you love.

d. Local Entrepreneurs and Vendors

In addition, local entrepreneurs and vendors provide an array of wares, goods and prepared foods at the most reasonable prices. Let's support them as well.

e. Environmentally Friendly

Food items in the United States travel an average of 1,500 miles to get to from farm to your table. From the fossil fuels, to the extra packaging required for shipping; food delivery has a big environmental impact. When you choose to shop locally for produce and food items, you are doing your part to help the environment.

f. Save Money

When you visit a grocery store, the cost for organic and sustainably grown produce can put a real dent in your pocketbook. But did you know that at a farmer's market, the cost for freshly picked, sustainably grown (and often organic) produce is just a fraction of the cost? It's surprising and true. Without the added overhead of rent, executive salaries and shipping costs, farmers can often charge much lower prices for the produce you love.

g. Learn New Recipes and Cooking Tips

Many who shop and volunteer at Calumet City's farmers market are eager to share helpful tips, recipes and information to help you get the most out of our purchase.

h. Get Outside into the Fresh Air

While the weather is still warm, take the opportunity to get outside. Visit with friends and other locals. Enjoy the community.

Calumet City is a Pet-Friendly Community

The City of Calumet City is certified as a pet friendly community by the “Better Cities for Pets” organization. The City encourages pet ownership and facilitates programs for stray dogs and cats. There is a sincere love for animals in this community; and most important, this Administration understands how pets can improve one’s health:

a. A healthier heart – dogs make it less likely to get heart disease because owners walk more and have lower blood pressure than people who don’t have dogs. Studies show that heart attack survivors and people with serious abnormal heart rhythms live longer if they own dogs than people with the same heart problems who don’t have pets.

b. Stress soothers - petting your cat or dog feels good. It can lower your blood pressure, help your body release a relaxation hormone, and cut down on levels of a stress hormone.

c. Social magnets - pets, especially dogs, can help you connect with other people. People stop and chat when you have a dog.

d. Better mood - people with pets are generally happier, more trusting, and less lonely than those who don’t have pets. They also visit the doctor less often for minor problems.

e. Benefits for baby’s immune system - babies raised in families that have pets may be less likely to get allergies and asthma, some studies show.

f. Social support for autistic children - when pets are in the classroom, kids tend to relate better to their classmates who have autism. Animals change the classroom environment and help to integrate those who are a little less typical to engage.

So let’s continue to build a pet-friendly community within each of our neighborhoods.



City-Owned Lots Eyed to Provide Millennials Housing Options

The future of our community is our young people. We will make them proud to live in Calumet City. We will provide housing options to come back home to after graduating college, or simply begin the responsibility of adulthood (living on their own) near family and friends who have known them all their lives. The City owns significant quantities of vacant, improved residential real estate concentrated in the northeastern and eastern portion of the City. There are also city-owned properties throughout the entire town.

Residential development of these parcels are consistent with a broader objective of attracting and retaining young adult residents will be beneficial to the City in terms of population demographics,

land usage, and general economic development. The purpose of this project concept is to validate this key development objective for the City and move forward with the viability of a Millennial Housing Program. The objectives of the program include: creating affordable housing units for young adults; identifying specific vacant, improved land owned by the City for this purpose; overcoming any challenges of a new housing development; and achieving a sustainable approach that will meet the housing needs of our young people. But most important, this program will be designed to bring our children home after college (or provide that first residence) by making available the kind of housing in which they would like to reside.

Mayor's Summer Youth Program Enriches Pockets and Minds

Each year Mayor Michelle sponsors a PAID summer youth program for (high school students) who reside in Calumet City. Our children have an opportunity to learn how its City administration works and the daily tasks, programs, and procedures required to provide residents and businesses with services and keep them safe.

There are five reasons why our summer program is important for the City's young people:

a) The program keeps youth's minds active over the summer months. With a general enrichment summer program that provides exercise for both the brain and the body, youth return to school in the fall ready to continue learning; not start over.

b) The program keeps our youth active! We live in an increasingly screen-centered world - televisions, computers, tablets, phones; but children need to move around to stay healthy! Our summer programs offers outside activities relative to real work activities—experience learned for a lifetime.

c) The program builds confidence and a positive attitude. We end the program with discussions about opportunities after high school graduation, and what

it takes to get into college. Discussions about trade school and other opportunities. And, the importance of getting good grades now – in order to qualify for college scholarships and other financial aid program packages.

d) The program offers tips in resume building upon completion - as well as discussions regarding the requirements, process, and procedures to get accepted into college. We offer references for jobs and schools as well.

e) The program allows youth to explore new interests. Unlike the classroom, we allow youth to choose activities in which they would like to participate. This choice and responsibility engage youth and allows them to learn and enjoy something new or delve deeper into something that might already be of interest.

f) Summer programs serve families too. The City's day program allows youth to work during regular work hours while most parents may be at work as well. Day programs keep children close to home and allow parents to communicate as often as they like with their children, staff, and the City.



Rosie and Her Rescue Dogs

Rose (Rosie) Bonato, Executive Assistant to Mayor Michelle, is one of Calumet City's renowned animal activists and a true lover of dogs. Rosie is someone who believes in justice for all animals. She does not condone animal testing, factory farming, and other systemic mistreatment of animals - nor does she believe in using harsh animal training methods or other pursuits that cause animals pain or discomfort.

With this compassion, kindness, and empathy; Rosie recognizes the rights of animals to exist and to be treated humanely. That's why she spearheads many efforts in this City to rescue dogs (and other animals) that have been abused, neglected, or abandoned. She does everything she can to protect, care, and re-home dogs from unnecessary euthanasia. Her heart breaks knowing how many animals are killed each day, each month, and each year because of neglect and cruelty - many times on purpose! However, one of Rosie's biggest faults in this quest, is naming these animals - not knowing if they will be ultimately killed or adopted. Sometimes she gets too close to loving them. Some of the neglect she has come across is absolutely horrifying....but she continues on with this work.

Rosie has rescued several dogs and cats, just within this last year. People call her from all over the region for help. They know her heartfelt diligence and commitment to do the best she can for these animals. And now, she has a network of resources and followers (all over the region) willing to assist in anyway possible.

Nevertheless, Rosie's compassion has led her to understand the many issues that lead to animal neglect. Sadly, in most cases, neglect comes from pet owners who did not have a clue what it meant (or what it takes) to own and care for a pet. It can be a 10- to 20-year commitment to care for a pet and its daily needs; and there is the expense of food, shots, pet doctor visits, and much more. She would not have to work so

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Rosie Bonato and Stallone spend time together.

tirelessly if people would take the time to learn the importance of caring of their pets.

Some people who buy dogs or other animals, take-in animals for whatever reason, or obtain a rescue dog; don't realize the commitment involved. Therefore, over 100 cats and over 100 dogs are abandoned or mistreated each month within our town. Many of these animals are killed on the streets or undergo euthanasia because owners simply change their minds. In the most horrendous cases, animals are thrown out of cars or left in parks to die!

Rosie explains, it should be understood, animals can't protect themselves from human neglect or cruelty. They don't have the tools or voices to declare their liberation from a bad situation or seek help. Consequently, humans that care - have to speak for them.

There are many different reasons why people abuse animals. Animal cruelty covers a wide range of actions (or lack of action), so one blanket answer simply isn't possible. Animal cruelty is often broken down into two main categories - active and passive: active cruelty implies malicious intent, where a person has deliberately and intentionally caused harm to an animal; and passive cruelty is typified by cases of neglect, where the crime is a lack of action rather than the action itself. However do not let the terminology fool you. Severe animal neglect can cause incredible pain and suffering to an animal.

Although the City implements TNR programming for cats (Trap-Neuter-Return). Rosie continues to look for and identify organizations that provide a sanctuary for feral cats who are unable to be returned to colonies due to extenuating circumstances and for special needs cats.



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Rosie Bonato and Taz spend time together.

Doggone It, Run the Numbers Before You Run Out to Buy a Pet

According to an article written by David Weliver for "Money Under 30", below are some costs that can help you answer this question.

One-Time Pet Expenses

Spaying or Neutering: Dog: \$200 / Cat: \$145
Initial Medical Exam: Dog: \$70 / Cat: \$130
Collar or Leash: Dog: \$30 / Cat: \$10
Litter Box: Cat: \$25
Scratching Post: Cat: \$30
Carrying Crate: Dog: \$60 / Cat: \$40
Training: Dog: \$110
Total One-time Costs: Dog: \$565 / Cat: \$365

Annual Pet Expenses

Food: Dog: \$120/ Cat: \$145
Annual Medical Exams: Dog: \$235 / Cat: \$130
Litter: Cat: \$200
Toys and Treats: Dog: \$55 / Cat: \$25
License: Dog: \$15
Pet Health Insurance: Dog: \$225 / Cat: \$175
Miscellaneous: Dog: \$45 / Cat: \$30
Total Annual Costs: Dog: \$695 / Cat: \$705

According to this report, the total first-year cost of owning a dog is \$1,270 and for a cat it's \$1,070. As you can see, having a pet can cost you over \$1,000 in the first year, and well over \$500 each additional year. Depending on the food you buy and sudden medical expenses, the costs could be much higher. Furthermore, these tables are not inclusive. If you travel, tack on pet sitting or kennel services, and if you rent an apartment, expect to pay a sometimes no refundable pet deposit or cleaning fee, if your landlord allows animals at all.

Remember what Rosie says when you make the commitment to own a dog: "Dogs keep us happy and healthy. The relationship you have with your dog is good for your heart and your soul. Positive feelings, increased activity, affection and security are the building blocks of a happy and healthy life. Coming home to a dog helps reduce stress and walking a dog can help keep you healthy. The love between a dog and its owner is unconditional and protected."

Recycling Update: Future Looks Green for Next Generations

Calumet City has made a commitment to the environment. The City has partnered with Republic Services to facilitate its recycling program. So what is recycling? Recycling is the process of breaking down and re-using materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash. Calumet City has made it easy to recycle by providing bins for home and business owners who have curbside pickup.

There are numerous benefits to recycling, and with so many new technologies making even more materials recyclable, with everyone’s help - we can continue to clean up our town. Recycling not only benefits the environment but also has a positive effect on the City’s economy.

The benefits of recycling are far reaching and everybody gains when our residents and business owners adopt recycling as an everyday habit:

Environmental Benefits:

- By recycling people can prevent millions of tons of material from entering landfills - saving space for garbage that cannot be re-purposed. Landfills not only pollute the environment but also hampers the beauty of our earth.
- The pollutants that are released into the air and water can be greatly reduced with an increase in recycling.
- Greatly reduces the amount of energy used daily by not needing to produce new materials. In short, recycling reduces the greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.
- If for absolutely nothing else, recycling keeps litter overflow to a minimum - keeping the Earth looking beautiful.
- In terms of energy, a single light bulb can be powered for up to four hours with the energy saved from one recycled glass bottle.
- Conserves the Earth’s natural resources like raw materials, minerals, trees, etc.

Economic Benefits:

- Because the City’s program is properly run, the process costs our government taxpayers and business owners less money than waste programs.
- Studies show that by continuing to increase positive recycling habits, the United States can create over one million jobs annually.
- People can even make money by collecting approved materials to a nearby recycling facility that will pay for the product.
- For every one job created in the waste management industry, recycling creates four.

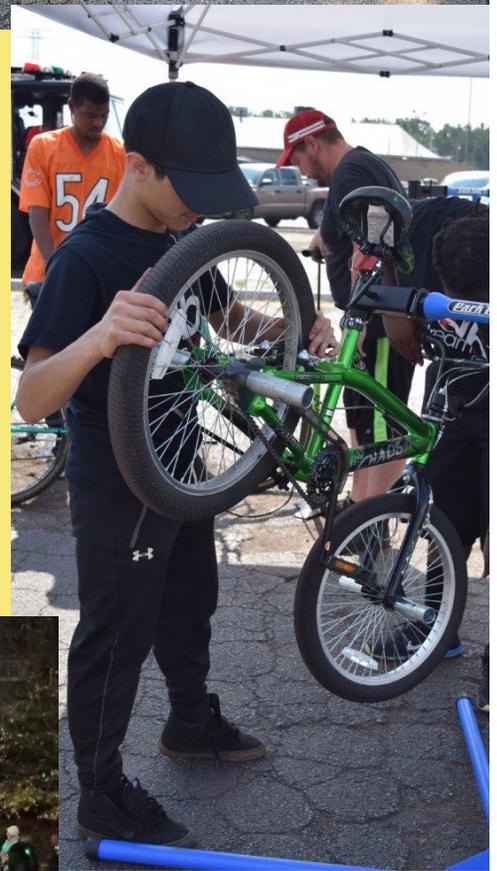
Calumet City Trash/Recycle Tonnage:

2016	Recycled: 955 Tons	Trash: 5,815 Tons	Total: 6,770 Tons	Diversion Rate: 14%
2017	Recycled: 1,870 Tons	Trash: 10,868 Tons	Total: 12,638 Tons	Diversion Rate: 15%
2018	Recycled: 1,766 Tons	Trash: 11,173 Tons	Total: 12,939 Tons	Diversion Rate: 14%
2019	As of August 28, 2019 Recycled: 785 Tons	Trash: 4,509 Tons	Total: 8,004 Tons	Diversion Rate: 10%

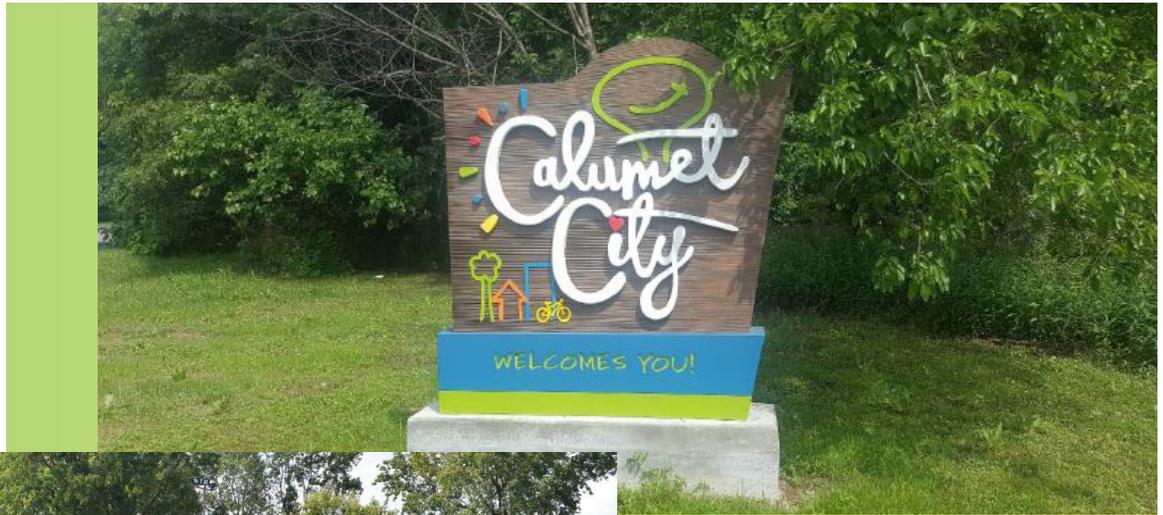
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Thanks to all who have participated in Calumet City’s recycling program. You have shown just how much you love this place!

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Dates to Remember...

- November 5, 2019 (Tuesday).....Election Day
- December 6, 2019 (Friday).....Christmas Tree Lighting Holiday Event at City Hall
- December 24, 2019 (Tuesday).....Christmas Eve – City Hall CLOSED
- December 25, 2019 (Wednesday).....Christmas Day
- January 1, 2020 (Wednesday).....New Year’s Day – City Hall CLOSED
- January 20, 2020 (Monday).....Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 2020.....Black History Month (Created 1926)
- February 17, 2020 (Monday).....President’s Day – City Hall CLOSED
- March 2020.....Women’s History Month (Created 1987)
- March 2, 2020 (Monday).....Casimir Pulaski Day – City Hall CLOSED
- March 17, 2020 (Tuesday).....Primary Election Day
- April 1, 2020 (Wednesday).....CENSUS DAY
- April 10, 2020 (Friday).....Good Friday – City Hall CLOSED
- April 20, 2020 (Monday).....LAST DAY TO REPLY TO CENSUS
- May 25, 2020 (Monday).....Memorial Day – City Hall CLOSED
- July 3, 2020 (Wednesday).....Freedom’s Eve Fire Works
- July 4, 2020 (Thursday).....Independence Day – City Hall CLOSED
- August 4, 2020 (Tuesday).....National Night Out (Sponsored by Calumet City Police Department)
- September 7, 2020 (Monday).....Labor Day Parade @ 10am
- September 15 thru October 15, 2020.....Hispanic Heritage Month (Created 1968)
- October 2020.....LGBT History Month (Created 1994)
- October 2020.....Polish American Heritage Month (Created 1981)
- October 2020.....Fire Prevention Month (Sponsored by Calumet City Fire Department)
- October 12, 2020 (Monday).....Columbus Day – City Hall CLOSED
- November 3, 2020 (Tuesday).....Election Day
- November 11, 2020 (Wednesday).....Veteran’s Day (11am Service, American Legion)
- November 26, 2020 (Thursday).....Thanksgiving Day – City Hall CLOSED
- November 27, 2020 (Friday).....Friday (Day after Thanksgiving) – City Hall CLOSED

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