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PETER BENDINELLI
1976 - 2025

HE WAS A LOYAL MEMBER OF THE CALUMET
CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 27 YEARS.
HIS BRAVERY, LEADERSHIP, AND DEVOTION
TO SERVICE WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.
HIS LEGACY WILL LIVE ON IN THE
COMMUNITY HE PROTECTED.

GONE FROM OUR SIGHT,
BUT FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS.



STAY THE COURSE, FINISH STRONG,
EVERYTHING WILL BE OK.

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FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear Calumet City Residents,

I hope this letter finds you well as we approach the spring and summer season. As your Mayor, I am pleased to share several upcoming events and important notices with you.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 7, 2026, as we prepare for our annual "National Day of Prayer Breakfast" taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Calumet City Public Library, located at 660 S. Manistee Avenue. This highly anticipated event is free and open to the public, offering a faith-filled morning of fellowship, prayer, and community. All residents are encouraged to attend.

With the arrival of warmer weather, Public Works will begin installing speed bumps in the coming weeks to enhance traffic safety and help protect our residents. Should any resident like to have a speed bump installed, we encourage you to contact your local alderman, who remains a vital partner in ensuring your needs are addressed promptly and effectively.

In our continued efforts to keep you informed and connected; I encourage you to subscribe to Calumet City's YouTube Channel and follow us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityOfCalumetCity> for more details on upcoming events. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact my office at mayoroffice@calumetcity.org or by phone at (708) 891-8106. Please visit our library to learn more about upcoming classes, programs, and events available for you and your family.

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

Thaddeus M. Jones
Mayor, City of Calumet City





DE SU ALCALDE

Estimados residentes de Calumet City:

Espero que esta carta los encuentre bien a medida que nos acercamos a la temporada de primavera y verano. Como su alcalde, me complace compartir con ustedes varios eventos próximos y avisos importantes.

Marquen sus calendarios para el jueves 7 de mayo de 2026, mientras nos preparamos para nuestro evento anual del "Desayuno del Día Nacional de la Oración" que se llevará a cabo de 9:00 a. m. a 11:00 a. m. en la Biblioteca Pública de Calumet City, ubicada en el 660 S. Manistee Avenue. Este evento, muy esperado, es gratuito y abierto al público, y ofrece una mañana llena de fe, compañerismo, oración y comunidad. Se alenta a todos los residentes a asistir.

Con la llegada del clima más cálido, el Departamento de Obras Públicas comenzará a instalar reductores de velocidad en las próximas semanas con el fin de mejorar la seguridad vial y ayudar a proteger a nuestros residentes. Si algún residente desea solicitar la instalación de un reductor de velocidad, le animamos a contactar a su concejal local, quien sigue siendo un socio vital para garantizar que sus necesidades sean atendidas de manera pronta y eficaz.

En nuestro continuo esfuerzo por mantenerlos informados y conectados, los invito a suscribirse al canal de YouTube de Calumet City y a seguirnos en nuestra página de Facebook en <https://www.facebook.com/CityOfCalumetCity> para obtener más detalles sobre los próximos eventos. Si tienen alguna pregunta o inquietud, no duden en comunicarse con mi oficina a través del correo electrónico mayorsoffice@calumetcity.org o por teléfono al (708) 891-8106. Por favor, visite nuestra biblioteca para obtener más información sobre las próximas clases, programas y eventos disponibles para usted y su familia.

Espero tener noticias tuyas y de su familia pronto.

Atentamente,

Thaddeus M. Jones
Alcalde, Ciudad de Calumet City





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS - THURSDAY

- April 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- April 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- May 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- June 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

CITY HALL CLOSED - HOLIDAYS

- Friday, April 3, 2026, Good Friday
- Monday, May 25, 2026, Memorial Day
- Friday, June 19, 2026, Juneteenth

EMERGENCY 911

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

CITY DEPARTMENTS & IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- (708) 891-8199 Animal Control
- (708) 862-6220 Calumet City Library
- (708) 862-6440 Calumet Memorial Park District
- (708) 891-8116 Clerk's Office
- (708) 891-8139 Community & Economic Development
- (708) 891-8190 ESDA
- (708) 891-8120 Inspectional Services
- (708) 891-8113 Personnel
- (708) 891-8135 Purchasing
- (708) 891-8161 Public Works
- (708) 385-8252 Republic Services (Garbage)
- (708) 891-8161 Sewer Maintenance
- (708) 891-8130 Treasurer's Office
- (708) 891-8121 Water Department/Billing
- (708) 891-8155 Water Service Department

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UPDATES FROM CALUMET CITY ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL MEMBERS



ALDERMAN RAMONDE D. WILLIAMS 4TH WARD
CHAIRMAN, FINANCE

Dear 4th Ward Residents,

I hope this message finds you and your families well. It is my continued honor to serve you and to help strengthen the connection between our residents and local government. I would like to personally invite each of you to stay actively engaged in our community by attending our regular meetings and forums designed to keep you informed and involved.

WARD COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Please join me, along with Calumet City department heads, managers, and administrators, for our 4th Ward Community Meetings, held on the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (excluding holidays and consecutive holiday weekends). Meetings are held at the Calumet City Public Library - 660 Manistee Avenue. These meetings are a great opportunity to receive updates, ask questions, and share your thoughts directly with city leadership.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Residents are also encouraged to attend the Calumet City Council Meetings, which take place on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Calumet City Hall - 204 Pulaski Road.

COMMUNITY UPDATES & INITIATIVES

Our office is currently engaged in ongoing negotiations with our refuse service provider, and the City Council has approved the solicitation of Requests for Proposals, with the primary goal of improving services while identifying opportunities to save taxpayer dollars. We are committed to ensuring residents receive quality service at the most efficient cost possible and will continue to keep you informed as discussions progress.

Additionally, we are in the planning stages of an upcoming sidewalk repair program aimed at improving safety and walkability throughout the 4th Ward. If you would like your property to be considered for this program, please contact my office at (708) 891-8194 to be placed on the consideration list. This program applies to the area between the sidewalk/parkway and the street (excluding private property).



ALDERWOMAN SHALISA HARVEY
1ST WARD
CHAIRMAN, PERMITS & LICENSES

Thank you for continuing to attend our Town Hall meetings and sharing your concerns. Please be on the lookout for the next meeting date.

In addition, please look for information about the following events: Spring/Summer Ward clean and the Juneteenth event that will take place on June 19th.

As your Alderwoman, my goals are simple but vital: to listen, to lead with integrity, and to work hard for the progress and well-being of our ward and our entire city. I encourage everyone to come out to the town hall meetings as I am here to be your voice and your advocate—committed to transparency, collaboration, and results that reflect the values we share.

Together, we will focus on improving city services, supporting local businesses, strengthening public safety, and enhancing the quality of life for all residents. Please stay involved with your ward and your city—let's take pride in where we live!

We honor the past, but we build the future.
We're not waiting for change. **We are the change.**
The New Cal City!

Shalisa Harvey,
Alderwoman, 1st Ward
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For residents seeking opportunities for recycling, paper shredding, or secure data destruction services, please reach out to our office for more information on available programs and upcoming events.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY RESOURCE EVENT – RECYCLING AND FREE FOOD GIVEAWAY (FGCC & LCCC)

Saturday, May 9, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Calumet City Public Library

This event is a great opportunity to access valuable resources, dispose of recyclable materials, and receive free food items while supplies last.

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Friday, June 19, 2026 | 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Calumet City Public Library

Join us as we celebrate Juneteenth, commemorating freedom, culture, and community. All residents are encouraged to attend this meaningful and festive occasion.

SSC ADULT & SENIOR EDUCATION

Residents interested in continuing education, workforce development, or senior learning opportunities are encouraged to contact South Suburban College (SSC) Adult & Senior Education Programs for more information at (708) 596-2000 or www.ssc.edu. These programs offer valuable resources for personal growth, skill-building, and lifelong learning.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

I would like to take a moment to publicly acknowledge Joan Stephanie Boone (4th Ward Administrator) for her proven commitment to the City of Calumet City and 4th Ward and the greater Chicagoland area. Her dedication and service continue to make a meaningful impact in our community. I am also proud to recognize the following individuals as 4th Ward School Board Members of the Year (School District #149) for their outstanding leadership and service in education:

Shonda DeVasher-Williams

Algie Crivens

L'Tanya King

Your voice matters, and your participation helps shape the future of our community. Staying informed and involved ensures that we continue to move the 4th Ward and all of Calumet City forward together. Thank you for your continued support, engagement, and commitment to making our community a great place to live.

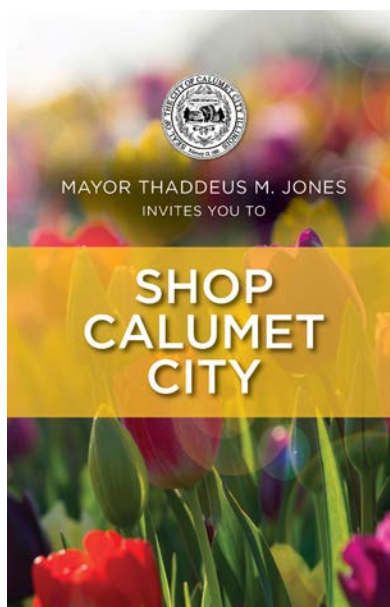
Ramonde D. Williams

Alderman / Deputy Mayor, 4th Ward, Calumet City

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SHOP CALUMET CITY

We are excited to announce that the Spring edition of the Shop Calumet City coupon booklet will be available for residents to pick up at the Calumet City Clerk's Office beginning the second week of April. This quarterly booklet features valuable discounts and promotions to encourage residents to support and explore our local businesses. If you are a business owner that is interested in participating, please contact Shanice Monterrubio at stolbert@calumetcity.org for more information.



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT VIDEOS

We are pleased to introduce our new Business Spotlight video series, highlighting local business owners and the services they provide to our community. These videos will be shared across the City's social media platforms and featured on the city website as they become available. Be sure to follow along and discover the diverse businesses that make our community a vibrant place to live and shop. If you are a business owner interested in participating, please contact Shanice Monterrubio at stolbert@calumetcity.org for more information.

PROM SEASON IS HERE!

As you may know, Thornton Fractional North High School is located right here in Calumet City. View the flyer on the following page to learn how you can support students in your local community this prom season.

On behalf of the Office of Mayor Thaddeus Jones and the City of Calumet City, we are reaching out to request your support for our



DRESS OUT THE BOX

INITIATIVE

This program helps local students attend prom with confidence by providing formal attire to those who may not otherwise have access. **We are seeking donations of new or gently used prom dresses, dress shoes, and tuxedos.**

Your generosity will help ensure that every student can celebrate this important milestone feeling proud and prepared. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and will directly benefit youth in our community. **If you are able to support this initiative, please respond by April 1. All donated items are requested to be submitted by April 20.**

DONATION DROP OFF:
542 PULASKI RD, CALUMET CITY, IL
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

If you are within a reasonable distance and are unable to drop off your donation, arrangements can be made for your items to be picked up instead. Thank you for considering supporting the "Dress Out The Box" initiative and helping make prom a memorable experience for our students.

For more info contact Shanice Monterrubio • Phone (773) 490-9208 • stolbert@calumetcity.org



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING

As we begin this highly anticipated season, we look forward to continuing to serve our community and working together to beautify your property and our city.

GARBAGE

In accordance with Section 74-33 of the Calumet City Municipal Code, it shall be unlawful to dispose of any garbage, refuse or ashes except in a disposal device, properly constructed and operated, or in a lawfully established garbage or refuse dump. Such material not so properly disposed of shall be placed in containers for collection by the city as prescribed in this article.

ROOF

This is a good time to have your roof inspected by a license and bonded contractor to determine if there are any leaks or repairs needed.

SEWERS

Please help keep our city sewers clear by ensuring they are free of garbage, debris, and yard waste.

GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

Please remember to keep them clean and free of debris to ensure proper drainage.

UPDATES

For more information and the latest updates, please visit our office at 670 Wentworth Avenue or the City's website at www.calumetcity.org.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE

- Rental Inspection
- Annual Rental Code Compliance
- Contractor Registration
- Permit Applications (all trades)

- Point of Sale Inspection
- Vacant Building Registration Form
- Business Inspection Guidelines
- Flood Prevention
- Comprehensive Land Use Zoning Map
- Overhead Sewer Rebate Program Form
- Property Maintenance
- Business Inspection
- Transfer Stamp processing

CONTRACTORS

All contractors must be licensed with the City of Calumet City before starting any work for a business or resident.

RENTALS

If you are a landlord, you are required to participate in the City's rental program.

POINT OF SALES

If you are planning to sell or purchase a home, you must obtain a Point-of-Sale packet, which will outline the process for completion.

To apply for a permit, contractor registration, annual rental inspection or need to obtain a Point-of-Sale packet please visit our website at www.calumetcity.org.

We are here to serve our residents and encourage you to explore our city website, which provides detailed information about the services we offer.

For more information or questions about our services, please visit our office at 670 Wentworth Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (excluding holidays). You may also visit our website www.calumetcity.org or contact us by phone or email at (708) 891-8120, dis@calumetcity.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

The City of Calumet City is happy to share that our spring services are starting soon!

Street sweeping and speed bump installation will begin on April 1, with priority given to school areas. Curb painting is scheduled to start in the third week of April.

Residents may submit tree trimming or removal requests to the Public Works Department for review. For limb pickup, please contact Public Works and indicate whether the branches are located on the parkway or in the alley.

Grass restoration will begin in the second week of April. If your parkway needs attention, Public Works is here to assist.

For bulk item pickup (three or more), please contact Public Works. For single large item pickup (one item per week), kindly contact Republic Services the day prior to your regular garbage pickup.

If you notice any potholes, please report them to Public Works Department. Alley grading is scheduled to begin during the second week of April.

Recycling services are available year-round at the Public Works facility, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you see any illegal dumping or trash, please report it to the Public Works office.

We appreciate your continued support in helping keep our community clean, safe, and beautiful!

Commissioner Jerico Thomas

Department of Public Works
1701 Dolton Road
(708) 891-8160

SEWER DEPARTMENT

As we welcome the spring season, we are reminded that the weather can be unpredictable – bringing rain one day and warmer temperatures the next. You may also notice that some autumn leaves remain, along with falling tree seeds (commonly known as “whirlybirds”).

During periods of rain, these materials can clog sewer basins, which may lead to street flooding. We kindly ask residents to help keep nearby sewer basins clear of debris to ensure proper water flow and reduce the risk of flooding.

Additionally, please take a moment to check that your sump pump is functioning properly. A working sump pump helps keep water away from your home’s foundation and prevents potential flooding.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping keep our community safe and well-maintained.

Have a wonderful and dry summer! If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at (708) 891-8155.



CALUMET CITY WATER DEPARTMENT

SHUTTING OFF THE WATER: HOW TO FIND THE MAIN WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE

The Main Water shut-off valve controls the flow of water into your entire home. It is typically located where the main water line enters your house—often in the basement, a utility area, or near your water heater.

COMMON LOCATIONS FOR THE SHUT OFF VALVE:

Basement: In homes with basements, the shut-off valve is usually found along the foundation wall, near where the main water line enters the house.

Utility Room: If your home does not have a basement, check the garage or a utility closet. The valve is often mounted on an interior wall or near the water heater.

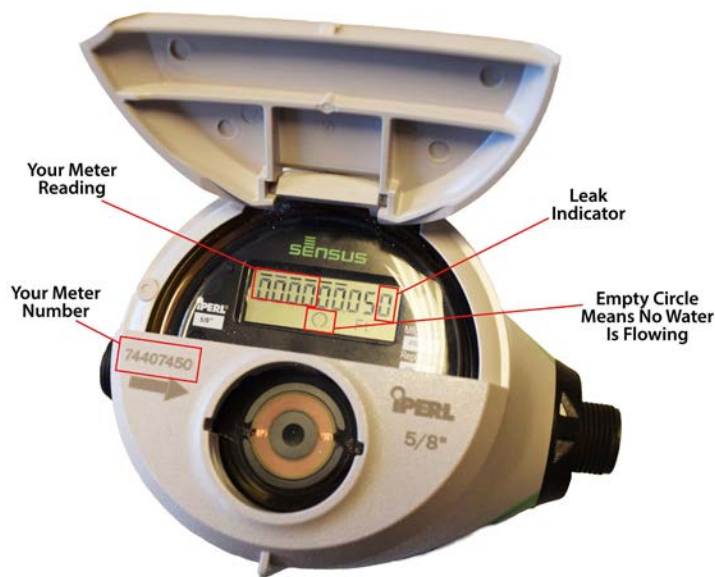
Crawl Space: In some homes, the shut-off valve is located in a crawl space, typically close to the entry point of the main water line.

IDENTIFYING THE MAIN WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE

Type of Valve: The main shut-off valve is typically a ball valve with a lever handle that turns 90 degrees. When the handle is parallel to the pipe, the valve is open; when it is perpendicular the valve is closed. In older homes, you may find a round gate valve, which requires multiple turns to open or close. For maintenance purposes, it's a good idea to turn the valve once a year to ensure it operates properly when needed.

Water Meter: If your home has an indoor water meter, the shut-off valve may be located on one or both sides of the meter.

Act Quickly: Knowing the location of your shut-off valve before an emergency occurs can save valuable time during a plumbing crisis. If a pipe bursts or an appliance malfunctions, quickly shutting off the water can help minimize property damage and reduce repair costs.



HOW TO READ YOUR WATER METER

Reading your Sensus water meter is simple once you understand what to look for. It helps you track your water usage and detect possible leaks in your home.

LOCATING AND IDENTIFYING YOUR METER

Your water meter is typically located inside your home in the basement, or in a hall closet (for slab homes).

Look for the protective cover and tab on the side, top of the meter. Lift the cover to view the digital display. The display shows a series of numbers that track water usage. Read the first four numbers from left to right. These numbers represent water usage in thousands of gallons. The fourth number indicates the thousand-gallon unit used for billing.

The numbers to the far right represent individual gallons and will move more frequently when water is being used. You can tell if water is flowing in two ways:

1. Moving Numbers: If the numbers on the right are changing, water is currently being used
2. Flow Indicator: Many meters have a small symbol (often a "+" sign). If it is visible, water is flowing

Tip: If the flow indicator is active when no water is being used, you may have a leak.

COMMON SOURCES OF LEAKS

If you suspect a leak, check your toilets, humidifiers and outdoor hose bibs (spigots).

Regularly checking your water meter can help you track your water usage, identify leaks early and prevent high water bills. Staying aware of your water usage is a simple step that can save money and protect your home.



TEEN REACH YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

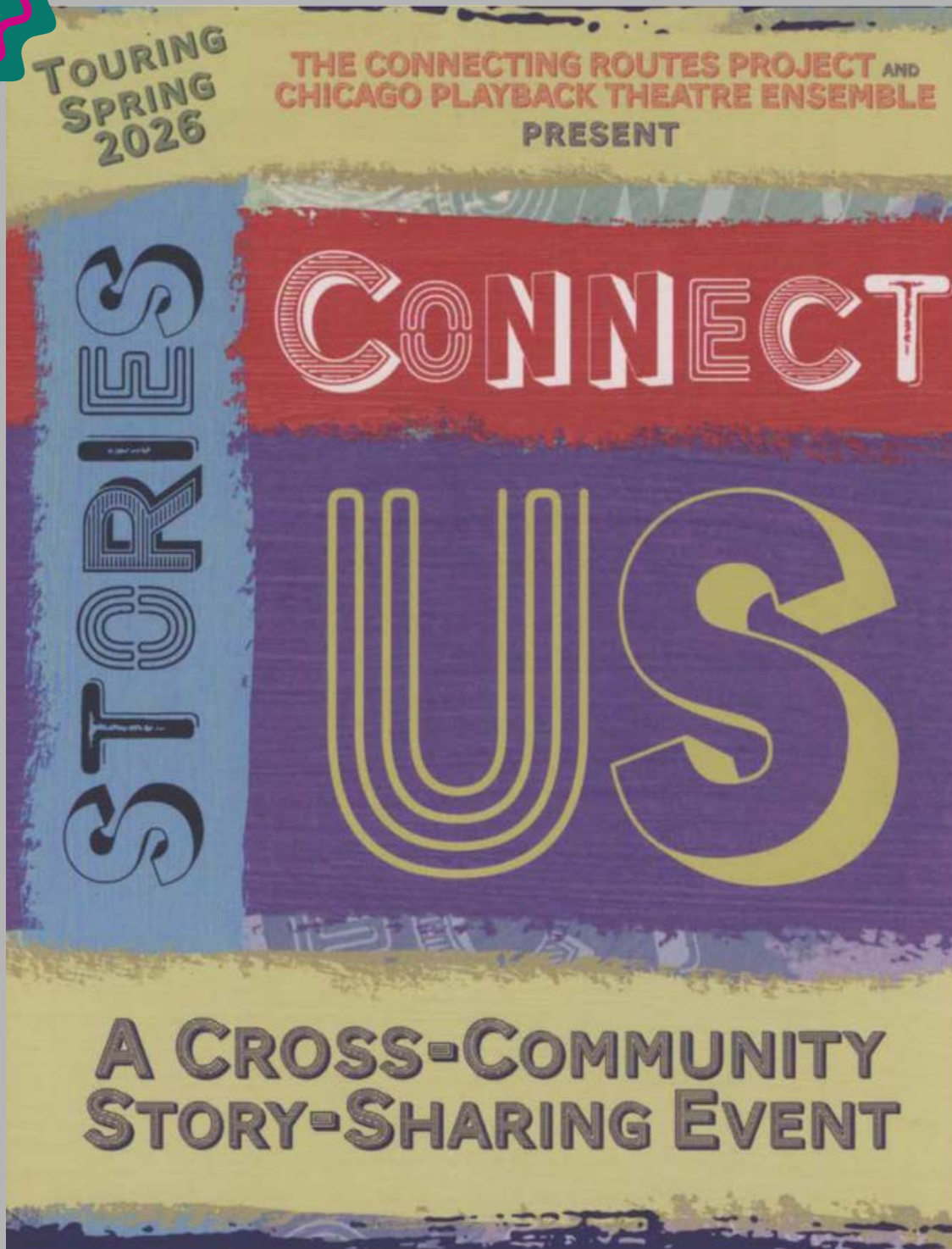
Graduating from winter to spring, the Teen REACH program has stepped into new and exciting activities. From analyzing anatomy, sharpening life skills, and enhancing their quality of life through outdoor yoga, the sky is the limit!

The girl's mentorship program experienced "Career Speed Dating" and a Women's Empowerment Luncheon honoring one of their very own, Yosan Tesfalidet, as a Community Champion. Teen REACH Director and First Lady Saprina Jones was celebrated in true royal fashion fit for a Queen during her birthday and surrounded by those who admire

her most. The quarterly Open Closet Extravaganza, led by youth, continue to flourish and provide the community with endless resources and opportunities. The youth program also presented major success at the "Bring the Calendar to Life" Black History Month ceremony. Additionally, the program and community stakeholders are currently preparing to debut the Teen Reach Shark Tank saga. This series highlights efforts in public speaking, growing confidence, marketing, and strategy.

The youth also enjoy playing as hard as they work through engaging team-building exercises and recreational fun in the sun. Stay tuned to see where the program will go next!





Mayor Thaddeus Jones and the Calumet City Teen REACH program invite you to a **FREE** performance of storytelling and improvisational theatre interpreted onstage by the Chicago Playback Theatre Ensemble. Residents will get to share memorable stories from their lives and watch the stories enacted on the spot by actors.

Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m.



CALUMET CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Calumet City Fire Department would like to give you a peek at what's happening at our Public Safety Training Center, located at 24 State Street.

On April 4, our facility was formally rededicated as the Peter J. Bendinelli Public Safety Center, honoring the life and legacy of our beloved Deputy Chief, who passed away last year following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Deputy Chief Bendinelli dedicated 26 years of service to this Department, leaving a lasting impact on our organization and the fire service community both locally and nationally. He was deeply committed to the growth, professionalism, and well-being of the Department and its members. Among the many initiatives he championed, the Training Center stands as a lasting testament to his vision, leadership, and unwavering support — ensuring that future generations of firefighters are prepared to serve with excellence. The Peter J. Bendinelli Public Safety Training Center will be a busy hub of training activity in April.

- The Chicago Fire Department Professional Firefighters Local 2 is on-site with delivery of their Hazardous Material Technician class for 3 weeks over the course of the month.
- Calumet City Fire Department firefighters who use the facility weekly and will be conducting RTF Class – An EMS-based Active Shooter Response class to keep our responders ready for trauma-based medical calls.
- The Calumet City Fire Department Training Division, whose office is based on-site, is hosting our 6th year of Recruit School with 12 candidates from across the area and our own department.
- The Prairie State (April 4 & April 25) and Merrionette Park (April 25) Fire Academies are being hosted on opposing weekends, conducting live fire training with their classes.
- The Calumet City School of Firefighting, which trains firefighters outside of our department, is based at the facility and is conducting an Advanced Firefighter Technician Class during the last week of April.
- For Calumet City residents, save the date for April 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., we are hosting a FREE CPR/AED class. Please sign up at <https://calumetcity.org/dept-direct/fire-department/> or scan the QR Code here.
- We are hosting a Drone Pilot Class for First Responders that allows the use of these dynamic pieces of equipment in service at emergency incidents.
- The Fire Department is proud to announce that seven new recruits are attending our Recruit School



this month, where they will complete four weeks of rigorous, hands-on training designed to prepare them for the demands of the fire service. This training marks the beginning of their commitment to serving our community with professionalism and dedication. We encourage residents to follow our Facebook page for updates, behind-the-scenes training highlights, and to support these new members as they begin their careers.

LIFE SAFETY

As we move into the spring season, the Fire Department would like to remind all residents that the “Spring Forward” time change is the perfect opportunity to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Take a few minutes to test each unit, ensure they are functioning properly, and replace batteries as needed. If your detectors are more than 10 years old or are not operating correctly, they should be replaced immediately. These devices provide early warning in life-threatening situations, often when seconds matter most. If you have not yet taken this step, now is the time — because on your worst day, you need to know this critical life-safety equipment is working for you, not failing you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Spring weather can change rapidly, bringing thunderstorms, high winds, flooding, and an increased risk of grass fires. Residents are encouraged to stay alert by monitoring local weather alerts, securing outdoor items, and avoiding flooded roadways. Have a plan in place for severe weather, including knowing your safe shelter location and keeping emergency supplies accessible. Small steps taken now can help protect your family and reduce the demand for emergency services during severe weather events.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Last, we are proud to share that our Dept, as they always do, did an OUTSTANDING job at a structure fire in March, where a resident was rescued from a multi-family residence. Firefighter/Paramedics Devin Vance and Matt Soraghan are being commended for their courageous actions and performance that day.



NEW LADDER TRUCK



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FIRE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN



THE CALUMET CITY FIRE DEPT.

RECRUIT SCHOOL



CLASS 26-01

MARCH 30th - APRIL 24th

4 weeks of professional firefighter training for entry level new hires across our region. We address the lapse of skill needed to connect prior BOF certification lack of streetwise skills. Candidates will be immersed in Advanced SCBA skills, Engine, Truck, and RIT Company Operations.

FOLLOW CCFD ON
FACEBOOK FOR MORE
DEPARTMENT RELATED
INFORMATION



FOLLOW THE TRAINING
DIVISION ON FACEBOOK
AND WATCH THEIR WORK
PROGRESS





CPR & AED CLASS

The Calumet City Fire Department offers FREE BLS Provider CPR/AED Certification Classes to our community! This is your chance to learn essential, life-saving skills that could make all the difference in an emergency.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive official BLS Provider certification cards provided by the American Heart Association. This certification can also be used to enter the healthcare field (i.e. Nursing, Home Health Care, EMS).

April 18th 2026

0900 - 1230 pm

The Peter J. Bendinelli
Public Safety Training Center
24 State St.
Calumet City IL 60409

SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER





CALUMET CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



CALUMET CITY POLICE CADET PROGRAM

The Calumet City Police Cadet Program is taking applications for new members. If you or someone you know are between the ages of 14-20

and are interested in a career in law enforcement, please contact Officer Chris Siatta at csiatta@calumetcity.org for more information or to apply.

Calumet City Police Department is proud to support the Illinois Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run. On May 15th, Calumet City Officers will participate in Cop on a Rooftop co-sponsored by Dunkin Donuts. In June, Officers along with family and friends will be participating in the Torch Run where they will carry the Special Olympics Torch along Burnham Ave. from 170th St. to State St.



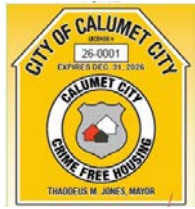
The Calumet City Police Department is currently accepting applications for our Citizens Police Academy. This program is open to citizens 21 years of age and older giving an inside look at the Calumet City Police Department. Classes are held once a month at the Calumet City Public Safety Training Center. Applications are available at the Police Department.



Bicycle Patrols will begin soon. Keep an eye out for our officers in the neighborhoods.



CALUMET CITY CRIME FREE HOUSING



Residential rental properties must have the 2026 Crime Free Housing License displayed in a clear window on the front of your rental property so the license number can be viewed. Rental inspections will not pass without the current license displayed and citations can be issued for non-compliance to this requirement.

As a reminder, landlords are required to have completed the mandatory in-person training course that is taught by the Calumet City Crime Free Housing Department. Due to significant program changes and changes within Federal, State, and local laws, the completed training course may not be from prior to 2022. We have training classes coming up that require landlords to submit a reservation to attend:

- Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
- Thursday, May 28, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

NEW LAW FOR 2026

Public Act 103-1031 (Senate Bill #SB3652) became effective January 1, 2026. It requires landlords to use the Summary of rights for Safer Homes document, which was created by the Department of Human Rights (www.dhr.illinois.gov/safer-homes), as the very first 4 pages of every new lease agreement or lease renewal. Each page requires the tenant’s signatures and date, and if a landlord is not compliant with this, fines can be \$100 up to \$2000, plus court costs and attorney fees.

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conditions that landlords must always provide to their tenants. If you are experiencing unacceptable living conditions, or some other discriminatory action, please contact me so I can investigate that matter. In most cases, your complaint will need to be submitted in writing. Complaint forms are available from the Crime Free Housing Office, the Building Department Office, and on the City’s website: www.calumetcity.org. I will work to address your complaint to the best of my ability.

Calumet City Fair Housing Administrator

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Calumet City requires owners of vacant properties to register them and provide detailed information on what the plans are for the future of that property, with a timeline for achieving those plans. The registration process is completed through our approved vendor, MuniReg, and is overseen by the Crime Free Housing Department. Registration should be made online at www.munireg.com or by calling them at (866) 686-4734.

Owners of some abandoned properties have been difficult to locate, and the legal process for Calumet City to obtain rights to them can be time consuming red tape. However, as you may have seen in previous Calumet City newsletters, we have begun to demolish some of these properties that are beyond a “fixer-upper”. If you have vacant property on your street, please notify the Crime Free Housing Department with the specific address and any other helpful information you may have.

Vacant Property Registration Crime Free Housing Director

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CALUMET CITY FAIR HOUSING

Fair Housing laws and ordinances exist to make sure everyone has the same ability to buy or rent a dwelling space. These laws and ordinances also establish living

CALUMET CITY'S FLOOD HAZARD PROGRAM

If you are experiencing flooding the City of Calumet City and the Calumet City Public Library are here to help.

- To find out if you are in the floodplain call the Department of Inspectional Services at (708) 891-8120 or go to the Adult Services desk at the library and look at the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.
- An Elevation Certificate records the lowest floor elevation of a structure and is prepared by a licensed professional Land Surveyor or Civil Engineer. If the elevation of a structure is shown to be above the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) in the Special Flood Hazard Area, the owner may apply for a Letter of Map Revision from FEMA in order to be removed from the Special Flood Hazard Area. Elevation certificates are available to the public for review at The Department of Inspectional Services at (708) 891-8120. Please note: if any alteration to the structure has taken place, such as a window or door at ground level, a new Certificate of Elevation will need to be obtained.
- For advice on how to protect your home call the Department of Inspectional Services at (708) 891-8120 or visit the library and look at information on floodproofing and property protection. The library has the Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to Protect Your House from Flooding (FEMA publication 312). You can also download a copy from FEMA's website by searching for FEMA 312.
- For more information, go to the City's website at www.calumetcity.org and select Flood Info.
- To learn more about staying safe before and during a flood, visit FloodSmart.gov.
- Contact your insurance agent and ask about getting a flood insurance policy. Flood insurance is available to everyone, and the rates are lower if you are outside of the mapped floodplain.
- Always check with the Department of Inspectional Services before you build on, fill, alter, or regrade your property. A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems with other properties.
- If you are experiencing sewer backups or have connections of sump pumps or downspouts into the sanitary sewers you may be eligible for the City's Overhead Sewer and Sump Pump Flood Assistance Rebate Program. Applications are available at the Inspectional Services Department.
- If you have experienced flooding and would like assistance or tips to reduce future flooding the Department of Inspectional Services can provide help by visiting your property to perform a drainage assessment. For information about this service please contact Inspectional Services at (708) 891-8120.
- Keep storm drain inlets clear of debris and leaves. If you see dumping or debris in ditches, filling or construction near property lines or filling or construction in the floodplain without a permit sign posted contact the Department of Inspectional Services. Dumping in our ditches and stormwater basins is a violation of the City Code.

VEHICLE STICKERS

The City of Calumet City vehicle stickers and pet registration tags will soon be available to our residents on March 23, 2026. As a courtesy to our valued residents, the city is temporarily extending the Clerk's office hours of operations during the months of April and May 2026 as follows:

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS – EXTENDED HOURS UNTIL 6:30 P.M.

- Wednesday, April 15 & Thursday, April 16
- Tuesday, April 28 & Wednesday, April 29
- Wednesday, May 06 & Thursday, May 07
- Wednesday, May 20 & Thursday, May 21

SATURDAYS – EXTENDED HOURS 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

- Saturday, April 11 & Saturday, April 25
- Saturday, May 02 & Saturday, May 16
- Saturday, May 30

Las calcomanías para vehículos y las etiquetas de registro de mascotas de la ciudad de Calumet City estarán disponibles para nuestros residentes a partir del 23 de marzo de 2026. Como cortesía a nuestros residentes, la ciudad extenderá temporalmente el horario de operación de la oficina del secretario municipal durante los meses de abril y mayo de 2026, de la siguiente manera:

MIÉRCOLES & JUEVES – HORARIO EXTENDIDO HASTA LAS 6:30 P.M.

- Miércoles, 15 de Abril & Jueves 16 de Abril
- Martes, 28 de Abril & Miércoles, 29 de Abril
- Miércoles, 06 de Mayo & Jueves 07 de Mayo
- Miércoles, 20 de Mayo & Jueves 21 de Mayo

SÁBADOS – HORARIO EXTENDIDO 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

- Sábado, 11 de Abril, Sábado 25 de Abril
- Sábado, 02 de Mayo, Sábado 16 de Mayo
- Sábado 30 de Mayo



VEHICLE STICKERS FACT SHEET

- All vehicles must be properly registered with the City of Calumet City prior to purchasing a vehicle sticker.
- The cost of a passenger vehicle sticker is \$50.00. All vehicles must display a valid City Sticker on the lower right side of the front windshield. All city stickers must be purchased annually by May 31.
- A \$100.00 late fee will be applied starting June 1 (per City ordinance).
- If you purchase a new vehicle, you have 30 days from the date of purchase to obtain a new Calumet City sticker for that vehicle at regular price. – Bill of sale and registration is required at the time of the new sticker purchase.
- New residents have 30 days from the date of lease or home purchase to obtain a new sticker for that vehicle at regular price. Proof of residency (lease, closing documents) and registration reflecting a Calumet City address are both required at the time of the new sticker purchase.
- Residents 65 and older receive (1) one free Passenger sticker PER HOUSEHOLD and a second passenger vehicle sticker at a discounted rate of \$15.00. Additional passenger vehicle stickers will cost \$50.00 each. Proof of age is required to receive these benefits. Must have current state ID at time of renewal.
- Seniors with a DISCOUNTED sticker must come to the Calumet City Clerk's Office to redeem.
- If you no longer own a registered vehicle, or moved from the City of Calumet City, you must notify the Clerk's Office to avoid being sent to collections.

HOJA INFORMATIVA SOBRE LAS CALCOMANIAS PARA VEHICULOS

- A Todos los vehículos deben estar debidamente registrados ante la Ciudad de Calumet City antes de adquirir una calcomanía para vehículos.
- El costo de la calcomanía para vehículos de pasajeros es de \$50.00. Todos los vehículos deben exhibir una calcomanía municipal válida en la parte inferior derecha del parabrisas delantero. Todas las calcomanías municipales deben adquirirse anualmente antes del 31 de mayo.
- Se aplicará un cargo por pago tardío de \$100.00 a partir del 1 de junio (según la ordenanza municipal)
- Si adquiere un vehículo nuevo, dispone de 30 días a partir de la fecha de compra para obtener una nueva calcomanía de Calumet City para dicho vehículo al precio regular. – Se requiere la factura de venta y el registro del vehículo al momento de adquirir la nueva calcomanía.
- Los nuevos residentes disponen de 30 días, a partir de la fecha del contrato de arrendamiento o de la compra de la vivienda, para obtener una nueva calcomanía para dicho vehículo al precio regular. Al momento de adquirir la nueva calcomanía, se requiere presentar tanto un comprobante de residencia (contrato de arrendamiento, documentos de cierre) como el registro del vehículo que refleje una dirección en Calumet City.
- Los residentes de 65 años o más reciben (1) una calcomanía de pasajero gratuita POR HOGAR y una segunda calcomanía para vehículo de pasajeros a una tarifa con descuento de \$15.00. Las calcomanías adicionales para vehículos de pasajeros tendrán un costo de \$50.00 cada una. Se requiere comprobante de edad para recibir estos beneficios. Es indispensable presentar una identificación estatal vigente al momento de la renovación.
- Las personas mayores con una calcomanía de DESCUENTO deben acudir a la Oficina del Secretario Municipal de Calumet City para canjearla.
- Si ya no es propietario de un vehículo registrado, o si se ha mudado de la ciudad de Calumet City, debe notificar a la Oficina del Secretario para evitar ser enviado a cobros.

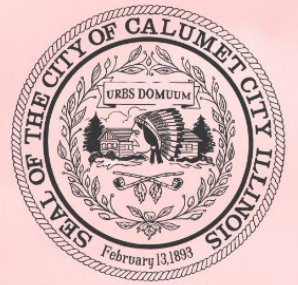


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Mayor Thaddeus M. Jones



CALUMET CITY

ANIMAL SHELTER

Please donate to help our animals!

We are a designated No-Kill shelter by The Best Friends Network and have held the Better City for Pets certification since 2019. Too many of our furry friends are ending up homeless. Your donations can give comfort to our four-legged friends in need.



Scan the QR Code below to shop our Calumet City Animal Shelter's wish list and have your donation shipped directly to us!

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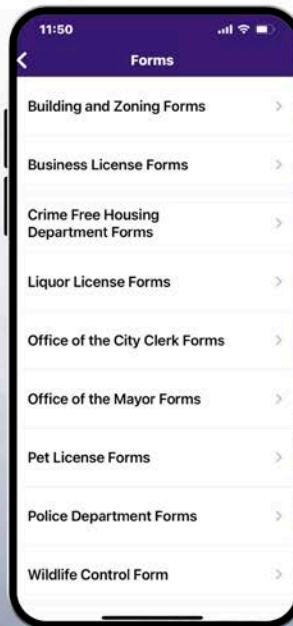
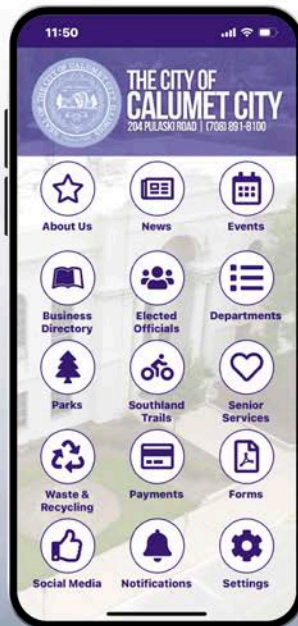
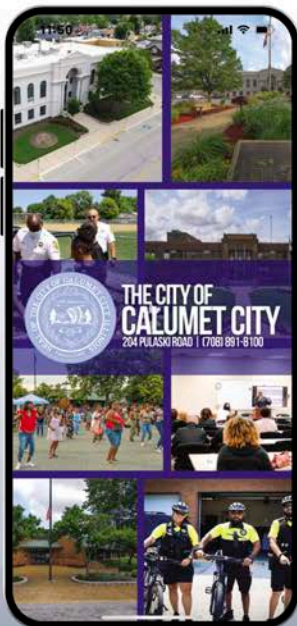
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INTRODUCING: THE CALUMET CITY APP

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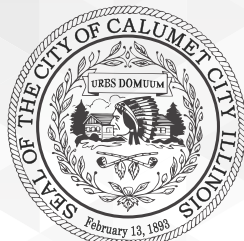
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