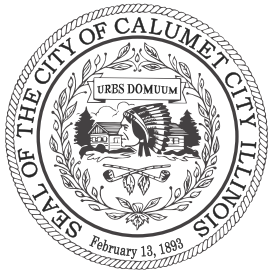


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FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear Resident,

I hope this letter finds you well as you enjoy the summer season.

As your Mayor, I want to keep you informed that we have made the difficult decision to pause this year's City-sponsored summer events. We look forward to bringing these events back next year and appreciate your understanding and continued support.

In the meantime, I encourage neighbors to come together by hosting block parties. We currently have six block parties scheduled throughout July and August, and we would love to see even more neighborhoods participate. For more information on organizing a block party, please contact my office at (708) 891-8106.

To stay informed, I also encourage you to subscribe to the City's YouTube channel.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at mayorsoffice@calumetcity.org.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus M. Jones
Mayor, Calumet City





DE SU ALCALDE

Estimado residente:

Espero que esta carta le encuentre bien y disfrutando de la temporada de verano.

Como su alcalde, deseo informarle que hemos tomado la difícil decisión de suspender los eventos de verano organizados por la ciudad para este año. Esperamos poder retomar estos eventos el próximo año y agradecemos su comprensión y continuo apoyo.

Mientras tanto, animo a los vecinos a unirse y organizar fiestas vecinales. Actualmente tenemos programadas seis fiestas de este tipo para los meses de julio y agosto, y nos encantaría ver más vecindarios participar. Para obtener más información sobre cómo organizar una fiesta vecinal, por favor comuníquese con mi oficina al (708) 891-8106.

Para mantenerse informado, también le invito a suscribirse al canal de YouTube de la ciudad.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud, no dude en comunicarse con mi oficina a través del correo electrónico mayorsoffice@calumetcity.org. Gracias por su continuo apoyo. Le deseo a usted y a su familia un verano seguro, agradable e inolvidable.

Atentamente,

Thaddeus M. Jones
Alcalde, Calumet City





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

UPCOMING CITY

COUNCIL MEETINGS - THURSDAY

July 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

July 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

August 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

August 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

September 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

September 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY 911

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

CITY HALL CLOSED - HOLIDAYS

Friday, July 3, 2026

Independence Day observed

Monday, September 7, 2026

Labor Day

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Calumet City Police Department
1200 Pulaski Road

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

CALUMET CITY ADMINISTRATION & COUNCIL MEMBERS

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WARD 7 - Alderwoman Melissa Phillips
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UPDATES FROM CALUMET CITY ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL MEMBERS



DeAndre Tillman
3RD WARD ALDERMAN

It remains an honor to serve the residents of Calumet City's Third Ward. Since taking office, I have worked to provide accessible, responsive, and results-driven representation while creating programs that bring our residents together and strengthen our community.

As Chairman of the City Council's Ordinances and Resolutions Committee, I play an important role in reviewing proposed legislation and helping shape policies that affect residents, businesses, and the future development of Calumet City. I remain committed to ensuring that City ordinances are carefully considered, legally sound, and designed to serve the best interests of our community.

Throughout my tenure, I have prioritized direct communication with residents. Our monthly Third Ward Town Hall Meetings provide an opportunity for residents to receive City updates, ask questions, raise neighborhood concerns, and speak directly with elected officials and City representatives. Town halls are held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Calumet City Public Library, unless the first Monday falls on or is part of a holiday weekend.



DR. NYOTA T. FIGGS
CALUMET CITY CLERK

To the graduating Class of 2026, congratulations on reaching this important milestone! Your hard work, determination, and dedication have brought you to this moment, and our community is proud of your accomplishments.

We are especially proud to recognize the graduates of Wentworth Intermediate School, New Beginnings Learning Academy, Lincoln Elementary School, Dirksen Middle School, Hoover-Schrum Memorial School, and Thornton Fractional North High School. Each of you represents the bright future of Calumet City.

To our elementary school graduates, you have built a strong foundation for the exciting years ahead. To our middle school graduates, you are stepping into a new chapter filled with opportunities to discover your strengths and passions. To our high school graduates, you stand at the threshold of adulthood, ready to pursue higher education, careers, military service, entrepreneurship, and countless other paths.

I also want to recognize the parents, guardians, teachers, administrators, support staff, and family members who have encouraged and supported our graduates along the way. Your guidance, sacrifice, and belief in these students have played an important role in their success.

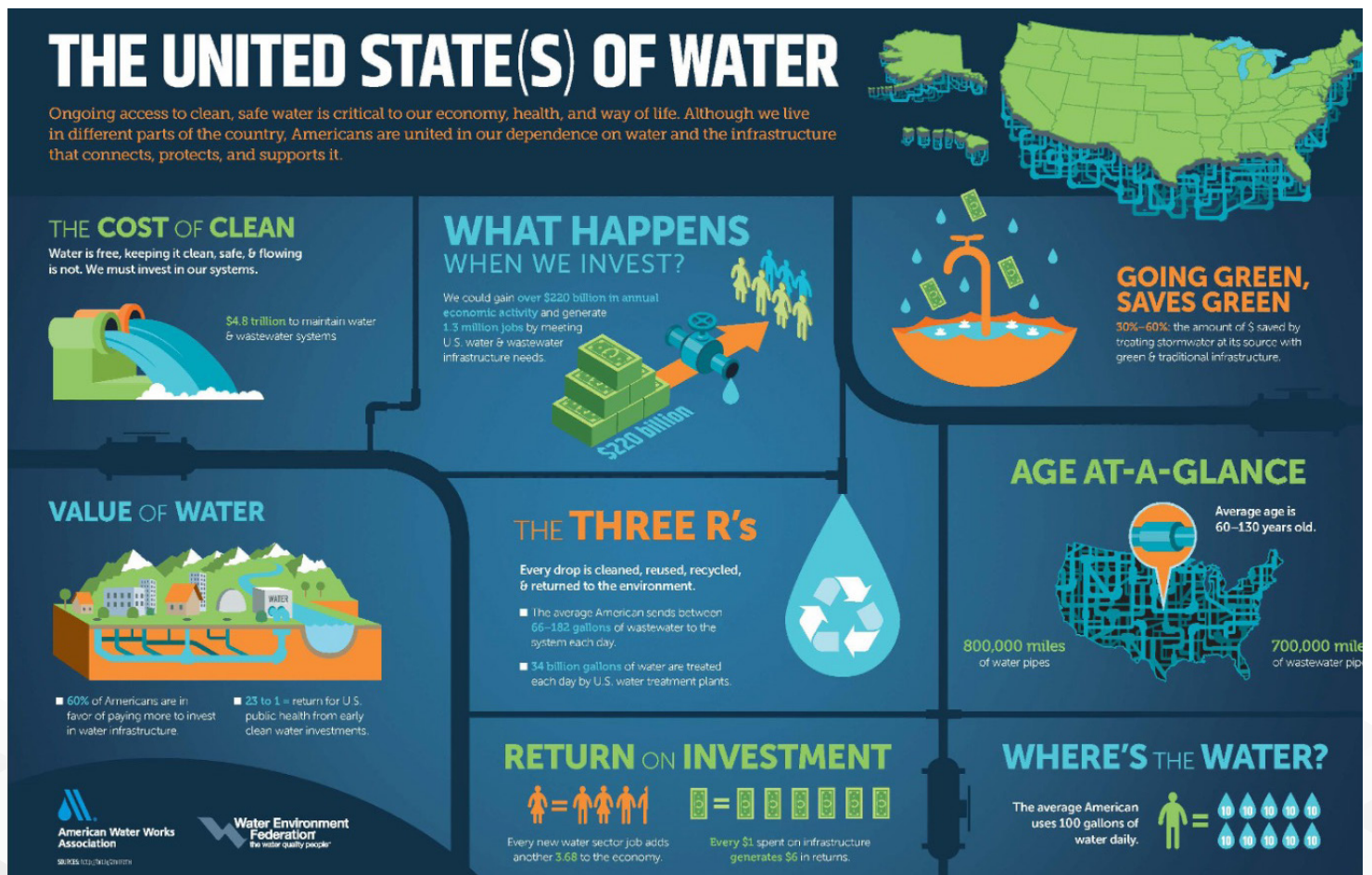
Graduates, as you move forward, carry with you the lessons you have learned, the friendships you have made, and the memories you have created. Never stop believing in your potential. Dream boldly, work diligently, and always strive to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

Congratulations to all graduates, and best wishes for continued success and happiness in the years ahead!

I am also proud of the community programs we have continued to build, including our annual Back-to-School Picnic, holiday toy drive, Trunk-or-Treat celebration, community town halls, senior activities, and other family-centered events. These programs provide resources for families, create safe spaces for children, support our seniors, and allow neighbors to connect outside of formal City meetings.

Please save the date for our Annual Third Ward Back-to-School Picnic on Saturday, August 8, beginning at noon at the Downey Park Field House. Families can look forward to an afternoon of food, fun, school supplies, entertainment, and activities for children as we prepare for another successful school year.

My office will continue addressing constituent concerns, supporting neighborhood improvements, promoting responsible development, and keeping residents informed about decisions affecting the Third Ward. Thank you for your continued partnership, participation, and trust. Together, we will continue moving the Third Ward and Calumet City forward. Please contact me at (708) 891-8193 or by email at dtillman@calumetcity.org



DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND ZONING

As we begin this highly anticipated season we look forward to continuing to assist our community and working together to beautify your properties and our City of Calumet City.

HIGH GRASS

Please remember to keep your lawn, weeds and brushes at an even height.

ROOF

This is a good time to have your roof inspected by a licensed and bonded contractor to inform you if there's any leaks or need repairs.

GARBAGE

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

SEWERS

Please remember to keep our city sewers clear and free of any garbage or debris.

GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS

Please remember to keep them clean.

UPDATES

Please feel free to visit our office at 670 Wentworth Avenue, or visit www.calumetcity.org for more info and available updates.

Services of the Department of Building & Zoning include:

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

PERMITS

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



CONTRACTORS

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

RENTALS

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

POINT OF SALES

If you are planning to sell or purchase a home in Calumet City, you need to obtain a Point-of-Sale packet which will outline the process for completion. Please visit our website at www.calumetcity.org or visit our office.

SCHEDULING AN INSPECTION - PERMIT(S), POINT OF SALE, RENTAL AND COMMERCIAL

Please call us at (708) 891-8120 or visit our office at 670 Wentworth Avenue, Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (excluding holidays).

For more information or any questions about our services, please visit our city website at www.calumetcity.org or contact us at (708) 891-8120 or dis@calumetcity.org.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SHOP CALUMET CITY

We are excited to announce that the summer edition of the Shop Calumet City coupon booklet will be available for residents soon! This quarterly booklet offers 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, contact Shanice Monterrubio at stolbert@calumetcity.org



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 Calumet City a vibrant place to live and shop. If you are a business owner that is interested in participating, contact Shanice Monterrubio at stolbert@calumetcity.org



PROM SEASON 2026

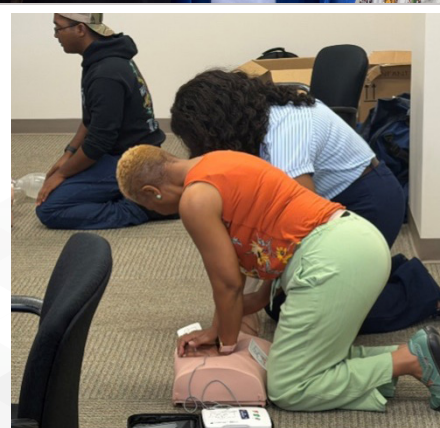
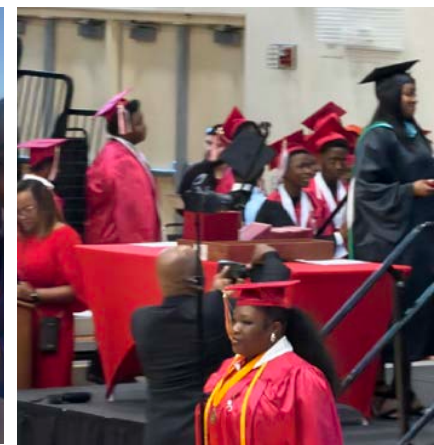
As many may know, three high schools serve the students of Calumet City. This past prom season, under Mayor Thaddeus Jones, Calumet City hosted its very first "Dress Out the Box" free prom shop for student residents.

With the support and partnership of the City's very own Global Water Technology, The South Suburban Chicago Chapter Links, Incorporated (AKA's), along with City employees and residents, several prom and graduation dresses and tuxedo attire was donated. These generous contributions helped students who may otherwise have experienced hardship enjoy a memorable prom and graduation season. The City would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported this impactful event and helped make it a success.



TEEN REACH YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Featured below are photos from our recent 8th grade graduates preparing for high school, the premier of the Teen REACH Shark Tank Showcase, The Teen REACH "End of the Academic Year BBQ Bash" with students, staff & family, and staff preparing for Summer Camp by learning CPR.





CALUMET CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

STORMS/FLOODING

Severe storms can cause rain, flooding, high winds, and power outages, damaging homes and other properties. Residents should stay informed, secure outdoor items, clear storm drains safely, and avoid flooded roads. Preparedness helps reduce damage and protect your family. Stay away from downed power lines, felled trees, or other hazards that are the result of storms.



Figure 1: Downed powerlines and felled trees pose a significant risk during storm season. Images from a recent storm this season.

HEAT/HUMIDITY

High temperatures and humidity create dangerous conditions, especially for vulnerable groups. Stay hydrated, limit outdoor activity during peak heat, and never leave children or pets in cars. Watch for signs of heat illness, such as dizziness and nausea. Check on at-risk individuals and seek air conditioning during extreme heat.

LIFE SAFETY

Cooking Fires

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, cooking is the leading cause of home fires, accounting for nearly 49% of all residential fires. Most cooking fires happen when food is left unattended. Never leave food on the stove or in the oven without supervision, and keep flammable items away from heat sources. Keep grills away from homes, garages, and decks. Avoid overloading outlets during hot weather. Test smoke alarms regularly and replace batteries as needed. These steps help to keep your family safe and prevent fires.



Figure 2: The new Tower Ladder 12 and Issac Lewis are pictured above during firefighting operations recently.

Bounce Houses, Trampolines, and Water Safety

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that thousands of children are treated each year for injuries from inflatables. Always supervise, follow age and occupancy limits, remove shoes and sharp objects, and anchor securely. Be extra cautious with water features, as wet surfaces increase slip and drowning risks.

A child can drown in just a few inches of water, often silently. Never leave children unattended near pools, splash pads, ponds, buckets, coolers, or any standing water. Designate a responsible adult to supervise children when around water. Never use inflatables in high winds or severe weather.

Firework Safety

In Illinois, consumer fireworks such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, and Roman candles are illegal without a license. Fireworks cause fires, burns, eye injuries, and property damage each year. Small fireworks can ignite dry grass, decks, garages, and homes. The safest option is attending public displays by trained professionals.



Figure 3: We hosted our inaugural touch a Truck event at Memorial Park this season to raise awareness for the efforts underway to renovate the children's playground. Pictured above are the Professional Firefighters Local 621 as well as one of our generous participants Brian Booker and his new Heavy Truck displayed for the kids to get their hands on.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Firefighter Pete's Park

Pete's Park is a community project led by the Calumet City Fire Department, IAFF Local 621, and the Calumet Memorial Park District. It aims to transform Memorial Park's playground into a space for play, learning, and community education, honoring former Deputy Chief Pete Bendinelli, whose legacy inspires us. Built through 100% donations, the park will be inclusive and accessible to all children, including those with special needs. It will serve as a lasting tribute to Pete's legacy and a place for families to enjoy for generations.

Winter Coat Fundraising – "Keeping Kids Warm"

The Calumet City Fire Department and IAFF Local 621 partner to raise funds for winter coats for children in need. A coat offers warmth, comfort, and confidence for families during winter. Residents are encouraged to follow social media for updates and opportunities to support. Together, we can keep children warm this winter.

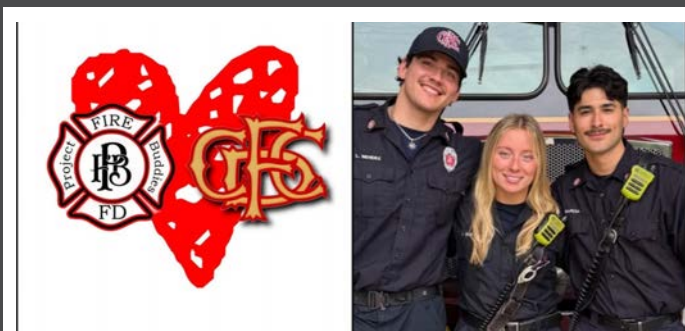


Figure 4: The Calumet City Fire Dept. is proud to become a Chapter of Project Fire Buddies. The picture above shows Firefighter/Paramedics Jessica Morgan, Chapter President; Leo Mendez, Vice President; and Dane Garcia, Secretary-Treasurer.

Project Fire Buddies

The Calumet City Fire Department is proud to be part of Project Fire Buddies, a nonprofit that creates good days for children with serious illnesses. Firefighters build

relationships with children and families, offering support and memorable experiences during tough times. We are now seeking our first Fire Buddy family and invite anyone who knows a child who may benefit to contact Chapter President Jessica Morgan at jmorgan@calumetcity.org.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

CPR

Our summer offerings for free CPR classes for residents at the Peter J. Bendinelli Public Safety Training Center are open. These classes provide residents with the knowledge and confidence to recognize emergencies, perform CPR, and potentially save a life before emergency responders arrive. Upcoming classes will be held on July 11, August 15, and August 29 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. We encourage all community members to consider learning this valuable lifesaving skill. For program questions, please contact FF/PM Anthony Benignetti at abenignetti@calumetcity.org.



Figure 5: Scan the QR code above to register for our Summer offerings of CPR.

Fire Prevention Week

Join the Calumet City Fire Department for Fire Prevention Week, October 4 – 10, 2026, with the theme: "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." We'll share tips on safely using, charging, and storing batteries powering many devices. Don't miss our Open House on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at the Peter J. Bendinelli Training Center, 24 State Street. Join us for a fun, educational day on fire safety, prevention, and community connection.

Training Center

The Peter J. Bendinelli Public Safety Training Center remains a key resource for regional public safety training. This summer, we will host the Firemanship Training Conference on July 23–24, attracting nearly 100 firefighters from across the nation to Calumet City. In the past six months, the Center has trained nearly 300 firefighters and offered over 600 hours of specialized public safety training programs. These efforts enhance first responder preparedness, strengthen regional partnerships, and demonstrate Calumet City's commitment to professional training and safety excellence.



Figure 6: Above are Rescue Firefighters Captain Aaron Borowski, Bryan Lowery, and Marisa Peterson conducting high angle training at a water tower and antenna station.

SPECIALTY TEAMS

CART – This month, we recognize Rescue Firefighters on CART (Combined Area Rescue Team), who respond to rare emergencies such as high-angle rescues, collapses, and confined-space incidents, using advanced skills. Their training benefits Calumet City and the region, especially during severe weather, helping protect residents in challenging emergencies. Their dedication and expertise are vital to our public safety.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

Firefighter/Paramedics Matt Soraghan and Devin Vance were recognized with the Americanism Award: Firefighter of the year for the rescue of an elderly resident earlier this year by the VFW Post 8141. Firefighter/Paramedic Cesar Garcia was awarded The Lions Club Community Service: Firefighter of the Year for his extensive involvement in volunteering to the community and leading the Fire Department in growth.



Figure 8 Pictured left. FF/PMs Devin Vance and Matt Soraghan after receiving the Americanism Award: Firefighters of the Year. Pictured right FF/PM Cesar Garcia and his son Aldo after receiving the Lions Club Community Service: Firefighter of the Year.



CALUMET CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Calumet City Police Department recognized Sergeant Nicholas Bolda as Officer of the Year for his outstanding performance and contributions to the Calumet City Police Department and the City of Calumet City.

In addition to being recognized by the Calumet City Police Department, Sergeant Bolda was recognized by the Calumet City Lions Club and the Calumet City Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8141.

On June 11, the Calumet City Police Department and the City Council recognized the graduates of our Citizens Police Academy. These individuals have completed 7 classes learning about the inner operations of our Police Department.



The Calumet City Police Cadet Program is taking applications for new members. If you or someone you know between the ages of 14-20 is interested in a career in law enforcement, please contact Officer Chris

Siatta at csiatta@calumetcity.org for more information or to apply. Participants must be able to maintain a 2.0 Grade point average and have good moral character. We will be hosting an open house on July 27th.

Calumet City Police Department is proud to support the Special Olympics Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run. On May 15th Calumet City Officers participated in Cop on a Rooftop co-sponsored by Dunkin'. On June 9, Officers along with family and friends participated in the Torch Run where they carried the Special Olympics Torch along Burnham Ave from 170th St to State St. We would like to thank Officer Siatta for coordinating these events!





Please join the Calumet City Police Department along with:

**Mayor Thaddeus Jones, City Treasurer Gerry Tarka,
City Clerk Nyota Figgs, Alderwoman Shalisa Harvey,
Alderwoman Monet Wilson, Alderman DeAndre Tillman,
Alderman Ramonde Williams, Alderman Dejuan Gardner,
Alderwoman Miacole Nelson, Alderwoman Melissa Phillips**

On the evening of Tuesday, August 4th from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
for

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

**Get to know your Calumet City Police Officers and neighbors.
Enjoy an evening filled with food, fun and entertainment.
Please invite your neighbors and friends.**

**“Together we will continue to make
Calumet City, a safe place to live and visit.”**

Kevin Kolosh, Chief of Police



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Edward Steave, Stay Focused Media





Vegetation Management Scheduled in your area

To help prevent power outages, ComEd is treating select trees and plants with herbicides near your property.

What you need to know:

- Workers are state-licensed for safe handling and use precision application techniques so that customers, pets and wildlife are not negatively affected.
- Only chemicals registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will be used.
- These treatments help control vegetation longer than mechanical methods only.

Herbicides may be used for:

- Stump treatment to prevent re-growth after tree removal.
- Controlling invasive plants and promoting native species.
- Reducing tall woody vegetation that may pose a threat to lines.

For More Information

Visit ComEd.com/Trees or call 800-Edison-1 (800-334-7661)

Para más Información

Visite ComEd.com/Arboles o llámenos al 800-95-LUCES (800-955-8237)

Vegetation Maintenance Needed at this Property

The following maintenance work is required at your property:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Name: _____

Comments: _____

If you have any questions please call **800-Edison-1** (800-334-7661) and ask to speak with a Vegetation Management representative, or visit ComEd.com/Trees. You may also request a written copy of the dispute resolution process. Property owners may appeal planned vegetation management activities through ComEd or the Illinois Commerce Commission. Contact the Illinois Commerce Commission at 800-524-0795. Maps of the affected areas are on file at your local municipal or county office.

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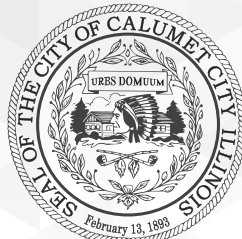
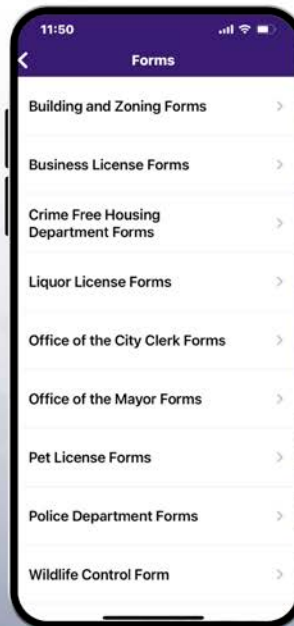
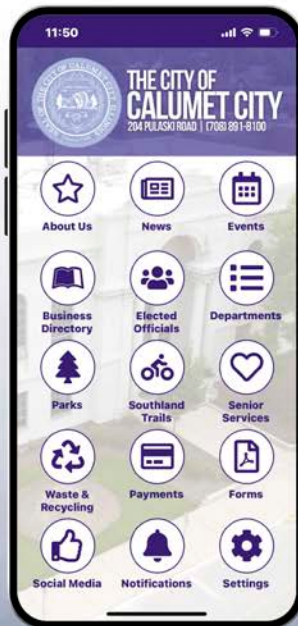
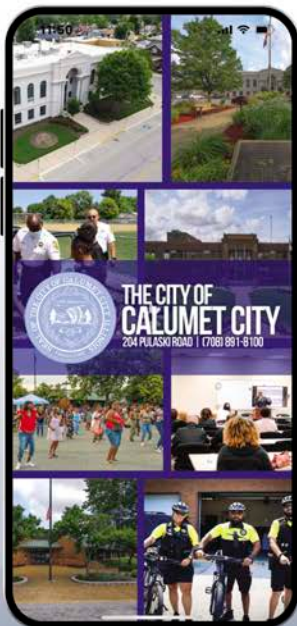
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