

Village of Summit, IL.

Spring, 2018

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# THE SUMMIT

*A Village on the Rise*

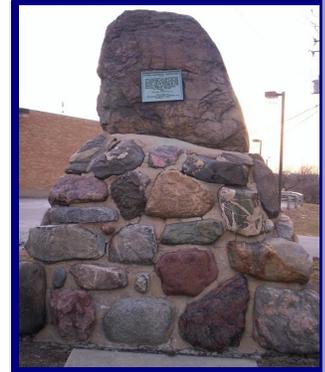


## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

While it has been a long winter we can finally look forward to some warmer weather. This past year we have continued to make steady improvements to the Village. These have included resurfacing the 7700 block of 59<sup>th</sup> Street, paving several alleys, and the installation of LED street lights on all residential streets. We also partnered with the Matt Forte Foundation to build a small children's park located on the 7600 block of 64<sup>th</sup> St. I'm excited to announce the addition of several new members to the Administrative team. Jerry Hurckes, Executive Director; Michael Dropka, Assistant Director; and Clerk Colleen Lambert. I'm looking forward to the many things that we will accomplish.

We were awarded the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA), a local technical assistance grant from the National Park Service that will look at the potential of developing a recreation area along the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, the site of the former Summit Boat Launch. On another note, we were awarded the Abandoned Residential Property Municipal Relief Program (APP) grant of \$250,000 from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. These funds will be used for maintenance and demolition of abandoned property. We are also working with neighboring communities of Justice, Bedford Park, and Willow Springs on a CMAP grant they were awarded to conduct a feasibility study on a trail extension of the Centennial/ I&M Canal.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, youth from Summit involved in the Leadership participated in a Day of Service. About 20 youth gather at various location throughout the Village to highlight Earth Day. They participated by bringing attention that we must all do our part in keeping our Village clean. It was great to see these youths giving back to their community, as well as taking pride in how their community looks. I encourage everyone to do their part in keeping our Village clean, not just on Earth Day but throughout the year.



The 1895 monument commemorating Fr. Jacques Marquette's landing site in 1674-1675. Originally located by Summit Station; was relocated in 1968 to Summit Park.



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## SUBMIT YOUR SUMMIT SURVEY

*Feedback needed on Summit boat launch*

The Village of Summit is seeking community input and feedback on the potential land use of the former MWRD Summit Boat Launch Site located at 7800 Canal Bank Road.

The Village was awarded a grant from the National Park Service through the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program for Local Technical Assistant and is currently examining the potential development of a Community Recreation Area at the Metropolitan District boat launch site along the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

The purpose of this recreational area will be to provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and create additional community open space where residents can enjoy nature and the outdoors.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. The purpose of the survey is to seek community input on what types of outdoor recreation or park amenities should be considered as part of this planning effort. The survey can be found on our website, [www.thevillageofsummit.com](http://www.thevillageofsummit.com). The survey will be available until **May 11<sup>th</sup>**!

## Jerry Hurckes Executive Director



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My name is Jerry Hurckes, and I was appointed the Village of Summits' new Executive Director starting April 1<sup>st</sup>. I bring with me **over 25 years** of government experience as a Chief of Staff and administrator, and **14 years of Village Government experience**.

This Executive Director position offers new and exciting challenges for me, all of which I am looking forward to. My goal is to help continue to move the Village of Summit forward, as a community, and try to get everyone in the Village, working together, **to continue to make the Village of Summit, a Village on the Rise, a wonderful place to live.**

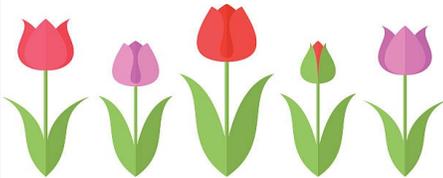
My door is always open, and if you have a problem or question, we are proud to be able to try and assist, or at least give you an answer to help make your issue solvable.

One item that I have had many questions so far on is the status of the Illinois Department of Transportation's preliminary studies regarding the proposed **grade separation of the BRC Railroad crossing** at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and / or 65<sup>th</sup> Street. Please be advised that the improvements **are not currently included** in the Department's FY 2018-2023



Mayor Rodriguez with local residents cleaning up our village on Earth Day!

Proposed Highway Improvement Program. However, the project will be included as a priority for future funding consideration.



The Village Board meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall located at 5810 S. Archer Road.



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## Bill Mundy Public Works Director

Spring has finally arrived and with that comes home improvements. Please do not forget to pick up your permit for any improvement projects on your home. The Building Department issues several types of permits; whether you do the work yourself or employ a contractor for the job you must obtain a permit. You will need the completed application and a copy of the proposal. **For certain permits** - plans and a copy of your plat survey will be required. All contractors must be licensed with the Village of Summit. Permit fees are based on construction cost, and inspections are \$50.00 each. For your convenience, forms are available online or at the Municipal Building, 7321 W. 59th Street.

**Public Works has started grading alleys** and will be repairing streets within the next few weeks. Please report any street light outages or missing street signs to my office.

Yard waste pick-up has begun. Please make sure to place your yard waste in appropriate containers or yard waste bags, also be aware that if paper recycling bags are being used, keep the weight and moisture at a limit so bags don't rip. The Village has removed over 100 stumps. If any have been missed please call the Village at 708-563-4809.

In our efforts to continue the maintenance of our community going into the warmer months - please control the overflow of garbage, as well as keeping our yards free of waste and debris. Also **please do not feed stray cats or animals**. Both debris and overflow of garbage will contribute to rodent infestation. Our Code enforcement will be out working with our residents to help maintain our community. For those residents that recycle, the Village Water Department has the recycling containers for plastic, paper, and glass. **Don't forget to clean up immediately after your dog and dispose of it properly.**

## John Kosmowski Police Chief

Welcome to spring!

As our days start to warm up and get longer, here are a few things to keep in mind.

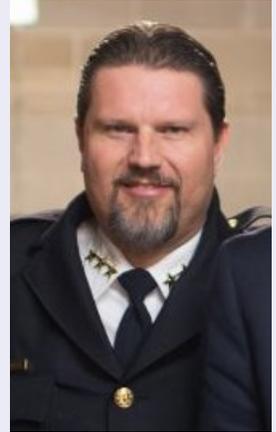
The number of pedestrians and bicycle riders increases with the temperature. Children are especially likely to be playing or riding in the street or run out without looking. Please be mindful of people at crosswalks and on street corners. Remember it's the vehicle driver's responsibility to keep everyone around them safe!!

Summit is a "No Soliciting" community. It requires a license from the Village for anyone to peddle door to door. If anyone rings your doorbell trying to sell something, please call and notify the police. If someone comes to your door claiming to be a contractor, representing a utility (Com Ed, NICOR, Comcast), or the Village please ask for their I.D. Call 911 and a police officer will be happy to check the credentials of anyone who's at

your door, never let any stranger into your home.

We have partnered with the Cook County Sheriff's Police in a prescription drug collection program. If you have old or unused prescription drugs, you can turn them in at the collection point in the Police Department lobby. All turned in materials will be destroyed in an environmentally safe process by the CCSD. You can use the collection drop box anonymously if you wish or an officer will be happy to assist you.

Finally, our police officers have again participated in the St. Baldrick's Childhood Cancer Research fundraiser. Our team of officers raised more than \$7,000 to fund children's cancer research this year. We would like to thank all our community partners and local businesses who donated to this great cause.



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**Anonymous Tip Hotline:** 563-8100  
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## Wayne Hanson Fire Chief

Well Spring is finally here and Summer is very near! This year has been a very busy year for your fire department.

Our goal is as always to keep everyone safe - We provide fire suppression as well as ambulance response as an advanced life support service to our residents.

**Change your clock,** Don't forget to **install and check your smoke alarms** on every level of your home. Carbon Monoxide detectors should also be installed near all the sleeping areas to keep you safe from this deadly odorless gas.



**CHANGE your batteries**

Your fire department offers **CPR classes** and will

**install child seats** in your car. Just give us a call and we can schedule a time for you to come in.

We have replaced our old pickup truck with a new one - which we use to help in our emergency responses. We also purchased a used fire engine from Tinley Park Fire Department to help aid our aging fire department fleet. This engine will be in service this Spring. We also have just been authorized to purchase of a new ambulance since our current ambulance is 7 years old and goes on more than 5 calls a day. We should see the new ambulance arrive in mid-July.

Finally, we received grants from the Federal Government totaling \$190,000 to purchase new air packs and radio equipment.

We continue working to provide the best service to our residents with equipment and personnel.



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## SENIOR SCOOP HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE NEW MEDICARE CARD?

Starting this month the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will begin mailing **new Medicare cards** that include a **new Medicare Number**. Medicare is removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare cards to protect your identity. **Medicare will never call and ask for personal information** before sending new cards, so don't share your Medicare Number or other personal information if someone calls and asks for it! Once you get your new card, destroy your old card and start using your new card right away. While the Medicare card is changing, **your Medicare coverage and benefits** will stay the same.

### COMING IN 2018

**New Medicare cards with new numbers. Are you ready?**

#NewCardNewNumber **LEARN MORE**

**You should receive your new Card by April 2019**

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

### ¡LLEGANDO EN 2018!

**Nuevas tarjetas de Medicare con nuevos números. ¿Está listo?**

#NuevaTarjetaNuevoNúmero **Aprenda Más**

## Clerk's Corner Colleen Lambert



Clerk Colleen Lambert after being sworn in by Judge Terry Gallagher.

### Happy Spring!

First let me start out by saying that it is a privilege to serve the residents of Summit as your Village Clerk. There is much to be done and I will provide the best possible service to each of you.

Just as reminder, **business licenses and vehicle tags** are due **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. The information for the vehicle tags is located within the newsletter. Letters for business license renewals will be sent out mid-May, so be on the lookout!



**Dog License:** Be sure your pet is licensed with the Village! Forms are available at Village Hall and should be renewed annually during the

month of May for \$2.00. Please be sure your pet has all its vaccinations.

**Annual Tax Sale - Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas:** Approximately 39,100 property owners must pay delinquent property taxes to avoid the tax sale that starts Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

About 16,000 owners may be unaware of the tax sale because the U.S. Postal Service has returned their bills and subsequent notices.

For more information or to verify you are not delinquent with your property taxes, please go to [www.cookcountytreasurer.com](http://www.cookcountytreasurer.com) and select "Avoid the Tax Sale".

## NEW SUMMIT VILLAGE CLERK

### *Proud to follow in mom's footsteps*

A familiar face is returning to the Summit Village Board, but in a new role. Former village trustee Colleen Lambert was named village clerk at March 19th's village board meeting. Lambert had served as a trustee for 10 years, from 2005 to 2015. Since then, she's been on the board of education at Cook School District 104.

"I look forward to working with the village and doing what I can. I'm excited about it," Lambert said. "It's going to be a learning process because I never was the village clerk. My mom, Patricia Tichacek, was the village clerk for a number of years, and has already been giving helpful tips and guidance on what needs to get done."

She looks forward to working with Jerry Hurckes, the former Oak Lawn village trustee who was named Summit's Executive Director in December.

The job of clerk can be challenging, keeping up with various state and federal deadlines and making sure legal requirements are met. But Lambert says she's up for the task at hand. The mission of the Clerk's Office is to provide accurate, efficient, and professional administrative assistance to all residents, businesses and visitors; while maintaining a responsible commitment for preserving the heritage of our community. The office of the Clerk ensures quality service including, but not limited to:

- ⇒ Encouraging ethical and legal behavior; as well as respect and care for all individuals
- ⇒ Providing efficient service with integrity, honesty and availability
- ⇒ Timely completion of Board Minutes

⇒ Timely dissemination of information with effective communication

⇒ Provide clerical assistance to committees and commissions

She and husband Jerry own JEM Development, based in Summit. They've been married since 1988, and have four children, ages 16 through 25. Lambert grew up in Palos Heights. Her parents grew up in Summit. She has lived in the village for 30 years.

"In any position, you want to bring professionalism and a positive attitude. You want to make sure you do what you can for the residents, work as a team with the other elected officials, and make sure everything gets done in a timely basis. I want to work with the current administration and look forward to accomplishing great things together," she said. "I have to get my feet wet, step by step. But with my background in business and the way I am, I think I'll do a very good job."



Mayor Rodriguez, Clerk Lambert, Patricia Tichacek, and Trustee Parker

# SUMMIT BULLETIN BOARD

## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



### 63RD STREET BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

The Village is very excited with the 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Beautification project. Our goal is to beautify our arterial streets in order to draw more businesses to town, add character, improve pedestrian/traffic safety, as well as aesthetics. The original project, Phase 1, started in 2012 with the use of TIF funds. We are now in Phase 2 of the project. The project has included removal of unhealthy trees and replacing with new ones. (Between 20-25 trees) There will also be new bus shelters with more lighting, as well as benches and new garbage cans. Phase 2 completion date is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Looking forward, we are hoping to have Phase 3 started late in the summer. Phase 3 will follow the same concept.



#### February 20, 2018

Special presentations were made by Mayor Rodriguez and Police Chief Kosmowski to Officers Mann, Sarabia, and Snee for assisting residents during a recent fire. Awards were also presented to Officers Dominguez, Pienkowski, and Smalarz for providing aid and assisting in rescuing residents. Business licenses were approved for Bukanas, Inc Sports Bar and Lounge, 6105 S. Archer Road and Tonas Pupusas, 5700 S. Archer Road.

#### March 6, 2018

Ordinance 18-O-02 was adopted, amending the number of liquor licenses that are issued. In New Business, Mayor Rodriguez announced that the Summit Fire Department received a fire truck from Tinley Park.

#### March 19, 2018

Resolution 18-R-04 was passed, expressing the Village's desire to participate in the Public Works Projects, pursuant to the Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program. (For the rehabilitation of the west sides of 61st Place, 62nd Street, and 62nd Place.) Business licenses were approved for Bella's of Summit, 5717 S. Archer Road and Works Pizzeria and Tavern, 5719 S. Archer Road. In New Business, Mrs. Colleen Lambert was sworn in as Village Clerk by Judge Terry Gallagher.

#### April 2, 2018

Ordinance 18-O-07 was adopted, approving an intergovernmental agreement with the Summit Park District to have an annual fireworks display to commemorate the 4th of July. Ordinance 18-O-06, was adopted, approving Roy Strom Refuse Removal Service, Inc. as the company to pick up garbage at all multi-units in the Village. A proclamation was approved to declare the month of April as 'Prevent Child Abuse Month' in the Village of Summit and to support the efforts of the Argo-Summit, Bedford Park Women's Club.

## VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE NOW!!

Village ordinance requires any resident owning a vehicle in Summit to display a vehicle tag which needs to be renewed every year. It is also required to remove stickers from the windshield.

2018 Vehicle tags go on sale **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Tags must be displayed on the lower right corner of your windshield by no later than **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**.

You will need a State issued ID, as well as vehicle registration identifying your residence within the Village of Summit. A complete application will be required to purchase your Summit vehicle sticker. **2017 Vehicle tags expire June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

New residents must obtain their vehicle tags 30 days after they move in. New cars must show a vehicle tag 30 days after being purchased, and proof of purchase date is required.

**Late Payment Penalty; On July 1st, the original fee will double!**

**Senior Citizen Discount Residents age 65 and over (by July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018) must apply in person and present a valid ID to receive a sticker at no charge. (Only one sticker per household will qualify for no charge.)**

Applications and stickers can be picked up Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and every Saturday in June 9:00 a.m. - noon at:

Strzelczyk Municipal Center at: 7321 W. 59th Street Summit, IL 60501

Passenger Cars . . . . .	\$35.00
B Plates . . . . .	\$65.00
Motorcycles . . . . .	\$25.00
Tow Trucks . . . . .	\$115.00
D and F Plates . . . . .	\$95.00
H Plates . . . . .	\$165.00

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>:** The Warehouse Project Car Wash - Police Station  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day of School - Argo School District 217  
**May 28<sup>th</sup>:** Memorial Day - Village Offices Closed  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Last Day of School - Cook School District 104  
**June 6<sup>th</sup>:** Legion Park Party - Park District  
**June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Camp Begins - Park District  
**June 18<sup>th</sup>:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall  
**June 21<sup>st</sup>:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall



### WEBSITES TO KNOW

Village of Summit Park District  
[www.summitparks.org](http://www.summitparks.org)

Village of Summit Public Library  
[www.summitlibrary.info](http://www.summitlibrary.info)

Cook School District 104  
[www.sd104.us](http://www.sd104.us)

Argo School District 217  
[www.argohs.net](http://www.argohs.net)

Township of Lyons  
[www.lyonstownshipil.gov](http://www.lyonstownshipil.gov)

County Commissioner 16<sup>th</sup> District, Jeff Tobolski  
[www.commissionertobolski.com](http://www.commissionertobolski.com)

Cook County Clerk  
[www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)

**VILLAGE OF SUMMIT**  
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**Summit, IL 60501**

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Summit Village Hall	(708) 563-4800
Village Clerk	(708) 563-4807
Executive Director's Office	(708) 563-4805

### FOR SERVICES CALL:

Emergency	911
Police Department non-emergency	(708) 563-4830
Fire Department non-emergency	(708) 594-3894
Public Works Department	(708) 563-4809
Water / Sewer Billing	(708) 563-4817

### OFFICIALS:

<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>SERGIO RODRIGUEZ</b>
<b>CLERK</b>	<b>COLLEEN LAMBERT</b>

### TRUSTEES

Setki "Sam" Dardovski	Marvel Parker
Aleco S. Julius	Arthur Sullivan
Mayra Ortiz	Karen J. Wasko

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