

Village of Summit, IL.

Spring 2019

Founded in 1890

THE SUMMIT

A Village on the Rise



FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR SERGIO RODRIGUEZ

While we ease into warmer weather, I would like to thank all of our public service workers who have been out in the elements to keep us all safe. **They were out there regardless of the time of day or weather conditions.** Please make sure we look out for them and thank them for their service. **We live in a great Village with dedicated workers who look out for the needs of the residents.** We must all do our part to look out for our neighbors, especially the elderly, disabled, and children of our community. If you have concerns regarding a neighbor you haven't seen or heard from, please call the non-emergency number and we will do a wellness check.

With Spring here, it is that time of year to tidy up our homes. Take the time to not only tidy up the inside of your home but also the outside. Be sure to be mindful to not over fill the garbage cans - since on windy days, trash can be blown throughout the community. **Open tops, and garbage that is**

left outside of the trash bins will attract rodents. We will be holding an **Earth Day event in the community on April 27TH** at various sites and I encourage all residents to take a few minutes that day to clean up their block. **On May 11TH, we will participate in the Chicago River Day event** to clean up the boat launch site. For more details, and to sign up, visit our new website: www.summit-il.org

I, along with all the members of the Village Board would like to congratulate all the Village of Summit students that achieved High Honor Roll for this past semester. Continue your hard work and studies to make the Village and your families proud. **Go Argonauts!!!**



Burg's Rexall Drug Store moved into the Argo Bank building in 1915 at 63RD St. and Archer Rd. Des Plaines Valley News and Tom Wah's Chinese Laundry also rented rooms. Argo Hospital was on 2ND floor.

GETTING TO KNOW...

Aleco S. Julius, Village Trustee

Aleco S. Julius has served as a Village of Summit Trustee for the past 4 years. Aleco is a lifelong resident of the Village of Summit. He and his wife Fina, of 40 years, have together raised 3 sons, and are proud to be grandparents to 3 granddaughters.

Aleco first attended Otis P. Graves Elementary School, went on to graduate from Argo Community High School, and then attended Moraine Valley Community College. Aleco was first employed at the former Ben Franklin Store located on 63RD Street, where the Su Lavanderia Laundromat is currently located. **Because of his desire and commitment to assist others**, he soon heard his calling to civil service, and accepted a position in the United States Postal Service. He was placed at the Summit Argo Post Office, a position he would hold for 34 years, helping the community and using his bilingual skill set for the benefit of

our Spanish speaking residents.

Although Aleco has served on a variety of committees such as the Argo Community High School Alumni Committee, and village committees such as Public Works & Water, Municipal Grounds, and Public Buildings, the most fulfilling accomplishment for Aleco has been serving as a Village of Summit Trustee.

Adhering to the principles of **fiscal responsibility and transparency in government**, Aleco looks forward to the opportunity in serving the residents of the Village of Summit. He recognizes the need and is an advocate for **government accountability**; always working together with others to get things done.



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Bill Mundy Public Works Director

Spring is here bringing nice weather upon us. Your public works department has started their spring cleaning by patching streets, grading alleys, street sweeping and tree trimming. **Please report any street light outages or missing street signs to 708-563-4809.**



Yard waste pick-up has also resumed. 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. **Do not throw any clippings into the alleys or into the streets as it will clog the sewers.**

As the warmer months arrive residents will need to control the overflow of garbage, as well as keeping our yards free of waste and debris to keep the rodent population down. If you need an extra garbage pickup, please call the scavenger company Roy Strom at 708-344-5000. **Do not throw any rubber tires, paint, or chemicals in your trash cans! If you would like to dispose any of these items, please call the Illinois EPA at 1-800-CleanUp (253-2687).** For residents that recycle the Village Water Department has the recycling containers for plastic, paper, and glass.

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The nice weather also means beginning of home improvement projects. You must apply for a permit whether you are doing the work yourself or employing a contractor. If a resident is doing any type of remodeling which will require getting rid of construction material, a dumpster must be used. Construction material will not be picked up by the garbage company. A completed application is required along with 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 each. For your convenience **forms are available on-line at www.summit-il.org or at the Strzelczyk Municipal Center, 7321 W. 59TH Street.**

A very important note: when walking your dog in our community, please remember that it should be leashed, and licensed in town price is \$2 and proof of vaccination is required. For all dog owners it is important to clean up immediately after your dog and dispose of it properly. If a person is caught not picking up after their dog, a citation will be issued.



A big thank you to our Public Works Department who were the last to sleep, and the first to wake up to make sure our streets were clear during this winter season!

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 expired stickers from the windshield.

2019 Vehicle tags go on sale **Monday, May 20TH**. Tags must be displayed on the lower right corner of your windshield by no later than **July 1ST, 2019**.

You will need a State issued ID, as well as vehicle registration identifying your residence within the Village of Summit. Bring your renewal notice. If you do not have one, you will need to fill out an application. **2018 Vehicle tags expire June 30TH.**

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 1ST 2019) 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

John Kosmowski Police Chief

Spring is in the air!

As our days are warming up and spring is here, below are some things to keep in mind.

With the temperature getting warmer and the children going on Spring Break, many will be playing outside and riding their bicycles. Please keep a look out while driving. Be mindful of people at the crosswalks and on street corners. Remember - it's the vehicle driver's responsibility to keep everyone around them safe!

The new Code Red Alert System is now available! Please go to the Village of Summit's new website, www.summit-il.org where residents can sign up to receive emergency notifications. **The new Code Red Alert System is replacing Nixie. You WILL NOT be enrolled automatically in the new system - and need to sign up through the website.**

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 con-

tractor, 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.

Mayor Rodriguez, and the Village Board approved the purchase of two new 2019 vehicles to be added to our Police force! Unfortunately one of our police vehicles that was in pursuit of an offender, was recently totaled in a car accident. Luckily, none of our officers were hurt.

As always, remember that our Neighborhood Watch Meetings are held on the **3RD Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the boardroom at the Police Department.** Come on out and hear what is new in the community!

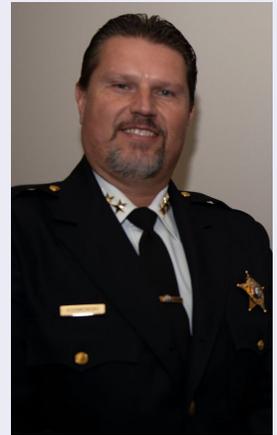


Stop by to safely dispose of dangerous and environmentally harmful household products such as motor oil, old gasoline, automotive batteries, antifreeze, and even electronics. **For more information on what they will accept, call (312) 751-6633.**

We recently purchased special vests that would be used in an active shooter case for the fire department, and we are looking forward to **the new Code Red Alert System that will be going into effect in April and is replacing Nixie. You will NOT be enrolled automatically in the new system - and need to sign up through the website.**

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. **Thanks to your Village Board, we are now happy to offer residents free smoke detectors for those that need one. Please stop by the Strzelczyk Municipal Center and pick one up today!**

Call us with questions, or visit our website at www.summitfire.us.



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Wayne Hanson Fire Chief

It is with a heavy heart that I begin with some unfortunate news. As you will recall, in the last newsletter I reported on the **Joseph Kurcz and Margaret Powers Kurcz Firehouse Dedication Ceremony.** We are fortunate that Joseph was able to be in attendance as unfortunately in January, Joseph passed away. Our hearts go out to the Kurcz Family.



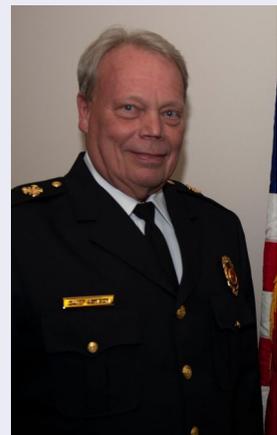
Additionally, former **Summit Fire Chief John Nemeth** passed away in March. John was a longtime village employee, starting employment with the village as a garbage man in 1969 at the age of 19 and worked his way up to the water department. He soon began work in the Summit Fire Department and retired as the Summit Fire Chief in

2004, but was still active with the department until 2016. John then moved down to Golconda in Southern Illinois, and became active with Pope and Hardin County Ambulance, Pope County Rural Fire, and Golconda Fire Department. Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Ruth and his four children.

The Illinois EPA along with the MWRD and Brookfield Zoo are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, April 13TH.



The event will be held from 8am until 3pm in the North Parking Lot of the Brookfield Zoo.



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Clerk's Corner Colleen Lambert



Happy Spring Everyone! It has been a long winter and I am sure each of you are ready for some warm sunny weather. Soon flowers will be in bloom and trees will be turning green!

Congratulations is in order for the many students that will be graduating this coming May! Whether graduating from kindergarten or college, I wish you all the best and success entering this new chapter in your life. Cherish the memories and embrace whatever your future holds!

Dog License: Be sure your pet is licensed with the Village! Forms are available at the Strzelczyk Municipal Center and should be renewed annually during the month of May for \$2. Please be sure your pet has all its vaccinations.

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On April 1, 2020, a census will begin to be taken of all persons living in the United States. It is important that every Summit resident be counted so our village population accurately reflects our needs. The information provided by the census is used to shape communities, identify where schools, senior centers, health clinics, public transportation and fire stations are needed - all things that provide for a better future. With this monumental task of making sure everyone is counted, the

census needs your help! **The U.S. Census Bureau is offering employment opportunities in our area! Call 1-855-JOB-2020 or apply online at www.2020Census.gov/jobs.** More information will be coming throughout the next year, and I encourage each of us to get involved and **fill out the census.** For more information, visit www.illinoiscensus2020.com.



Mayor Rodriguez had the great privilege of being invited to speak at **Congressman Daniel Lipinski's All-American Boy and Girl Program Award Ceremony.** This program dates back to 1968, which was started by the Congressman's father, William Lipinski, which recognizes youth that are involved in servicing their school and community. With over 1,000 applications, the top 100 were invited for interviews. **Summit was represented by Giovanni Garcia from St Joseph Elementary School.**

Congressman Daniel Lipinski also awarded long-time Summit resident Patricia Tichacek the 2018 Senior Citizen of the Year Award! One winner is chosen from each community in the 3RD Congressional District based on their contributions to their communities. **Congratulations Giovanni and Patricia!!!**



AUTO-BOUT BUSINESS



Since 1989, Summit Auto Body has been calling the Village of Summit home. Edward Dornbos and his wife Joy, the proud owners of Summit Auto Body are dedicated to customer service, and have come a long way since their humble

beginnings on Archer Road. They choose not to be an insurance *preferred shop* - **and instead work for you.** The auto collision experience is already stressful enough, so all you need to remember is tell your insurance company that you would like to get your vehicle repaired by Summit Auto Body. They work with almost every insurance company, and Ed and Joy will gladly take the stresses off your mind and negotiate

your insurance claim for you.

All repairs are done by professional technicians with professional equipment, and **all repairs are always guaranteed.** Additionally, repairs are done with environmentally safe materials, and repaired with Ed and Joy's integrity and respect.

Thank you for 30 years of business in the Village of Summit!

Summit Auto Body
5601 S. Archer Rd., Summit, IL
Phone: (708) 458 - 4039
Email: summitabinc@gmail.com

Website: www.summitautobodyinc.com
Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm



BLUE GOES BALD



Mayor Sergio Rodriguez with our Summit Police Department, showing off their new haircuts!

On March 17TH, **Lieutenants John Bragassi and Mel Ortiz; Officers Richard Decker, Jason Donato, Kevin Janettas, Mathew Mann, Richard Otto, Alberto Valadez; Community Service Officer Carlos Munoz; and junior training officer Antonio Ortiz.** traveled out to the Kerry Piper in Willowbrook for the annual St. Baldrick's charity event.

This is the 5TH year our Summit Police Department has participated in the event, raising over \$8,200. A big thank you to Fergie and Foz, William's Hayward, Kus-tom, Joe Kelly State Farm, Heritage Middle School and other local businesses who supported the event and assisted in raising funds. Over 5 years, members of our police department have raised over \$60,000 for the cause. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a not-for-profit organization with the aim of raising funds to help find cures for children with cancer.



Paul Sawyer, 32 year employee with the Village of Summit, is presented a plaque recognizing his retirement by Chief Hanson, Chief Kosmowski, Mayor Rodriguez, Trustee Sullivan and Director Mundy.

race, color, religion, national origin, sex, family status, and / or disability.

Complaints of discrimination in housing can be filed with the Village of Summit, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Complaints can be filed to: **Village Clerk - 7321 W. 59TH Street, Summit, Illinois 60501**

SUMMIT BULLETIN BOARD

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

January 7, 2019

Mayor Rodriguez and the Village Board presented Public Works employee Paul Sawyer a plaque to commemorate his years of dedication to the Village of Summit. Paul is retiring after 32 years of service. Congratulations Paul - you will be missed!

January 22, 2019

Ordinance 19-O-3 was adopted, approving an intergovernmental agreement with Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Division 21 authorizing other fire departments in the surrounding communities to provide greater emergency assistance to the village and residents of Summit when requested. Mayor Rodriguez reminded everyone of the Argo Community High School District 217 Alumni Night on January 25TH and the Cook School District 104 Alumni basketball game on January 26TH.

February 4, 2019

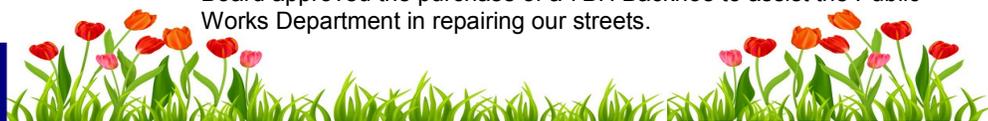
Ordinance 19-O-05 was approved, authorizing an agreement between the Village of Summit and the Illinois Department of Revenue to exchange tax information on automobile renting, business district, home rule, sales, and telecommunications taxes.

February 19, 2019

The Village Board approved a business license for Cocina Del Rey Restaurant, 6033 Archer Road.

March 18, 2019

Resolution 19-R-02 was adopted authorizing the 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program Agreement to rehabilitate Hanover Avenue; from 74TH Avenue to Harlem Avenue, and Hunt Avenue; from Douglas Avenue to the CN Railroad. Ordinance 19-O-06 was approved, authorizing an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Summit and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to proceed with the green infrastructure alley improvements project. The Village Board approved the purchase of a 7BH Backhoe to assist the Public Works Department in repairing our streets.



VILLAGE OF SUMMIT'S FAIR HOUSING ACT

VILLAGE BOARD PROHIBITS DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING

The Village of Summit is committed to promoting Fair Housing efforts through fair and equal housing opportunities for our citizens. Fair Housing is the right for all people to have safe, decent housing and be able to get this housing without discrimination. **Village, State, and Federal Fair Housing laws prohibit discrimination** in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions **based on**



Mayor Rodriguez and Trustee Julius inspect the demolition of abandoned houses in our village, making way for improvements!

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Strzelczyk Municipal Center
7321 W. 59TH Street
Summit, IL 60501

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 1ST Saturday of month: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

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Emergency 911
 Police Department non-emergency (708) 563-4830
 Fire Department non emergency (708) 594-3894
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WEBSITES TO KNOW

Summit Park District
www.summitparks.org

Summit Public Library District
www.summitlibrary.info

Cook School District 104
www.sd104.us

Argo Community High School District 217
www.argohs.net

Township of Lyons
www.lyonstowshipil.gov

County Commissioner 16TH District, Jeff Tobolski
www.commissionertobolski.com

Cook County Clerk
www.cookcountyclerk.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- April 6TH:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- April 13TH:** Easter Egg Hunt - Summit Park District
- April 15TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- April 18TH:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall
- April 27TH:** Earth Day of Service - Various locations in Summit
- May 4TH:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- May 6TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- May 11TH:** Chicago River Day - Lawndale Avenue and Service Road
- May 16TH:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall
- May 20TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- May 21ST:** Argo Community High School Graduation - Toyota Park
- May 27TH:** Memorial Day - Village Offices Closed
- June 1ST:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- June 3RD:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- June 10TH:** Summer Camp Begins - Summit Park District
- June 17TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- June 19TH:** Argo Foundation Golf Outing - Odyssey Club, Tinley Park
- June 20TH:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall
- June 20TH:** Summit's 129TH Birthday