

Village of Summit, IL.

Summer, 2018

Founded in 1890

# THE SUMMIT

*A Village on the Rise*



## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

As we come to the summer months, it brings more people out and about enjoying the weather. Be sure to look out for kids and pets in the streets. **With the potential of extreme heat please check in with your neighbors, especially the elderly.**

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Village partnered with various community youth organizations including The Warehouse Project and The Leadership to clean up the site of the former Summit boat launch for the Chicago River Day. We had about 30 volunteers that morning and filled close to 17 bags of trash and debris from the site. We will look to make this a yearly event as we continue to explore the potential for these grounds. We are also reviewing the results of the boat launch survey conducted, and hope to share that information in the near future.



The original Village Hall, built on Lawndale and Center Avenues in 1898. The property cost \$450, and the second floor was rented out for events, the first being a boxing match.

Additionally, we held a Partner Charrette on June 5<sup>th</sup> which brought together various organization including Active Transportation Alliance, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Friends of the Chicago River, Metropolitan Planning Council, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, Openlands, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to discuss and share ideas on the potential of the former Summit boat launch site. The meeting was quite productive, and it was very interesting to hear from experts in the field on their thoughts.



Mark your calendars for July 12<sup>th</sup>. PACE will be having an open house to present information on the Central Harlem Avenue Corridor Study and improving public transit access along Harlem Avenue. The event will take place at Morton West High School in Berwyn from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. More information can be found at <http://pulse.pacebus.com/index.php/corridors-in-development/harlem>

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!!** We at the Village wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.



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## I&M Canal Rendezvous

Step back 200 years into Chicago's past at "A River Thru History, The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous" **September 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Columbia Woods Forest Preserve in Willow Springs.**

A River Thru History provides an opportunity for residents to experience a "living history" re-enactment of an annual voyageur rendezvous encampment that could have occurred along the Desplaines River, prior to 1835. Join this festive gathering of fur trappers, settlers, craftsmen, and entertainers along the banks of the Des Plaines River!



The Village of Summit is one of the twelve-member communities of the I&M Canal National Corridor Civic Center Authority. We hope to see you at the event!



## Bill Mundy Public Works Director

Summer is here and homeowners are preparing for Summer repair projects. Residents should always **work with their contractors** to ensure that they register with the Village, obtain any required permits, display permits prominently, and schedule any required inspections. Contractors can register in the office or download the application forms on our Village website, [www.thevillageofsummit.com](http://www.thevillageofsummit.com). Unpermitted work is subject to notice and enforcement, up to and including increased permit fees, citation, and fines.



Grass cutting, street light maintenance, street sweeping, street maintenance, and alley grading will all continue throughout the summer and fall. Please report any street light outages or missing signs to 708-563-4809.

**Office phone:** 563-4809

**Email:**  
[bill.mundy@summit-il.org](mailto:bill.mundy@summit-il.org)

Yard waste will continue to be **picked up until November 30<sup>TH</sup>**. Please make sure to place your yard waste in appropriate containers not to be bigger than a 32 gallon container. Yard waste bags and containers should be no more than 50 pounds when full. Also be aware that if paper recycling bags are being used, keep the weight and moisture at a limit so bags won't rip. Branches must be cut down to 3 feet and tied together in bushels for pickup. Yard waste as well as garbage pickup **should be out by 6:00 am on Fridays** - preferably on Thursday night.

**Some garbage / recycling tips:** Construction material will require a roll off dumpster. **Any bulk item over 75lbs or electronics** will require a special pickup by calling **Roy Strom at 708-344-5000**. The City of Burr Ridge is a designated electronics recycling center. The collection center is located at the Public Works building at 451 Commerce Street in Burr Ridge. The center is staffed daily from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm.

As the Village of Summit continues maintenance of our community, we ask that the residents please control the overflow of garbage and **do not feed stray cats or animals**. Both debris and overflow of garbage will contribute to rodent infestation. Keeping our yards free of waste and debris is the best way to prevent attracting unwanted animals. Keep in mind that when there are large amounts of rain, our lawns will need extra attention to prevent it from overgrowth. Any standing / **stagnant water in buckets or any other type of container should be dumped** soon after the storms to prevent mosquitos. 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 extra recycling containers for plastic, paper, and glass.

## 50/50 SIDEWALK PROGRAM APPLICATION

The Village is gathering names and addresses for our 50/50 program for early fall of 2018. The 50/50 program will give residents an opportunity to divide the cost to repair sidewalk squares located on village property. (Public Sidewalks only) Should you be interested, please complete the following information and mail or drop off to: **Strzelczyk Municipal Center, 7321 W. 59<sup>TH</sup> Street, Summit, IL 60501**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of squares (Public Property Only): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## John Kosmowski Police Chief

As the summer heats up it's important to check on elderly neighbors to be sure everyone stays cool. In cases of extreme heat emergency or power loss, **the Police Department will provide a cooling center.** More details will follow if needed.



**Caution!** The number of pedestrians and bicycle riders increases with the temperature. Children are especially likely to be playing or riding in the street or runout without looking. Please be mind-

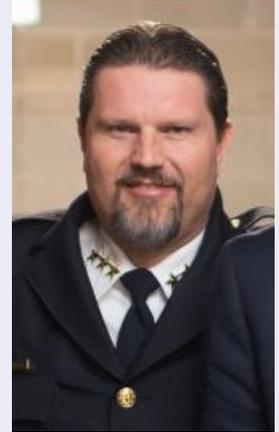
ful of people at crosswalks and on street corners. Remember it's the vehicle driver's responsibility to keep everyone around them safe!!

**Summit is a "No Soliciting" community.** We require 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 (Comm Ed, NICOR, Comcast), or the Village please ask for their I.D. or call 911 and a police officer will be happy to check the credentials of anyone who is at your door, never let any stranger into your home.

Please know that the Village has a **"Safe Exchange Zone" located on the south side of the Police Parking Lot by the courtroom doors.** The lot is under around the clock video surveillance, and residents are encouraged to utilize this to conduct internet sales transactions.

Let's all have a safe and fun filled summer.



**Office phone:** 563-4830  
**Anonymous Tip Hotline:** 563-8100  
**Email:** chiefkosmowski@summitpd.net

## Wayne Hanson Fire Chief

We all know that hot weather can be dangerous! This is especially true for our older adults and young children. **Every summer, nearly 200 Americans die of health problems caused by high heat and humidity.** Most of these individuals happen to be 50 years of age or older, and heat can be severe on children because their bodies warm at a faster rate than adults. When the temperature climbs above 90°F, please be mindful of the amount of time you spend outdoors. Additionally, when cooking outdoors and using;

### A GAS GRILL:

- ⇒ **PLEASE CHECK** all the gas hoses for leaks.
- ⇒ **MAKE SURE** all connections are tight.
- ⇒ **CLEAN** the interior of the grill before use.
- ⇒ **WHEN LIGHTING** the grill - make sure the cover is open to prevent unburned gases from exploding.
- ⇒ **NEVER** leave the grill unattended.
- ⇒ **ALWAYS** shut the gas valve off after use.
- ⇒ **IF THE GRILL** catches fire - don't hurt yourself - call the Fire Department \*911\*

### A CHARCOAL GRILL:

- ⇒ **BE VERY CAREFUL** with lighter fluid, and make sure to read the caution label.
- ⇒ **NEVER** apply additional lighter fluid on the

coals once you have lit it.

- ⇒ **HAVE A CAN** ready for safe storage of the remaining hot ashes.

### GENERAL HOME FIRE SAFETY

- ⇒ **MAKE OR REVIEW** your fire escape plan
- ⇒ **MAKE SURE** your address can be seen from the street for emergency responders.
- ⇒ **CHECK LOCATIONS** of pool chemicals, flammable liquids and pesticides to make sure they are away from children and pets. Make sure they are still in good shape and within dated time of use.
- ⇒ **CHECK FOR** clear ways in your home to escape if there is an emergency.

If you need a child seat installed in your car, call us! We can set up a time and date to install it for you safely.

If you need your blood pressure taken, feel free to stop in at our station any time. We would be happy to help you.

If you have any questions, give us a call, or visit our website at [www.summitfire.us](http://www.summitfire.us)



**Office phone:** 594-3894  
**Email:** chiefhanson@summit-il.org



Summit Firemen doing some spring cleaning in front of the fire house and our 9 / 11 Memorial.



## Clerk's Corner Colleen Lambert

### Happy Summer!

First let me start out by saying that congratulations are in order to all the graduates in the Class of 2018!!!



From kindergartners to high school seniors, we wish you all the best, and success entering this new chapter in your lives. Keep on growing; keep adding to the goodness and beauty in the world; and keep developing those unique dreams and talents that make you who you are. I would also like to say congratulations and thank you to all of the teachers, parents, guardians and families of our graduates. We know the dedication and commitment that you have shown throughout the years, and commend you on assisting our graduates on to success.

Our annual **Shred Day** and **Village Clean Up** will both be on the same day, **Saturday, August 4<sup>TH</sup>**.

Shred all of your documents on site, safely and securely at **St. Joseph School, 5641 S. 73<sup>RD</sup> Avenue from 8am - noon**. This is only for residential shredding and not for commercial use.

In order to prevent against identity theft, it is always a good idea to shred important documents that you no longer need. Old tax returns, photo IDs, bank statements, voided checks and credit card information is some of the things that I have saved in a safe spot all year, in preparation for **Saturday, August 4<sup>TH</sup>**. Thank you to Roy Strom and 5/3<sup>rd</sup> Bank for hosting this event!

I hope you all continue to enjoy the summer months. Just remember to keep an eye on your loved ones to make sure they are staying cool on hot days. If anyone is in need of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Village, Police or Fire Departments.

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## CALLING ALL SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

### *Summit to launch Veterans' Initiative*

The Village of Summit needs your assistance to recognize all our residents who have served or are currently serving in any branch of the United States armed forces.

**Serving our county is a great honor**, and we recognize the sacrifices that you and your family have endured. The Village of Summit will be working with various community organizations to honor and recognize your service to our country. **The service that you have provided to this country - from our small Village - should never be forgotten.**



Mayor Rodriguez attends the Memorial Day Services at Resurrection Cemetery

If you or someone you know has served or is currently serving in any branch of the United States military, please complete the following information and mail or drop off to: **Strzelczyk Municipal Center, 7321 W. 59<sup>TH</sup> Street, Summit, IL 60501**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of the Military: \_\_\_\_\_ Position / Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Years of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ MOS: \_\_\_\_\_

Currently Active:      Yes      No

Special Recognitions/ Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

## SUMMIT BULLETIN BOARD

### NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



### OUR BOYS IN BLUE

At the June 18<sup>TH</sup> Village Board meeting, it was announced that **Lieutenant David Otto** (above left) will be retiring. He was recognized by Mayor Rodriguez, Chief Kosmowski and the Village Board for his 31 years of service and honorable commitment to the Summit Police Department and our community. We wish Lieutenant Otto all the best in his future endeavors. The board also approved the promotion of **Sergeant Mel Ortiz** (above right) to the rank of Lieutenant, and **Officer Steve Kirkolis** (right) to the rank of Sergeant. Congratulations on promotions well earned. Keep up the great work!



#### April 16, 2018

The Village Board approved the purchase of a brand new ambulance for the Fire Department to improve services for our residents. The board also announced the receipt of a 2017 Federal Grant which allows the Fire Department to purchase new equipment, such as two-way radios, radio location hardware and software, air packs and air systems. Business licenses were awarded to Corner Joynt DBA 3<sup>RD</sup> Down Sports Bar, Inc., 7600 West 60<sup>TH</sup> Place, and Drop Box, 7742 West 61<sup>ST</sup> Place.

#### May 7, 2018

An Intergovernmental agreement between the Township of Lyons and the Village of Summit was adopted to begin participation in the Lyons Township Summer Employment Work Program for our youth. Business licenses were awarded to Windy City Auto Spa and Detail Center, 6030 S. Harlem Avenue and Zayd Brothers Phone Service and Sales, 7657 West 63<sup>RD</sup> Street.

#### May 21, 2018

Ordinance 18-O-12 was adopted, amending the Village of Summit Code of Ordinances to create Chapter 36 of Title 5 Regarding the Regulation of Raffles. This will allow a raffle to take place at the St. Joseph's Parish Carnival. Ordinance 18-O-14 was also adopted, approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Villages of Summit, Justice and Bedford Park to conduct a feasibility study for the I&M Canal bike trail extension.

#### June 18, 2018

Business licenses were awarded to La Finca, Inc., 6237 S. Archer Road, Lilly's Video Game Café, 7205 West 63<sup>RD</sup> Street, and MGR Truck Repair, 5151 Lawndale. Ordinance 18-O-17 was adopted, approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Summit and Cook County School District 104 to establish and maintain a reciprocal reporting system allowing the exchange of information to provide for a safer school environment.

## CRITTER CONNECTION



**FACT:** Dog waste is an environmental pollutant. In 1991, it was labeled by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), placing it in the same category as herbicides and insecticides; oil, grease, **toxic chemicals**; and **acid drainage from abandoned mines**.

**FACT:** Woof-woof waste **does not make for a good fertilizer**. It is toxic to your lawn, and it has been estimated that a single gram of dog waste can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria. Dog waste **attracts rats and mice**. Inside the excrement there are usually bits of food that can be a valuable resource to rodents.

**FACT:** People neglect to pick up after their dog because they assume it eventually goes away. **BUT** Parasites such as **salmonella, ringworms and tapeworms can linger in lawns**; infecting humans especially our children who play, walk barefoot in the yard, and put things in their mouths or eyes.

So, in essence, the cycle begins and ends with you!

**Don't let Rover's relief become your neighbors' nuisance. Always bag it and trash it, even when no one is looking!**



**VILLAGE OF SUMMIT**  
**Strzelczyk Municipal Center**  
**7321 W. 59th Street**  
**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  
Building/Public Works Department (708) 563-4809  
Water Billing (708) 563-4817

**OFFICIALS:**

**MAYOR** **SERGIO RODRIGUEZ**  
**CLERK** **COLLEEN LAMBERT**

**TRUSTEES**

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

**Website** [www.thevillageofsummit.com](http://www.thevillageofsummit.com)

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**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.argo.net](http://www.argo.net)

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

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

- July 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Fireworks!!! - Summit Park
- July 4<sup>th</sup>:** Independence Day - Village Offices Closed
- July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- July 16<sup>th</sup>:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall
- July 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>:** Village Wide Garage Sale - Village Hall
- July 29<sup>th</sup>:** Classic Car Show - Park District
- August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Shred Day - St. Joseph's School, 5641 S. 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
**RESIDENTIAL SHREDDING ONLY**
- August 4<sup>th</sup>:** Clean up Day - Village-Wide
- August 16<sup>th</sup>:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting  
- Village Hall
- August 20<sup>th</sup>:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- August 21<sup>st</sup>:** First Day of School - Cook School District 104
- September 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Labor Day - Village Offices Closed

