

Village of Summit, IL.

Summer 2019

Founded in 1890

THE SUMMIT

A Village on the Rise



FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR SERGIO RODRIGUEZ

I would like to congratulate all the graduates from Heritage Middle School, St. Joseph Elementary School, and Argo Community High School. Continue to follow your dreams, study and work hard, and make your families and Summit proud. I encourage you to use your talents and look for opportunities to give back to others and the community.

On April 27th, youth from Summit involved in The LeaderShop, participated in Earth Day - Day of Service. About 10 youths gathered at various locations throughout the Village to clean up trash and debris. We should all do our part to keep our Village clean. If you haven't noticed The Warehouse Gallery & Project did a wonderful job in decorating several Peace Poles that were installed by the Summit Public Works along 63rd Street.

Part of my job is to provide resources to residents, and recently I had the opportunity to attend a meeting held by the Heathy Communities Foundation at Riversedge Hospital. They have launched an on-line resource tool that connects individuals to free and reduced cost social and behavioral health programs within our area for parents, youths, adults, and seniors. I encourage everyone to check out the Health Connection HUB website for more information www.healthconnectionhub.org.

I realize that we all have places to go, but please be patient, and look out for children, seniors, pets, workers, and slow down around our village. As always, check out our website to see what is going on in and around the village: www.summit-il.org

Happy 4th of July!!! We at the Village wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday and summer.

OUR VILLAGE BOARD

Lambert, Julius, Sullivan, Wasko take oath of office

On May 6, 2019, Congressman Daniel Lipinski performed the swearing in of the newly elected officials to the Summit Village Board. Colleen Lambert was sworn in as Village Clerk; and Aleco S. Julius, Arthur L. Sullivan and Karen J. Wasko were sworn in as Village Trustees.

There are daunting challenges facing



leaders at every level of government today. Our leaders have chosen to embrace those challenges and now have the great opportunity to work toward solutions in our village. Tremendous commitment is required for success, but the reward of making a difference for people is incomparable. Congratulations to our newly elected officials!



Summit's first gas-powered fire engine, Iola, arrived in October 1918. A July 1917 fund-raiser in the form of a three-day carnival raised the funds to purchase the engine.



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Clerk's Corner Colleen Lambert

Happy Summer! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer thus far. There are a few events we have planned during the summer months.

First, there will be a **Public Open House on Tuesday, July 16TH** at the **Lipinski Community Center, 7256 Skyline Drive in Justice** to discuss the I&M Trail Extension Feasibility Study. The open house will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Proposed route options will be on display and project team members will be on hand to answer any questions.

The **Village Wide Garage Sale** will be held **July 26TH, 27TH, 28TH**. There is no cost for residents to hold a garage sale, and it is not necessary to apply for a permit on these dates. Feel free to host a garage sale for your friends and neighbors and make some extra money for your family!

Our annual **Shred Day** will be held on **Saturday, August 3RD**. Shred all of your documents on site, safely and securely in the parking lot of the **Summit Animal Hospital, 6050 S. Harlem Avenue from 8 am - noon**. This is only for residential shredding and not for commercial use.

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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 are some of the things that I have saved in a safe spot all year, in preparation for **Saturday, August 3RD**. Thank you to Roy Strom for hosting this event!

Additionally, the Village's **bulk garbage pick-up** will be held on **Saturday, August 3RD**. Feel free to put out large, bulky, oversized items that are in your home that you don't have a use for anymore. From refrigerators to mattresses and everything in between, the village provides this service to assist you, but please, do not dispose of unwanted chemicals.

On April 1, 2020, a census will begin to be taken of all persons living in the United States. This is an enormous undertaking that could have dramatic ramifications for our state. **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. **Governor Pritzker has made it a priority** that our state is laser-focused on the work to ensure an accurate account. The Governor has committed \$29 million to a comprehensive effort to prepare and execute the census in Illinois. **This will be by far the largest per-person allocation made in any state in the nation!** The stakes could not be higher, and honestly, we're behind. The previous administration failed to make the 2020 Census a priority.

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.illinois2020.com.

If you have not already done so, please remember to get your pet licensed with the village. Forms are available at the Strzelczyk Municipal Center and should be renewed annually. The **license is just \$2 and proof of vaccination is required.**

I hope you all continue to enjoy the summer months. Just remember to keep an eye on our 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.




CodeRED™
Keeping citizens informed.

The new Code Red Alert System is now available! Please go to the Village of Summit's new website, www.summit-il.org and sign up to receive emergency notifications from the village. Receive an immediate alert from the village in cases of critical emergency situations, and information regarding necessary actions.

The new Code Red Alert System has gone into effect and replaced Nixie. You WILL NOT be enrolled automatically in the new system - and need to sign up through the website.

John Kosmowski Police Chief

School is out and the summer is finally here!

Caution! The number of pedestrians and bicycle riders increases with the temperature. Children are especially likely to be playing or riding their bicycles in the street or run out without looking.

Nationally, the number of pedestrians killed by vehicles rose 35% in the past decade - and the death rate is almost twice as high for people over 75. Remember to pay attention at the crosswalks and street corners both during the day and in the evening as children and adults will be out walking and enjoying the weather. It's the vehicle driver's responsibility to keep everyone around them safe!

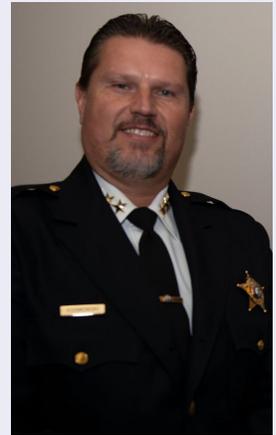
Be aware that **anyone under the age of 18 has a curfew**. The curfew on weekdays is 10:00pm and on the weekends is 11:00pm. With July 4th approaching, remember to not play with fireworks - some can be explosive - but all can be very dangerous.

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.

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's at your door. Be aware of people that try to scam you. **We have had increased reports of scammers that may request to seal coat your driveway or ask for a bucket of hot water from your basement**. Never let any stranger into your home.

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!



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Leave the Show to the Pros



Fireworks Cause Life Changing Injuries...There are NO Safe Fireworks

Wayne Hanson Fire Chief

Every year we look forward to summer vacations, camping, family reunions, picnics, and the **4th of July**. However, summertime also brings fires and injuries due to fireworks and outdoor cooking.

Extremely hot weather can also 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.



First aid for burns:

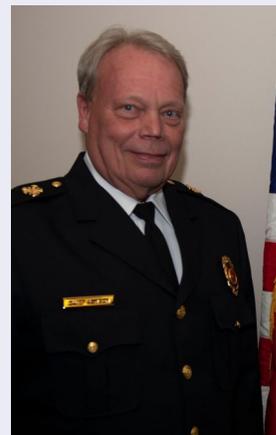
- Place the burn in cool water for three to five minutes.
- Cover the burn with a clean, dry cloth.
- See your doctor if the burn is larger than your palm.

Please note, **if you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts. Sparklers can reach 1,200°F and cause third-degree burns**.

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.

As always, call us with questions, or visit our website at www.summitfire.us.



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Bill Mundy Public Works Director

The Public Works and Water Department has been working hard at preparing for the summer months to come. We continue to patch potholes, clean out debris from the sewers, and grade alleys.

Grass cutting, street light maintenance, street sweeping, street maintenance, and alley grading will all continue throughout summer and into fall.

Please report any street light outages or missing signs to 708-563-4809.

Yard waste will continue to be **picked up until November 30TH**. 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 50lbs 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.



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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. **Permits are required to begin work**, and are also there to protect the resident. Contractors can register in the office or download the application forms on our Village website www.summit-il.org. Unpermitted work is subject to notice and enforcement, up to and including increased permit fees, citations, and fines. 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 Village will be working on a number of improvement projects starting after the 4TH of July:

- ◆ **63RD Street Beautification;** Phase 3
- ◆ **Eco Media Project;** 59TH Place sidewalk replacement from 74TH Avenue to 75TH Avenue
- ◆ **Parking lot;** North side of 63RD Street west of 76TH Avenue
- ◆ **West Side 2019 CDBG Repaving;** 61ST Place, 62ND Street, and 62ND Place (west of Archer Road)

Residents and Business owners surrounding these areas: please be aware of the No Parking Signs posted when the projects are beginning in your area to avoid tickets and towing. Completion of these projects should be by end of August, weather permitting.

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. The Village has received complaints of rodents. We do have an exterminator that goes out to bait and trap in the public ways, but we need help from the residents to keep properties maintained and free of debris.



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. When using the recycling bins, there is no dumping of any materials other than the ones on the signs. Anyone caught illegally dumping, will be fined.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR WATER QUALITY

Please visit www.summit-il.org/waterquality to view your 2018 Annual Water Quality Report. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2018. To obtain a paper copy of the report, please call 708-563-4809, or visit the Strzelczyk Municipal Center at: 7321 W. 59TH Street Summit, IL 60501.

AROUND TOWN

Due to the increased reports of scammers visiting the homes of Summit residents, we would like to remind everyone to be mindful of individuals in the neighborhood who come to your door.

Our Public Works and Water Department employees have their Village Employee ID's on them at all times. When our Public Works Department knocks on your door, they will clearly identify themselves and be happy to show you their Village ID. **Please be alarmed and call the police if anyone claims to be a Village employee but does not have identification.** If there is ever a question of someone's identity, please call the Police Department and / or Village Hall. Never let any stranger into your home.



On April 27TH, the members of the Summit Fire Department joined village officials, local departments, and members of the community in a ceremony to say our final goodbye to retired **Summit Fire Chief John Nemeth**. His legacy will live on for many years, and our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Ruth and his four children.



On May 11TH, about 30 people came out to the Summit Boat Launch site for our **2ND Annual Chicago River Day in Summit**. Chicago River Day is aimed at improving and protecting the Chicago River system for people, plants, and animals. Partnering with the Friends of the Chicago River, there were a total of 63 sites, with an

overall estimate of over 2,000 volunteers picking up tons of trash. **Mayor Rodriguez and the village board** thanks everyone for coming out to help clean up our community!



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 poop **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** and infect 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!



The LeaderShop Societal Spotlight

Mayor Sergio Rodriguez has recently accepted a nomination to be a board member of **The LeaderShop**. Mayor Rodriguez was appointed in 2019, and joins 14 other community leaders and advocates in the area on the Board of Directors.



The LeaderShop is a not-for profit organization that empowers youth to become community-minded individuals through diverse programs that foster confidence, knowledge and leadership. Its goal is to build an ever-growing network of youth energized by service and responsibility to self, community and the world. Formerly called the Community Extension Project (CEP), the organization was created in 1977 as a result of the La Grange YMCA discontinuing their teen service programs in order to expand its day care and recreation programs. The outpouring of public support to fill the gap that would be made, led to the creation of the CEP, whose sole focus was to be on our youth and guiding them to a successful future.

Much of the organizational structure has changed since 1977, as the CEP has changed its name to **The LeaderShop**. Additionally, what started out as a small local Village of LaGrange organization continues to grow every day, and now services almost 1,000 youth in Lyons and Proviso Townships. But the programs, passion, commitment, and vision has remained the same. The values of Commitment, Compassion, Community Partners, Quality of Life, Diversity, Respect, Integrity, and Youth Development continue to be instilled in our younger generations, thanks to the efforts of the many volunteers that donate their time unselfishly for **The LeaderShop**. "I feel it's extremely important for leaders like myself to engage our youth and to help them grow to be prosperous young adults who interact with their communities," said **Mayor Sergio Rodriguez**.



Recently, **The LeaderShop** was awarded a \$12,500 grant from the Lyons Township Board to help fund **The LeaderShop's** efforts. **Lyons Township Supervisor Christopher Getty** stated "I felt energized to assist and help **The LeaderShop**, and the Township Board agreed as well." **Lyons Township Clerk Mike Porfiro**, Summit's former Village Administrator, commended the Township Board for working with **The LeaderShop**, saying "this is what good government is all about - working together to better our communities!"

For more information on **The LeaderShop**, to volunteer, or to get involved, visit www.theleadershop.org.

MIGHTY DYNASTY

Since 1986, **Dynasty Jewelers** has been in business, settling in the Village of Summit in 1991. With its humble beginnings at the original location at Monitor Avenue and 63RD Street in Chicago, the Salerno family found an opportunity to build a new store at 59TH Street and Harlem Avenue in Summit. They broke ground in 1991, and remain there to this day.



Dynasty Jewelers is a family owned business and Peter Salerno and the friendly staff offer custom work on jewelry, and can also repair watches and install battery replacements. All repairs are done by professionals, and they can do most repairs to jewelry in house. Peter Salerno appreciates all of the customers, neighbors and friends in the Village of Summit that have kept them here for all these years.

Thank you for 28 years of business in the Village of Summit!

Dynasty Jewelers
5840 S Harlem Ave., Summit, IL
Phone: (708) 458 - 0808
Tuesday - Friday 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday 10 am - 4 pm

ALWAYS CLOSED SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS



DON'T MEAN TO BUG YOU..

People assume that if mosquitoes are not biting then precautionary measures are not necessary. Be sure to protect yourself against mosquitoes, especially when mosquito annoyance is low.



- * **APPLY** mosquito repellent containing 20-35% DEET to clothing. Concentrations of 10% or less are for children aged 2-12. Some other EPA registered repellents are Picaridin and Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE). Always be sure to follow the label directions!
- * **REPAIR** damaged window screens or other ways mosquitoes may enter the home. Inspect openings around window air conditioners, vents, etc.

During the summer months, the **Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District will maintain** an aggressive mosquito larval control program against all mosquito species. For more information and to find out when the District will be spraying in our area, visit www.desplainesvalleymad.com

SENIOR SCOOP



HAVE YOU HEARD OF ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES?

No one likes to talk about it, but it happens every day. **Yet, this crisis remains vastly under-identified and under-reported.**

The **Illinois Department on Aging is on pace to respond to more than 20,000 reports of abuse** of adults 60 years of age and older, and persons 18-59 with a disability this fiscal year; which ended on June 30TH. As Americans, we believe in justice for all. Yet we fail to live up to this promise when we allow members of our society to be abused or neglected.

Abuse takes many forms that include financial exploitation, emotional abuse, passive neglect, physical abuse, willful deprivation, confinement, and sexual abuse; and these often occur in tandem. Victims are often abused by family members or other relatives - and abuse, neglect, and exploitation of any individual is an affront to human rights in Illinois and around the world.

We all have the right to be treated with dignity and respect - to feel safe and secure. Unfortunately, many of our most vulnerable citizens find themselves victims at the hands of individuals they have trusted. Fact is it's challenging for older adults to stay involved with and be connected to our communities as they age. As a result, older individuals are more likely to experience social isolation, which increases the likelihood of abuse and neglect. But it doesn't have to be that way. There is help.

If you are a victim of abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation - or suspect that someone you know is a victim - **call the state's 24-hour Abuse Hotline at 866-800-1409. All alleged reports of abuse stay confidential.**

We must, as a community, work together to make a difference in the lives of our older adults living in our neighborhoods.

SUMMIT BULLETIN BOARD

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



April 1, 2019

The Village Board approved a request from the Family Outreach Program, Inc. to hold their annual Tag Day solicitation drive on April 5TH and 6TH at the intersections of Archer and Harlem Avenues as well as 63RD Street and Harlem Avenue from 9 am until 5 pm.

April 15, 2019

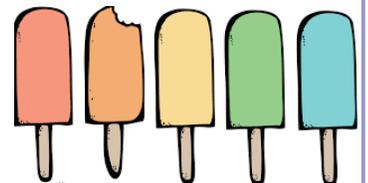
Davis Concrete Construction will proceed with the Eco Media Project, which will replace sidewalks on 59TH Place from 74TH to 75TH Avenues. This project is funded in part by an Eco Media Grant that was awarded to the Village. Business licenses were awarded to Fun Fit Freedom, 6201 S. Archer Road and Mariscos El Muchacho Alegre Restaurant, 6237 S. Archer Road. A scrap collector license was approved for Jose Cruz.

May 6, 2019

Congressman Daniel Lipinski performed the swearing in of the newly elected officials to the Village Board; Colleen Lambert, Village Clerk; Aleco Julius, Arthur Sullivan and Karen Wasko, Village Trustees. Ordinance 19-O-09 was passed, approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Lemont and the Village of Summit allowing for the village's police officers to use the Village of Lemont Police Department's practice firing range. Mayor Rodriguez presented a proclamation in honor of Mr. John M. Nemeth Jr., former Summit Fire Chief, as a significant member of the community for 47 years who passed away in March.

May 20, 2019

The Village Board approved a request from the Salvation Army to hold their annual Red Kettle Campaign from November 1ST through December 24TH at select establishments within the village. Business licenses were awarded to Chiscapis LLC, 6200 S. Archer Road and Natalie's Auto Shop, 7601 W. 59TH Street. Resolution 19-R-03 was passed, approving the purchase of a new fire truck for the Fire Department to assist in improved services for our community. 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.



VILLAGE OF SUMMIT
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

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

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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.lyonstownshipil.gov

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

Cook County Clerk
www.cookcountyclerk.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- July 3RD: Fireworks!!! - Summit Park**
- July 4TH, 5TH:** Independence Day - Village Offices Closed
- July 6TH:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- July 15TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- July 18TH:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall
- July 26TH, 27TH, 28TH:** Village Wide Garage Sale - Village Hall
- July 28TH:** 5K Centennial Kick-off - ACHS to Seat Geek Park
- Aug. 3RD:** Shred Day - Summit Animal Hospital, 6050 S. Harlem Ave
RESIDENTIAL SHREDDING ONLY
- Aug. 3RD:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- Aug. 3RD:** Clean up Day - Bulk Garbage Pickup - Village - Wide
- Aug. 15TH:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall
- Aug. 19TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- Aug. 30TH:** 1ST Home Football Game honoring longest living Argo Alumni - ACHS
- Sept. 2ND:** Labor Day - Village Offices Closed
- Sept. 7TH:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- Sept. 14TH:** Ethnic Fest - Summit Park District
- Sept. 16TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- Sept. 19TH:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall