

THE SUMMIT

A Village on the Rise



FROM THE DESK OF SERGIO RODRIGUEZ

The changing of the seasons brings cooler temperatures, falling leaves, and students back to school. The Village Board continues to be fiscally **responsible and provide quality services** to the residents of Summit. I'm proud in the fact that the Village Board **has kept its promise when the residents granted Home Rule status two years ago.**

Make no mistake, Home Rule in our Village is a game changer. **It has given the Village the power to control its own finances** better to become financially stable, accrue a reserve, and then make future progress **without burdening our residents with excessive increases on the Village portion of the property taxes.** In fact, in this past year, the Village tax rate has decreased on the overall property tax bill you receive from 16.814% to 14.954%. **That amounts to an 11.06% decline in the**

amount that you normally would pay to the Village. As promised, Home Rule has provided us all more leverage to protect our tax base by creating other revenue streams without raising property taxes.

We had several projects that we are looking to complete prior to the end of the year. This includes the 50/50 sidewalk program as well as demolishing several abandoned homes throughout the Village. It has also been good seeing people **looking to invest in the Village**, opening small businesses, remodeling homes, and new construction going up throughout the Village. We are looking forward to the new year and the various projects that we have planned already **including the resurfacing of the entire west side of the Village - west of Archer Avenue.** It is truly a pleasure to serve the wonderful people of Summit.



The original Feed Store. The building was built on Harlem Ave. and Hannover St. in 1920. The business acquired the building in 1948. Building was razed and rebuilt with the widening of Harlem Ave.



GETTING TO KNOW...

Karen J. Wasko, Village Trustee

Karen J. Wasko has been a homeowner and resident in the Village of Summit for the past 60 years, where she and her husband Robert have raised their two daughters.

Karen has served as Village Trustee for the past 4 years and has enjoyed working and making a contribution to the community. She was introduced to Village government soon after she left the School Board at Argo Community High School District #217. **Karen recognizes the importance of local government and how to assist constituents** in an effort to make the Village of Summit a wonderful place to live.

Karen's professional career includes over 32 years of management, organization and community service. She started her career at Natural Gas Pipeline Company for 10 years, until she left and



decided to make her mission to serve our community. She provided 10 years of service to the Village of McCook Police Department, followed by another 12 years of service at our Argo High School. **Her valuable professional experience in the public sector has only reinforced her commitment to our neighborhood and has allowed her to understand what is needed to strengthen the community.**

Being attentive and understanding the needs of the Village is the hallmark of a successful trustee. She continues to achieve one of her many goals - meeting new people and making new friends.

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Bill Mundy Public Works Director

Fall has arrived; and along with the beautiful changing colors of leaves, comes the raking as well. In preparing for the coming months, public works has been working on patching potholes, taking care of water main breaks, and maintaining the parkways. Grass cutting, street light maintenance, street sweeping, and alley grading will all continue throughout the fall. **Please report any street light outages or missing signs to 708-563-4809.** Tree trimming will start in the next few weeks and will continue into the coming months; weather permitting.



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 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.

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Please be mindful of the signs posted through the community regarding parking. To make it both safe and have efficient snow plowing, **parking should be as close to the curb as possible.** Also, please

be aware of any fire hydrants that may get buried due to snowfall or plowing. Please help keep them clean and visible for our fire department. Our plow operators are instructed to work with our residents. **During heavy snowfall, our main objective is to clear the streets for emergency vehicles and our Village residents.**

Residents should also get ready to prepare their homes for the cold winter months ahead. **Weather proofing your home is highly recommended** to prevent drafts as well as pipes freezing. A few ways to prevent freezing pipes is to insulate the pipes, keep the heat on, have the faucet drip slightly, keep cabinets open where pipes are, and if they do happen to freeze, use a blow dryer to unfreeze. Never use fire to unfreeze a pipe.

The Village will start the 50/50 program within the next few weeks. Any resident who has signed up for the program will be contacted by the Building Department to set up payment and a timetable for completion. Please make sure to check out our website, www.thevillageofsummit.com to view the Village's 2017 water quality report; or call the Village at 708-563-4800 to request a copy.

Wayne Hanson Fire Chief

As Summer leaves us and Fall starts, the members of the SFD would like to share some Fall safety tips to keep you and your family members safe!

FALL HOME FIRE SAFETY

- ⇒ **CHECK FOR** clear ways in your home to escape if there is an emergency, and have a fire escape plan.
- ⇒ **TEACH** your children to escape on their own and practice your plan at least twice a year.
- ⇒ **KNOW** at least two ways out of your residences and have an outside meeting place.
- ⇒ **CHECK FURNACE** for proper and safe operation, as colder weather is upon us.
- ⇒ **IF THE ALARM SOUNDS** 'get out and stay out.' Call SFD (911) safely from outside your home.



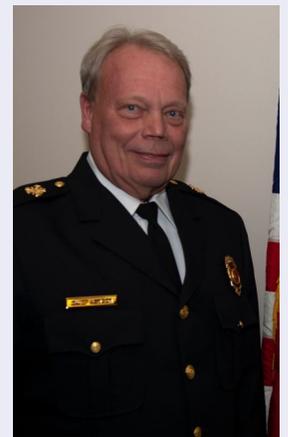
SMOKE DETECTORS:

- ⇒ **PLEASE CHECK** the batteries of your smoke detector when you change your clocks this November. Smoke alarms are key components for safety. Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, and on every level of the home.

Thanks to a grant that the Village Board has received, we are now happy to offer residents smoke detectors for those that need one. Please stop by the SFD and pick one up today!

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, or visit our website at www.summitfire.us



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John Kosmowski Police Chief

As the leaves change color and the cold winds start to blow, we welcome fall in the Village. The Summit Police would like to remind everyone as the weather turns, to be careful of pedestrians in crosswalks, especially children walking to and from school.



We are happy to report the continuing success of the **Summit neighborhood watch program**. Our community is a safer place thanks to your friends and neighbors who “watch and re-

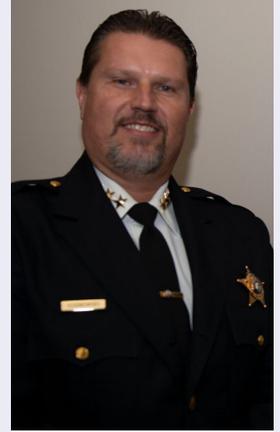
port” on your behalf. If you would like to join in as the program grows or just stop by and see what it’s all about; we meet on the **3RD Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in the boardroom at the Police Department.**

Stay vigilante, and call us for anything; illegally parked vehicles, a suspicious guy walking down the street or alley, you name it. Call - because you never know! Calling helps prevent crime.

Halloween hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Be safe and have a Happy Halloween!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS:

- ⇒ **ALWAYS** use sidewalks, instead of the street for walking.
- ⇒ **CHILDREN** should never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween.
- ⇒ **DON'T** eat any treats until they have been examined.
- ⇒ **LOOK** in all directions before crossing the street.
- ⇒ **MOTORISTS SHOULD** drive slowly, yield to young pedestrians, and watch out for Trick-or-Treaters darting into the street.
- ⇒ **NEVER** enter a strangers' home – stay on the porch or outside.
- ⇒ **WALK DON'T RUN** during trick-or-treating activities.



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SENIORS: LEAVE THE LEAVES FOR US!

The Village is gathering names and addresses for our Annual Senior Service Fall Project! The Village is proud to partner with community groups to offer at no cost a leaf raking program on November 3RD and November 10TH. If you are older than 65, and interested, please complete the following information and mail or drop off by October 29TH to: **Strzelczyk Municipal Center, 7321 W. 59TH Street, Summit, IL 60501**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Birthdate: _____

Age _____ (You MUST provide proof that you are over 65 years old and the homeowner of the property):

Additional Notes: _____

Signature: _____



Clerk's Corner Colleen Lambert

"Happy Fall". I hope each of you had a wonderful summer. Now that school is back in session, please be aware of children before and after school.

Center. Stay tuned for more information.

Drop off your precious letters to Santa in the North Pole Mailbox located at the Village Municipal Building. If you add a return address (prior to December 19TH), Santa will respond! The mailbox will be out starting November 19TH.



Please be aware that mid-term elections are approaching. **Please get out and vote on November 6TH.** The voting locations are as follows:

Stay safe, and Happy Holidays to you and your families. Please take time to reflect on the past year. Let us all be thankful every day for the family and friends we have ~ old and new, and the opportunities that have come our way.

- ◆ **Precinct 56;** Summit Park District – Spark Center
- ◆ **Precinct 57;** Village of Summit Municipal Building
- ◆ **Precinct 60;** Argo Community High School

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Polls open at 6:00am and close at 7:00pm

With the holidays approaching, we have exciting things for the children coming up! **Santa and his reindeer will also be making a special trip all the way from the North Pole to the Village of Summit on December 8TH.** Everyone is welcome to come for a photo and treat at the Summit Park District Spark



Village Board Trustees Sullivan, Dardovski, Ortiz and Julius with Mayor Rodriguez and "Da Coach Mike Ditka" at Argo High School Homecoming Parade.

SENIOR SCOOP

HAVE YOU HEARD OF LIHEAP WINTER ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

Starting this month, the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity will begin scheduling appointments and accepting applications for **winter heating assistance for seniors and people with disabilities** through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).



LIHEAP is a state and federally funded energy assistance program for low-income families, in which heating bill payments are made on behalf of households. Benefits are paid directly to energy vendors on behalf of eligible households. The exception is households whose heating costs are included in their rent.

LIHEAP applicants will be served on a first-come, first-served basis until May 31, 2019 or until funding is exhausted.

Customers must bring all required documentation when applying for assistance including:

- * **Proof of gross income** from all household members for the 30-day income period beginning with the date of the application.
- * **A copy of their current heat and electric bills** issued within the last 30 days (if they pay for their energy directly).
- * **A copy of their rental agreement** (if they are renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contact information.
- * **Proof of Social Security** numbers for all household members.
- * **Proof that their household received** Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF); Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD); or other benefits, such as Medical Eligibility or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), if receiving assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the program, go to www.liheapillinois.com, call the **LIHEAP toll-free hotline at 1-877-411-WARM (9276)**, or contact the **Arab American Family Services, 9044 S. Octavia Ave., Bridgeview, (708) 599-2237.**



OUR NEW EQUIPMENT

The Village Board approved the replacement of our aging ambulance. We just received it and were able to have it certified by the State of Illinois as a paramedic unit. This unit is now in full service as of September 6TH. **Our ambulance responds to an average of 1,200 calls per year.** The older ambulance will now be used as a back-up unit.

Our two old fire engines now have a newer engine with them that we bought from the Village of Tinley Park. This fire engine is half their age, and **will keep our operating costs down, while maintaining our emergency response** to our residents.



SUMMIT BULLETIN BOARD

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



July 16, 2018

The Village Board approved a proposal to begin the Water Distribution System Leak Detection program. The program will inspect the village's approximately 30 miles of water pipes and the Village of Summit's water distribution system for leaks. Resolution 18-R-08 was passed determining that it is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare to participate in class action litigation related to the ongoing opioid crisis. Business licenses were awarded to Envy House of Beauty, 6146 S. Archer Road, Jokers Gaming Café, Inc., 6320 S. Harlem Avenue, R Lara Trucking, 7666 West 63RD Street, Staffing Inc. DBA Staff Illinois, 7522 West 63RD Street, and Unique Cuts, 6253 South Archer Road.

August 20, 2018

The Village Board approved the purchase of a brand new Ford F-750 Construction Dump Truck for our Public Works Department to assist in improving snow removal and residential services. The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Summit and Summit Public Works Union, Local 399 International Union of Operating Engineers was approved. The Village Board declared September 17TH through September 23RD to be Constitution Week, commemorating the 231ST Anniversary of the drafting of the United States Constitution. Business licenses were awarded to American Gift, 7522 West 63RD Street, Didi's Dollar Deals, 7604 West 63RD Street, and Parking Hub, 5101 South Lawndale. Congratulations to Jerry Rosales who was promoted to Water Department Foreman.

September 17, 2018

The Village Board passed a proclamation supporting the Fairness and Equality Campaign in celebration of the 200TH Anniversary of Illinois becoming the 21ST State in the Union. The proclamation encourages all residents to recognize and honor the principals of diversity, inclusion, and non-discrimination in our Village everyday. Business licenses were awarded to Art Auto Spa, 6009 South Archer Road and Cactus, Inc., 5130 South Lawndale.

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS



On May 8, 1948, Joe and Anna Bestwina opened **The Feed Store**; one of the last of its kind still in existence today. Their goal then was the same as it is today: To feed and protect the Earth by helping people live more sustainably, more happily, and in better harmony with nature.

Grandpa Joe did this by teaching the simple things, like how to

grow your own food, care for your own animals (both livestock and pets), and **how to be mindful of your impact on the world around you.**

Joe and Anna have now been joined by their two sons, Joseph and David, and their granddaughter Brooke.

Today they carry seed, feed, and products for virtually every need; from growing your garden or raising backyard chickens - to attracting wild birds, pest control, and many premium lines of foods and treats to keep even the pickiest dogs, cats, and exotic pets happy and healthy. **Stop by today and see the wide selection** of live animals and products they keep in stock year-round.

Thank you for 70 years of business in the Village of Summit!

The Feed Store
5408 S. Harlem Ave., Summit, IL
Phone: (708) 458 - 327
Email: thefeedstore1948@gmail.com
Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 10am - 2pm
ALWAYS CLOSED WEDNESDAYS



Since 1948

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Oct. 6TH:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- Oct. 8TH:** Columbus Day - Village Offices Closed
- Oct. 15TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- Oct. 18TH:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall
- Oct. 31ST:** Halloween / Día de Muertos - Village Wide 1:00 - 7:00 pm
- Nov. 3RD:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- Nov. 5TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- Nov. 15TH:** Village Neighborhood Watch Meeting - Village Hall
- Nov. 19TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- Nov. 22ND - 23RD:** Thanksgiving - Village Offices Closed
- Dec. 1ST:** Coffee with the Mayor - (1st Saturdays of the Month) - Village Hall
- Dec. 3RD:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall
- Dec. 8TH:** Santa Comes to Summit - Summit Park District
- Dec. 17TH:** Village Board Meeting - Village Hall



WEBSITES TO KNOW

Village of Summit Park District
www.summitparks.org

Village of Summit Public Library
www.summitlibrary.info

Cook School District 104
www.sd104.us

Argo 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

VILLAGE OF SUMMIT
Strzelczyk Municipal Center
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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

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CLERK **COLLEEN LAMBERT**

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