

Village of Summit, IL.

Spring, 2025

A Village on the Rise

Founded in 1890

THE SUMMIT



FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR SERGIO RODRIGUEZ

Although winter has been milder than in previous years, we understand the challenges of frigid temperatures and extend our sincere gratitude to our Public Works employees for their commitment in addressing water line breaks and ensuring safe passage on our streets.

We've successfully completed the **televising and jetting of our sewer lines**, a crucial step in preventative maintenance to prepare for spring rain. This spring, we will also commence our multi-year lead water line replacement project, mandated by the EPA.

This initiative will begin in the vicinity of **Argo High School and the 5300 blocks of 73rd Ave & 72nd Ct**, involving the replacement of water service lines with new copper lines from the water meter to the water main. This work requires access to residents' home, and contractors will be issued Village ID badges. While we understand this project may cause some disruption, we kindly request your co-operation to facilitate its timely and efficient completion.



Scouting America

The Boy Scout of America are seeking new scouts in Summit! Read more about it on **page 6**.



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VILLAGE SECURES \$500K TREE GRANT TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY FORESTRY

The Village of Summit has been awarded has been awarded a **\$500,000 subgrant** by The Morton Arboretum's Chicago Region Trees Initiative (CRTI) to improve the community tree canopy. The competitive subgrant is among nearly 40 provided to nonprofits, government entities and other eligible groups through Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service, administered by CRTI.



"We are proud that the Village is one of only about 40 entities in the entire state to be awarded this grant," said **Mayor Rodriguez**. "Securing this grant will allow us to build upon the progress we've made in beautification and forestry in the Village over the last few years." [see GRANT, page 5]

LIONS CLUB CREATES CONTEST TO DESIGN NEW VILLAGE STICKER

The Argo Summit Lions Club will be celebrating 100 years this year and to commemorate the organization's monumental history of service, the organization has launched a competition to design a new Village sticker. [see CONTEST, page 5]



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March - Spring Edition
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Stay in the Loop!

Please be sure to sign up for these important resources by using the QR code below. Both resources help the Village send important information.



Code Red is the Village's public alerting and residential safety system. Signing up will provide you with important, real-time notifications texted to your phone, including power/water outages, weather alerts, police activity and updates, and more.



Launched in 2022, **SummitCrime-watch.com** provides public safety information and resources for residents. This platform allows for two-way dialogue in which the community can get involved and the department with real-time information and tips to help make our community safer.



Office phone: 563-4807

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Election Day Info

Election Day is (again) upon us and this time it's all local. While turnout is often lower in these types of elections, it plays a big impact on the direction of our community. Below you'll find information on the upcoming municipal election, which is **Tuesday, April 1st**. As always, **no matter how you vote or what your plan is, remember to VOTE!**



Election Day Voting Locations

Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Precinct 56 Summit Park District Spark Center

Precinct 57 Strzelczyk Municipal Center

Precinct 60 Argo Community H.S.

WHAT'S ON MY BALLOT?

April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election
To the Voters of the Village of Summit

#1

"Shall the Village of Summit issue bonds to obtain sufficient funds to repave all alleys in the Village?"

- Yes
- No

#2

"Shall the Village of Summit manage all parks and recreation centers in the Village?"

- Yes
- No

UPCOMING CONSOLIDATED ELECTION
TUESDAY APRIL 1, 2025

JAN 2	FIRST DAY TO APPLY FOR VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT
MARCH 4	LAST DAY FOR REGULAR (PAPER) VOTER REGISTRATION.
MARCH 5- APRIL 1	GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING AT ELECTION AUTHORITY AND EARLY VOTING SITES.
MARCH 16	LAST DAY FOR ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION. GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION IS STILL AVAILABLE AT ELECTION AUTHORITY AND EARLY VOTING SITES.
MARCH 17	FIRST DAY TO VOTE EARLY AT EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES.
MARCH 27	YOUR LAST DAY FOR ELECTION AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATIONS.
MARCH 31	LAST DAY TO VOTE EARLY AT EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACES.

APRIL 1: GENERAL ELECTION DAY!
 POLLS OPEN FROM 6:00 AM TO 7:00 PM.

Helpful info from: Clerk's Office

As we welcome the vibrant spring season, the Village of Summit wants to remind everyone to stay vigilant against rising scams that have been impacting residents.

Scammers are increasingly targeting individuals through fake calls, emails, or messages requesting payments via cryptocurrency or gift cards. **Please note that law enforcement agencies will never ask you for payments in these forms.** If you receive such a request, it is likely a scam. Be cautious and report suspicious activity immediately.

With warmer weather comes the desire to enhance our homes, but beware of **unsolicited home improvement offers**. Solicitors are not allowed to go door-to-door in Summit. If you encounter someone claiming to offer services, do not engage without verifying their credentials. Always trust your instincts and if you feel uneasy, please contact the police.

Several construction projects are forthcoming in and around the village, which may cause **disruptions and increase traffic congestion**. Please be mindful of detours and slower traffic in affected areas. Plan extra time for travel, especially during peak

hours, and stay updated on roadwork progress. Also be aware of increased traffic in the residential areas by people trying to avoid congested areas.

All areas from 62nd street south between Harlem Avenue and Archer Road is designated a school parking zone enforcement area. You must have a designated school zone village sticker indicating that you reside in the listed area to park during the hours when Argo High School is in session (Including summer school). If you park in the area in violation of the ordinance, you will be cited accordingly.

Stay safe and enjoy the season!



Office phone: 563-4830
Anonymous Tip Hotline: 563-8100
Email: mortiz124@summitpd.net

Jerry Rosales, Superintendent of Public Works

DEBRIS NOTICES

Spring is almost here and soon melted snow will reveal garbage and debris that needs to be cleared away. The Village asks that residents and businesses participate in the clean-up process. Whether garbage is found on the sidewalk, in front of your property, or on nearby sidewalk, picking it up and throwing it away will help to keep our community clean. Street sweeping will soon begin as well as patching potholes, grading alleys, and debris cleaning from sewers.

YARD WASTE PICKUP GUIDELINES

- ⇒ **Yard waste pick up will begin Friday, April 4th.**
- ⇒ Please put yard waste in a 30 gallon tote with a lid or in a rigid plastic container in front of the home.
- ⇒ Yard waste containers cannot exceed more than 50lbs when full. Although brown yard waste bags are accepted, keep in mind the bag can rip if it rains.
- ⇒ Tree limbs have to be tied together and cannot exceed 50lbs, 4 feet in length and a maximum of 24 inches in diameter.

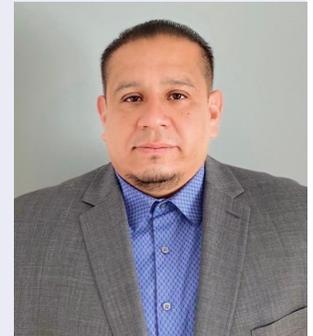
BULK ITEM GUIDELINES

- ⇒ Only one bulk item allowed per week. It is recommended that it be taken out the night before so that the item does not sit in the alley the whole week.
- ⇒ For single family and two unit homes throwing out a mattress, please put it in a mattress plastic bag or make sure it is wrapped in plastic. Garbage is still being picked up on Fridays remember to get your garbage totes out the night before.
- ⇒ The Village is enforcing for overflow of garbage and will be fined. Let's keep our alleys clean to help keep the rodents away. The Village also has recycling dumpsters at the Metra station for recycling of paper, plastic and glass no plastic bags please and no furniture or big items only recycling.

If anyone is caught dumping construction material, furniture, tires or any other garbage that does not belong in recycling bins you will be fined. **If you would like to dispose of tires, paints and chemicals please call the Illinois EPA at 1-800-CleanUp (253-2687) to find the nearest location.**

PERMITS

A permit is required when remodeling, updating your home, or using a contractor. Registration of the contractor is required and both applications can be found on our website. **Construction material will NOT be taken from the garbage containers.** Residents must rent out a dumpster for construction debris. Residents making repairs where material is being removed from a home must rent a dumpster from a scavenger company. Permit fees are based on the construction costs and inspections are \$125.



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Tony Anderson, Fire Chief



SPRING INTO SAFETY!

As the weather warms up and we shake off the winter chill, the SFD wants to remind our community about safety tips to keep you and your family safe this season. A little preparation goes a long way from outdoor activities to home maintenance!

OUTDOOR FIRE SAFETY

>Grill with caution: Always grill outdoors and keep a safe distance from structures, trees, and overhangs. Never leave the grill unattended and make sure it is completely cooled before storing.

PREPARE FOR SEVERE WEATHER

>Storm readiness: Spring storms can bring heavy rain, lightning, and even tornadoes. Have an emergency plan in place and stay informed through weather alerts, like following Code Red.

>Downed power lines: If you see a downed power line, assume it is live and stay far away. Report it immediately to the authorities.

HOME MAINTENANCE SAFETY

>Spring cleaning caution: Never mix cleaning chemicals, as this can create toxic fumes and pose serious health risks.

>Check smoke & CO alarms: Replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and test them monthly.

>Dryer vent cleaning: Lint buildup can be a major fire hazard. Clean your dryer vent and lint trap regularly.

>Electrical safety: Inspect extension cords and outdoor outlets for damage. Replace any frayed or worn cords

RECREATIONAL SAFETY

>Water safety: Whether you're boating, fishing, or swimming, always wear a life jacket and follow water safety guidelines.

>Bike & helmet safety: Ensure helmets fit properly and check bikes for any needed maintenance before hitting the trails.

>Hiking & camping: Let someone know your plans and bring enough supplies, including water, first aid, and navigation tools.

FIRST AID & CPR SEMINAR MARCH 15th

>The Fire Department will host another CPR Certification seminar on **Saturday, March 15th**. These courses have been met with much enthusiasm and I would like to thank the community for their continued support at making this possible. Those interested in signing up can send me an email. The cost per person is \$30.



Office phone: 594-3894

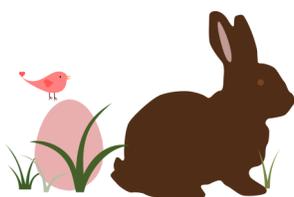
Email: tanderson@summitfire.net



PARK DISTRICT TO HOST TWO EASTER EVENTS

The Summit Park District welcomes you for some family fun this Easter season! In addition to its annual Sunday Easter Egg Hunt, the Park District will host a night hunt on April 11th.

Although the Sunday event will be free of charge, the night event will have a small registration fee of \$7. These events expect a crowd so please plan accordingly and remember to register!



FLASHLIGHT EASTER Egg Hunt

Join us for a fun - filling flashlight egg hunt where kids search for hidden eggs in the dark, using only your own flashlights to guide the way!

GOLDEN EGG PRIZES
PICTURE WITH THE BUNNY

Registration fee \$7
Age 12 - 15

FRIDAY
APRIL 11, 2025
8:00-8:45PM

THIS EVENT WILL OCCUR RAIN OR SHINE, SO PLEASE ARRIVE PREPARED FOR THE WEATHER. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Summit Park District
5700 S. Archer Road 708 498-1012

Summit Park District & Summit Chamber of Commerce

EASTER EGG HUNT

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EGG HUNTING
GOLDEN EGG PRIZES
PICTURE WITH THE BUNNY

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2025
START 11:00 AM SHARP

5700 S. ARCHER RD. SUMMIT IL. 60501

FREE EVENT BUT REGISTRATION REQUIRED

GRANT

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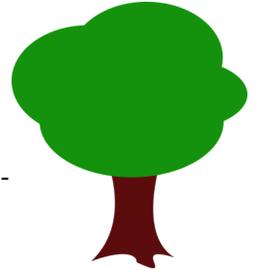
The four-year grants, which do not require matching funds, are available for projects in communities that meet the federal requirements as disadvantaged. The funding can be used for projects that increase tree canopy, improve forest health, and create or enhance community forestry programs.

Various projects funded through the CRTI sub-grants include tree planting and the formation of tree inventory and management plans, in both urban and rural areas, to help increase efficiency and proactiveness in community forestry, as well as support local economies and businesses through improved infrastructure and workforce development.



“Improving the distribution of trees and green spaces directly impacts the health and economic outcomes for communities,” said **CRTI Director Zach Wirtz**. “Projects like this improve quality of life and boost the urban tree canopy’s resilience to threats posed by environmental conditions, pests and diseases.”

Funding for this project was provided by the Inflation Reduction Act and the USDA Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program in partnership with The Morton Arboretum’s Chicago Region Trees Initiative. USDA, The Morton Arboretum, and the Village of Summit are equal opportunity providers.



CONTEST

FROM PAGE 1

“We thought it would be nice gesture to include the Village of Summit and SD104 as we show appreciation of the Lions club over the last 100 years,” said **Vice President Brian Ponczek**. “The idea was to involve students and getting their skills and imagination together to come up with our Village sticker.”

The contest was open to 5th and 6th graders attending School District 104. Solicitations for the competition were submitted to the schools when students returned from winter break and over 100 designs were submitted.

A committee made up of Village officials and members of the Lions Club will select the top three designs. The second and third place winner will receive a \$25 gift card with the first place winner receiving a \$50 card and their unique design seen on windshields come the summer. The winner will be announced this March.

The Village sticker competition is one of many examples of the positive impact the Lions Club has made to the community over the years. The Argo Summit Lions Club is the second oldest club in Illinois and for many years headlined a much-anticipated annual corn beef and cabbage fundraiser at the VFW.

“Anything we do, we have a commitment to keep the work in the Village,” said Secretary **Carol McGowan**. “We’ve donated to BEDS Plus, sponsored a Argo football team’s Thursday dinner before Friday night, worked with fire department on their blood drives, and many more.”

Although COVID-19 changed the direction of many traditional events, the club anticipates bringing back the annual corn beef and cabbage dinner October 19th of this year at Valladolid Banquet Hall. The club meets every third Saturday of the month at 5719 S. Archer Ave. at 10:00 a.m.

VIEW THE WINNING DESIGN WHEN ANNOUNCED!

Our Village website will publish the winning design when selected in March. Remember to stay in the loop!



HISTORICAL SPOTLIGHT

Historical Spotlight



The Boy Scouts of America were founded in 1910 to develop values-based leadership training and mentorship for America's youth. Now, Scouting America continues its conquest right here in the Village of Summit.

"We are thrilled to welcome back Cub Scouting to the Summit community," said **Mayor Sergio Rodriguez** "This program has a long tradition of instilling values such as respect, responsibility, and perseverance in young people, and we look forward to welcoming new families into our Pack."

Cub Scout Pack 3044 sponsored by the Antioch Baptist Church, is set to be relaunched and provide all local youth with new opportunities for adventure, learning, and service. For more information on Scouting America, please follow the QR code. →



UPCOMING EVENTS HOSTED BY THE LIBRARY *Community Focus*

SUMMIT PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

2025 Community Health Fair

HEALTH FAIR

Saturday, April 26th, 2025
10:00am - 2:00pm

Join us to meet different community organizations and learn about health related programs, services, and providers. All ages are welcome to attend, and this is a free event!

Summit Public Library District
6233 S. Archer Rd. Summit, IL 60501
(708) 458-1545

Summit Public Library District Presents

MOMMY AND ME YOGA

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED at 708.458.1545 (5 years old and up)

SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, 2025
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Summit Public Library District
6233 S Archer Road.
Summit, IL 60501

UPCOMING ARGO H.S. EVENTS



- Wednesday, March 12 – Mariachi Band Concert @7PM (Portillo Performing Arts Center)
- Thursday, May 1 – Saturday, May 3 – Spring Musical: The Little Mermaid @7PM (Portillo Performing Arts Center)
- Tuesday, May 6 – Choir Concert @7PM (Portillo Performing Arts Center)
- Thursday, May 8 – Guitar Concert @7PM (Portillo Performing Arts Center)
- Monday, May 12 – Orchestra Concert @7PM (Portillo Performing Arts Center)

CHICAGO RIVER DAY MAY 10TH

The Village of Summit is proud to participate in the 33rd Annual **Chicago River Day this year on Saturday, May 10th**. This volunteer-based event is hosted by Friends of the Chicago River to help dispose of litter and beautify the Calumet-Chicago River System. Please join us to help clean, maintain, and restore our river system. The Village will provide more details as the date approaches.

SIGN UP

STREETS SWITCHED TO ONE WAY

Please note that **73rd and 74th Avenue from Archer Avenue to 59th Street** have been switched to one way streets:

- 73rd Avenue: One way North
- 74th Avenue: One way South

Please drive accordingly and be safe!



SUMMIT BULLETIN BOARD

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



January 6, 2025

- A Lot Next Door Program was established, which will allow for municipality owned non-buildable surplus property to be transferred to adjacent owners.
- A resolution was approved for construction on State Highway in 2025 and 2026.
- A resolution was approved to submit an advisory, non-binding public policy question to be put on the ballot in the April 1st 2025 election regarding the management of parks and recreation centers.

January 21, 2025

- A business license was approved for LaCabana Restaurant, located at 6312 S. Harlem Ave. The new restaurant hopes to open later this month.
- Approved and authorized surplus property in the village to be sold with requests for proposals. Solicitations are published in the Desplaines Valley News.
- Summit residents **Monica Wiggins** and **Cesar Camacho** were both appointed to the Fire and Police Commission. Congratulations!

February 3, 2024

- Approved an ordinance updating the number of liquor licenses per classification.
- Approved payroll and bills.
- Opened bids for property located at 6151 Archer Rd and approved highest bid. As a reminder, solicitations for sale of property are published in the Desplaines Valley News.

February 18, 2024

- Sergeant **Anthony Hickey** was promoted to Lieutenant and Officer **Matthew Mann** was promoted to Sergeant.



VOTE

MONICA GORDON
COOK COUNTY CLERK

BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE TODAY!

Do your part for local Democracy and earn some cash in the process!

ELECTION JUDGE
\$250
Greets voters, signs them in, and ensures smooth polling place operations.

POLLING PLACE TECHNICIAN
\$400
Assists with election supplies, equipment setup, and maintenance, in addition to Election Judge duties.

POLL WORKERS NEEDED IN SUBURBAN COOK COUNTY FOR APRIL 1, 2025, CONSOLIDATED GENERAL ELECTION

WHO ARE MY ELECTED OFFICIALS?

Federal Officials		
Senator Dick Durbin	230 S. Dearborn Street Suite 3892 Chicago, IL 60604	(312) 353 4952
Senator Tammy Duckworth	230 South Dearborn Street, Suite 3900 Chicago, IL 60604	(312) 886-3506
Congressman Chuy Garcia	4376 S Archer Ave Chicago, IL 60632	(773) 475-0833
State Officials		
Senator Mike Porfirio	6215 West 79th Street STE 1A Burbank, IL 60459	(708) 430-2510
State Rep. Abdelnasser Rashid	6901 W. Cermak Road Berwyn, IL 60402	(708) 956-7563
County		
Commissioner Frank Aguilar	7833 Ogden Lyons, IL 60534	(708) 447-5461

Assessor Hynes' office open for property tax exemption help

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi has delayed the 2024 exemption until this Spring. Lyons Township **Assessor Pat Hynes'** office is here to help. For your property tax inquiries and guidance, please contact the Township Assessor's office.

Patrick Hynes, C.I.A.O.
Lyons Township Assessor
phynes@lyonsts.com
(708) 482-8300
6404 Joliet Rd, Countryside.



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

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:

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

TRUSTEES

Setki "Sam" Dardovski Marvel Parker
Sonia Ponce Lorena Manriquez
Mayra Ortiz Aurora Rodriguez

Mailing Address Line 1
Mailing Address Line 2
Mailing Address Line 3
Mailing Address Line 4
Mailing Address Line 5



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

Illinois Department of Public Health
www.dph.illinois.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
www.cdc.gov

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 1ST: Coffee with the Mayor

March 4TH: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall

March 17TH: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall

April 1ST: Election Day

April 5TH: Coffee with the Mayor

April 11TH & April 19TH: Park District Easter Egg Hunt

April 7TH: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall

April 18TH: Good Friday — Village closed

April 21ST: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall

May 3RD: Coffee with the Mayor

May 5TH: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall

May 10TH: Chicago River Day

May 19TH: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall