

Village of Summit, IL.

Summer, 2025

A Village on the Rise

Founded in 1890

THE SUMMIT



FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR SERGIO RODRIGUEZ

Ten years ago, when I first took office as Village President, replacing the pedestrian bridge on 74th Avenue was a top priority on my agenda. I'm thrilled to announce that the Village of Summit has been awarded **\$2.4 million in funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for this project.** This vital work will enhance local transportation, boost the quality of life for all residents, improve accessibility, and increase safety.

While the project is still a few years from beginning, it will be fully funded through grants we've secured. This was made possible by federal and state funds administered by IDOT, ITEP awards specifically focus on improving bike and pedestrian travel, as well as making other surface transportation improvements that promote alternative ways of getting around our community.

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It's going to be a busy summer! IDOT will be working on the **Archer Road Bridge**, and the Village has also begun lead line and water main replacements. Plus, we're excited to welcome new businesses opening up in Summit.



Historical Resolution adopted by the Illinois General Assembly! Read more about it on **page 6.**

SUMMIT COMMUNITY NETWORK READY TO MAKE STRIDES GOING INTO YEAR TWO

May 2025 marks the one-year anniversary since United Way, with the support of Cook County, launched the **Summit Community Network Project.**

The project, quarterbacked and administered by the nonprofit SGA Youth Services, looks to develop a strategic community development plan primarily anchored through residential feedback. [see SGA, page 5]

SUMMIT Community Survey

Your anonymous feedback will help guide meaningful improvements in Summit. This quick survey aims to:

- Discover what makes Summit strong
- Understand your vision for Summit
- Support the future of Summit Community Network.

Your input is invaluable, whether you are a long-time resident or new to the Summit community!

bit.ly/SummitCommunitySurvey



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NEW VILLAGE STICKER DESIGN SELECTED!

The **Argo Summit Lions Club** sponsored competition to choose a new vehicle sticker for 2025-2026 has concluded. The Village is proud to announce that the design of 6th grader Francisco Nevarez was selected to be showcased on vehicles for 2025-2026 [see **STICKERS**, Page 5].





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Congratulations to the Class of 2025! You made it! Whether you are graduating from kindergarten or college, I wish you nothing but success entering into this new chapter of your life. Cherish all the memories you have made along the way and embrace whatever the future holds for you.



PLEASE REVIEW E-RECYCLE DAY GUIDELINES BELOW

**Village of Summit
Collection Requirements**

- Electronics must be curbside by **6:00 AM**
- Limit of seven items per request
- Maximum of two TVs or monitors (TVs not exceeding 60 inches or 100 pounds)

Dog Licenses

Be sure your pet is licensed with the Village! Forms are available at the Strzelczyk Municipal Center and should be renewed on an annual basis.

E-Recycle Day

Our annual E-Recycle Day this year is July 18th. Please note

there are guidelines to follow on what can and cannot be disposed of. We will continue to post these guidelines on our website and social media leading up to the event.

VEHICLE STICKERS

2025-2026 VEHICLE STICKERS ON SALE MAY 15th

	Before 6/30/2025	After 07/01/2025
Passenger	\$ 35.00	\$ 70.00
Motorcycle	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
RV	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
Taxi-cab	\$ 70.00	\$ 140.00
Tow Truck	\$ 115.00	\$ 230.00
Class B	\$ 65.00	\$ 130.00
Class D & F	\$ 95.00	\$ 190.00
Class H	\$ 165.00	\$ 330.00



HOW TO PURCHASE

ONLINE	AT STRZELCZYK MUNICIPAL CENTER	AT POLICE DEPARTMENT
www.summit-il.org	7321 W 59 th St. Summit, IL. 60501	5810 S. Archer Rd. Summit, IL. 60501

- You will need a State issued ID, as well as vehicle registration identifying your residence within the Village of Summit.
- Remember to bring your renewal notice with you if purchasing in person.
- If you do not have a renewal notice, you will need to fill out an application.

SENIOR DISCOUNT

***ONE FREE STICKER PER HOUSEHOLD**

- Must apply in person.
- Must present a valid ID.
- Only one sticker per household will qualify for no charge.



VEHICLE STICKERS MUST BE PURCHASED BY

MONDAY, JULY 1st, 2025

QUESTIONS?
Contact the Village
at 708-563-4800

- STICKERS PURCHASED AFTER 7/1/25 SUBJECT TO HIGHER RATE
- Applications and stickers can be picked up Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and every Saturday in June 9:00 a.m. to noon.

LRS ACCEPTED ELECTRONIC ITEMS

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Cable Receivers | Electronic Keyboards |
| Cellular Phones | Computer Mice |
| Computers | Fax Machines |
| • Desktops | MP3 Players |
| • Laptops | Printers |
| • Notebooks | Satellite Receivers |
| • Tablets | Scanners |
| Digital Converter Boxes | TVs & Monitors |
| DVD Players | VCRs |
| DVD Recorders | Video Game Consoles |

SMALL ELECTRONICS PICK-UP

- Place small electronics in a paper bag or sturdy cardboard box.
- Clearly mark "E-WASTE" in large letters on the bag or box.



Questions? Contact LRS:
Online: LRSrecycles.com/Summit
Email: Service@LRSrecycles.com
Phone: 844.Need.LRS

Performance surveys coming this summer!

Let the Village know how they are performing and what we can improve! Be on the lookout for additional details over the summer.

The regular school year has ended, but **summer school** is in session. A friendly reminder to all drivers that **school zone parking restrictions remain in effect**. Please continue to follow signs to ensure the safety of our students and school staff. Officers will be actively monitoring these areas.

Water line improvement projects are in progress throughout the Village. All workers associated with these projects will carry proper Village-issued credentials. If someone comes to your door claiming to be a Village employee or contractor and you're unsure of their identity, contact Village Hall for verification or call the Summit Police Department. We will gladly dispatch an officer to confirm their authorization.

The Neighborhood Watch Program has concluded its spring session. Thank you to all who participated and supported this initiative. We will resume meetings on Thursday, September 18, 2025 (the third Thursday of the month).

We're excited to announce the upcoming **Citizens Police Academy**, beginning **September 2025!** This is a great opportunity to

Jerry Rosales, Superintendent of Public Works

PERMITS

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 applications on our Village website. Unpermitted work is subject to notice and enforcement, including increased permit fees, citation, and fines.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT

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

YARD WASTE PICKUP AND DEBRIS

Yard waste will continue to be picked up until **Saturday, November 29th**. Please make sure to place your yard waste in no bigger than a 32-gallon container and no more than 50 pounds when full. Branches must be cut down to 3 feet and tied together in bushels for pickup. Please **DO NOT** blow any yard waste into the street because it ends up in the sewers. If landscape companies or homeowners are identified, a fine will be assessed. Yard waste, as well as garbage pickup, should be out by 6:00 a.m. on Fridays — preferably on Thursday night.



Please control the overflow of garbage and **DO NOT** feed stray cats or animals because it will contribute to rodent infestation.

If we receive a substantial amount of rain this summer, any standing/stagnant water in buckets or any other type of container should be dumped to prevent mosquitos. For those residents that recycle, the Village Water Department has the recycling containers for plastic, paper, and glass.

PET WASTE

If you are walking your dog, it must be leashed and licensed with the Village. In response to resident complaints, the Village would like to remind pet owners to immediately remove any waste that your animal has left. Dog excrement is not only a nuisance — it's unhealthy, attracts rodents and leaving it unattended is against the law. Please clean up immediately after your dog and dispose of it properly. Be a good neighbor by depositing your pet's waste in your trash cart. Violators will be fined.

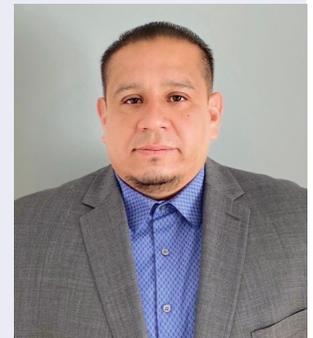


learn more about your police department, meet the officers, and gain insight into the work of law enforcement. Applications and program details will be available mid-July at SummitCrimeWatch.com. Be sure to check our website and stay tuned for the official announcement.

Join us for **National Night Out** on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at Summit Park! Meet your Summit police officers, enjoy family-friendly activities, connect with your neighbors and support community safety.



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



Office phone: 563-4800
Email: jrosales@summit-il.org

Tony Anderson, Fire Chief

HOT TIPS FOR A COOL SUMMER



Hey neighbors! Summer's here, and while we're all about BBQs, backyard fires, and fun in the sun, we'd rather not show up to your party with sirens blazing. So here are some lighthearted but life-saving tips to keep your summer safe (and fire-truck free): Unless you invite us over for some summer fun.

► Grill Responsibly — Not Like a Villain

Keep your grill at least 3 feet away from your home. Your burgers should be smoking, not your siding. And please, don't light your charcoal with gasoline. (Yes, it's happened.)

► Campfires: Toast Marshmallows, Not Lawns

Keep fires small, supervised, and completely extinguished when you're done. If the coals are hotter than your aunt's potato salad, it's too soon to leave.

► Fire Pits: Great for S'mores, Not for Surprises

Always check burn regulations before lighting up that fire pit. We love surprises—but not flaming yard debris in the middle of the night.

► Beat the Heat Like a Pro

Drink water like it's your job. Find shade. Wear a hat. If you're sweating more than your lawn sprinkler, take a break.

► Keep Your Yard Fire-Smart

Dry grass is basically nature's kindling. Mow it, clear it, and keep it tidy—unless you want a surprise visit from our hose team.

► Water Safety: Because You're Not a Mermaid

Even strong swimmers need a buddy. Watch kids near swimming pools and other water play areas. And yes, floaties are cute, but they're not life vests.

► Fireworks? Let the Pros Explode Things

Please don't be *that neighbor*. Homemade fireworks can turn a party into a trip to the ER (or worse). Hit up the community display instead—we promise it's way cooler.

► Have a fun, safe summer.

From Fire Chief Anthony Anderson and the entire Summit Fire Department!



Office phone: 594-3894

Email: tanderson@summitfire.net

FOLLOW CODE RED



CodeRED®

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.



2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT RELEASED

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) every year produces a report on the quality of the Village's water to ensure it is safe to drink. Here are some of the specific data from the testing:

Contaminant / Additives	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	Units	Municipality	Violation	Collection Date	Likely Source of Contaminants	
Regulated Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products										
Chlorine	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	1	0.7 - 1.25	ppm	Summit	N	2024	Water additive used to control microbes.	
	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	1	1 - 1	ppm	Chicago	N	2024		
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	No Goal	60	14	7.23 - 25.9	ppb	Summit	N	2024	By-product of drinking water disinfection	
	No Goal	60	17	5 - 20.4	ppb	Chicago	N	2024		
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	No Goal	80	30	16.5 - 53	ppb	Summit	N	2024		
	No Goal	80	32	13.1 - 44	ppb	Chicago	N	2024		
Lead and Copper										
	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Municipality	Range (µg/L)	Violation	Date	Likely Source of Contaminants
Lead	0	15	7.7	1	ppb	Summit	< 1.0 - 16.0	N	09/22/22	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits. (Lead and Copper testing information on Page 2.)
	0	15	7.1	0	ppb	Chicago	-	N	2024	
Copper	1.3	1.3	0.044	0	ppm	Summit	< 3 - 93	N	09/22/22	
	1.3	1.3	0.049	0	ppm	Chicago	-	N	2024	

Important Information About Your Water Quality

Please visit <https://summit-il.org/waterquality> to view your complete 2024 Annual Water Quality Report. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2024. To obtain a paper copy of the report, please call 708-563-4830, or visit the Strzelczyk Municipal Center at: 7321 W. 59th Street Summit, IL 60501.





The organization has launched a needs assessment survey to gauge community needs and priorities, such as the state of housing, senior services, schools, youth programs and much more in Summit.

SGA will then use the (anonymous) feedback from the survey to understand what common challenges residents face, their vision for the community, and develop a plan to improve Summit.

“We’re grateful for this partnership with SGA,” said **Mayor Sergio Rodriguez**. “Because the direction of the project is primarily driven by residential input, the Summit Community Network Project will make a lasting impact on the community.”

In October 2023, SCN was approached by United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, which was partnering with the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development, to increase county and private investment in historically under-resourced south side communities through United Way’s Transforming Places Initiative.

In November 2023, Summit was selected as a community of focus, and SCN was selected as the stakeholder convener group with SGA as the Community Quarterback. The project has since been led by **Daria Amerik**.

“The project will be conducted in certain phases moving forward,” Amerik said. “We hope to conclude Phase I with the collection of data closer toward the end of May. We will then start to hold feedback sessions through the summer where we will share the results of the survey with the community. The final phase will conclude with the adoption of a strategic action plan.”

SGA has scheduled the first summer event for June 20th at the Summit Park District called “Summit Soars.”

“We are excited to engage with the community, especially on the cusp of summer. Amerik said. “We hope this is the first of many where we can build off the progress we are making here at the Village of Summit.”

For more information on Summit Community Network and to sign up for a table at the Summit Soars Family Event and Resource Fair please contact **Daria Amerik** at damerik@sga-youth.org.

Join us for
Summit Soars!
Hosted by Summit Community Network
Friday, June 20th, 2025
Summit Park District
5700 S. Archer Rd., Summit, IL 60501

Scan to Register

Splash Day & Community Resource Fair
2:00 PM-5:00 PM (1pm set up time)
Join us for a fun, free, family event for the residents of Summit!

- Giveaways and wellness kits (while supplies last)
- Splash Day activities for the youth
- Meditation and a wellness hike for families.
- Community Resource Fair (2pm-4pm)
- Music, Food and More!

All Children must be accompanied by an adult

To sign up for a table at the resource fair or to volunteer for this event please email: summitcommunitynetwork@sga-youth.org

STICKERS

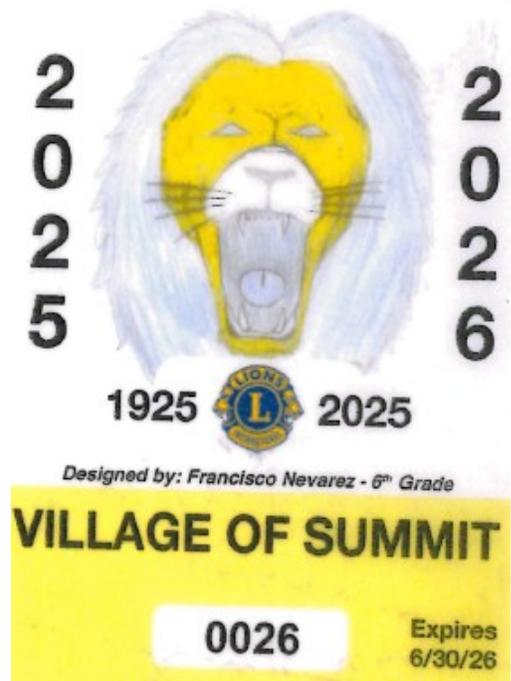
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The contest was open to 5th and 6th graders attending **School District 104**. Solicitations for the competition were submitted to the schools when students returned from winter break and over 100 designs were submitted.

A committee made up of Village officials and members of the Lions Club selected 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 for the next year.

“I was very impressed to see all the unique and detailed designs submitted by the students,” said **Mayor Sergio Rodriguez**, who served on the committee to help select the new design. “Their creativity is a reflection of the community, showcasing the many talented individuals Summit has to offer.”

The top three students were recognized at SD104’s April 8th Board Meeting and presented with certificates honoring their creativity and service to the community. The Village will also recognize the top three students at the June 16th Board Meeting.



ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTS RESOLUTION CREATING EMMETT TILL DAY

Historical Spotlight

Summit residents and relatives of Emmett Till were welcomed to the Illinois Capitol in May by **State Senator Mike Porfirio** in honor of the declaration of Emmett Till Day. Till, whose kidnapping and murder in 1955 helped spark the Civil Rights Movement, lived on 64th Street with his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, before relocating to Chicago.

The Joint Resolution, co-sponsored by Senator Porfirio, makes July 25th Emmett Till Day. Among the attendants were Reverend **Dr. Wheeler Parker Jr.**, the cousin of Emmett Till and the last living witness of his kidnapping, his wife, **Dr. Marvel McCain Parker**, who also serves as a Village Trustee, **Theresa Anderson**, who serves on the Summit Library Board, and her husband **Dallas Anderson**, president of the Summit Park District.



“From 70-years-ago, when I returned to Summit without Emmett, to standing in the State Capital hearing the State of Illinois honor him by having July 25th Emmett Till Day in the State of Illinois, helps me to fulfill my commitment to his mother, Mamie Till Mobley, to promote the legacy of her son,” said Rev. Wheeler Parker Jr.

A memorial statue honoring Mamie Till-Mobley was unveiled outside of Argo Community High School in 2023. Till-Mobley graduated from Argo High School and was one of the few African Americans to attend the school at the time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT

Community Focus

The Village of Summit is constructing a LSLR project in a section of the Village. This project will replace the water service line from the existing water main into the building up to the water meter and strive to eliminate all lead contamination at the end user.

Funding for this project is provided by a principal forgiveness loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP). The Village of Summit LSLR Program is funded by the PWSLP and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in the amount of \$3,027,000.00 by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.



For more information contact the Village of Summit at 708-563-4809.

7TH ANNUAL CHICAGO RIVER DAY IN SUMMIT A SUCCESS

Summit residents and volunteers gathered Saturday morning, May 10th, to partake in Chicago River Day — organized by the non-profit Friends of the Chicago River.



MAYOR & VILLAGE TRUSTEES BREAK GROUND ON NEW BRIDGE POINT PROJECT

Mayor Sergio Rodriguez and the Village Board broke ground celebrating the launch of new the Bridge Point Development Project. The site, located at 7955 W. 59th Street, will be home to a 340,000 square foot building accommodating up to three tenants and is expected to be completed the first quarter of 2026.



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 South
- 74th Avenue: One way North

Please drive accordingly and be safe!



SUMMIT BULLETIN BOARD

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



March 17, 2025

- Approved an ordinance adjusting ambulance fees.
- Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and Summit Park District in preparation for this year's Independence Day fireworks celebration.

April 7, 2025

- Approved the purchase of two vehicles for the Summit Police Department.
- Approved a contract for work to be performed on lighting improvement on 63rd St.
- Approved a contract for work to be performed on the 2024 Low End Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project.

April 23, 2025

- Two new Summit Police Department officers were sworn in. They will now enter the Police Academy to get prepared to serve the community. Congratulations!
- Approved the purchase of capital equipment.
- Approved an agreement between the Village and Summit Public Works' Local 399, International Union of Operating Engineers.



May 19, 2025

- Mayor Sergio Rodriguez, Clerk Colleen Lambert, and Trustees Sam Dardovski, Marvel Parker, and Mayra Ortiz were sworn in for another term as village officials by our State Senator, Mike Porfirio.



CONGRATULATIONS!

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



Join us for
A Night Out Against Crime!
August 5th, 2025

Summit Park District,
5:00 - 8:00 pm.
For more information visit summit-il.org and click on the Police Department



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



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

June 16TH: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall

June 19TH: Neighborhood Watch Meeting

July 3RD: Fireworks (Summit Park District)

July 5TH: Coffee with the Mayor

July 17TH: Neighborhood Watch Meeting

July 18TH: Village E-Recycle Day

July 21ST: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall

July 25TH to July 27TH : Village Garage Sale

August 2ND: Coffee with the Mayor

August 5TH: National Night Out 2025

August 18TH: Village Board Meeting — Village Hall

August 21ST: Neighborhood Watch Meeting