



City of Zion Quarterly Newsletter September 2025



Community Updates

A Season of Progress and Community Spirit

Over the past several months, the City of Zion has been buzzing with activity—from exciting development projects and our many community celebrations.

As always, we are making a concerted effort to keep our residents informed about improvements to our city with infrastructure projects, safety initiatives and updates from our police and fire departments, as well as updates on economic development throughout the City of Zion.

“Our city council members and employees remain committed to making Zion a great place to live, work and play. Thank you for your involvement, your feedback and your pride in our city. Together, we are building a stronger and more vibrant community.”

Here’s a look back at what’s been happening and what to look forward to seeing in our city.

- [Galilee Street Paving](#) – A major roadway upgrade to improve safety and traffic flow from Highway 173 to 33rd Street.
- [The Robert McClory Bike Path Project](#) – Construction is underway to improve 12.3

miles of trail with asphalt paving, resurfacing, drainage work, and ADA upgrades.

- [City of Zion Website update](#) is in the works, and should be available soon.
- We are working to create a New Resident Guide – that is designed to help residents and newcomers stay connected.
- [The Zion Labor Day Parade](#) is fast approaching on September 1, and is one of the premier community events.
- [The Zion Park District](#) continues to host their Concerts in the Park series, bringing residents and visitors together for music, entertainment, and community pride.
- [The 7th Annual Electronics, Tire & Bulk Item Drop-Off](#) was held on August 2nd, and marked another successful event keeping our community clean and green.
- [The Zion Township Summer Work Program](#) utilized students to help beautify the city by walking neighborhoods, parks, boulevards, and streets to remove debris and litter, making our community cleaner and safer for everyone.
- [Please welcome Torres Fresh Market](#), as they have recently purchased the former Piggly Wiggly location to provide fresh grocery options.
- [Plano Pharmaceuticals at Trumpet Park](#) – Development of a 21-acre site for a new 60,000–100,000 sq. ft. manufacturing facility. The company will start construction in the late Fall and look to bring close to 300 jobs to our city.
- [We are working closely with our new communications firm](#), Strategia Consulting, to interview, promote, and recognize local businesses within our community.
- [On August 5th, the fire chiefs of Zion, Beach Park and Winthrop Harbor issue a joint statement on serious safety concerns at the north and south units of Illinois Beach State Park.](#) Emergency incidents along this stretch of Lake Michigan have risen sharply in the past two years, as local departments are not fully staffed or equipped for the growing demand in lakefront emergencies.
 - Our Senator, Mary Edly-Allen, and our State Representative, Joyce Mason, are working hard to convince Governor J.B. Pritzker to release funds to acquire the necessary equipment to deal with these emergencies.
 - The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is now engaged in addressing these concerns.
- Solid Waste Management of Lake County (SWALCO) has received funding for targeted recycling education in Zion, North Chicago, and Waukegan.

Key Initiatives include:

- Real-time recycling cart checks and feedback
- Expanded multilingual educational resources.
- Community outreach to reduce contamination and boost participation.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Trail of Treats & Fest: [October 31st 4-6pm](#)



HALLOWEEN TRAIL OF TREATS & FEST



CAMINO DE GOLOCINAS

Friday, October 31st / Viernes, 31 de Octubre

TRAIL OF TREATS / CAMINO DE GOLOCINAS

4:00-6:00pm Shiloh Park / Parque Shiloh

Trail of Treats is a family-friendly spooktacular funfest. Participants will stay in their vehicle for a Halloween drive-thru experience, but are encouraged to dress up and decorate their cars if they like. Families will trick or treat through Shiloh Park starting at the Port Shiloh Pool parking lot on Shiloh Blvd. Each car will drive through multiple trick or treat stops hosted by the Park District, local businesses, and other organizations.

Camino de Golocinas es un festival de diversión espectacular para toda la familia. Los participantes se quedarán en su vehículo para una experiencia de autoservicio (drive-thru) de Halloween, pero se les anima a disfrazarse y decorar sus coches si lo desean. Las familias pedirán golocinas a través del Parque Shiloh comenzando en el estacionamiento de la Piscina Port Shiloh en Shiloh Blvd. Cada automóvil pasará por múltiples paradas de dulces organizado por el Distrito de Parques, negocios locales y otras organizaciones.

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Police Department Update

LakeComm Consolidated Dispatch Center

LakeComm is the new, consolidated PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) and Emergency Dispatch agency serving Lake County.

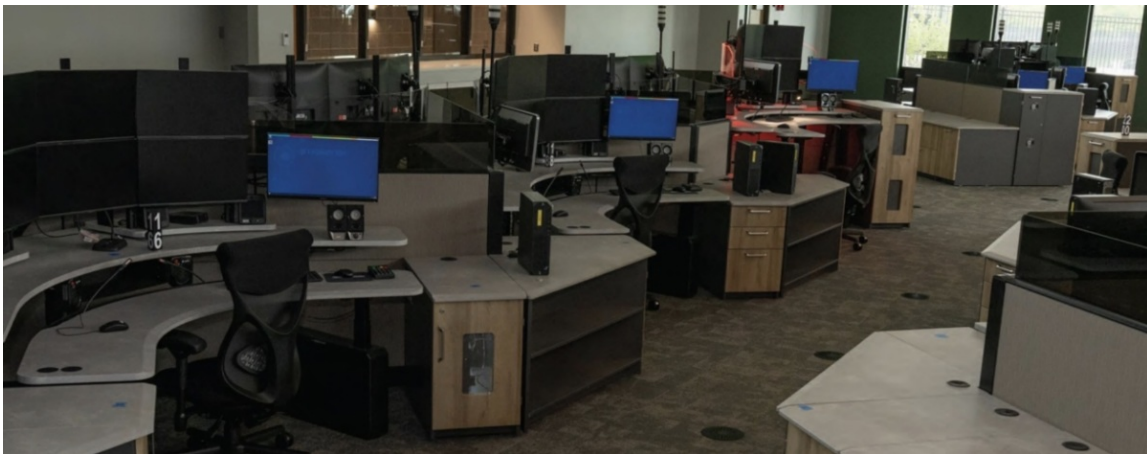


LakeComm will provide dispatch services to over 30 agencies within the county, including Zion police and fire departments, thereby reducing or eliminating call transfers, streamlining interagency response and mutual aid, and increasing data sharing between agencies.

LakeComm is housed in the new Lake County Regional Operations and Communications (ROC) Facility located in Libertyville. Planning for consolidation and the new facility began over 10 years ago, and the two-year construction project was completed this summer.

LakeComm is currently in the process of staffing the center, which will include 76 dispatchers, many of whom will be transferring over from the current call centers serving

the departments who will be utilizing the LakeComm services. This will maintain continuity of service between the departments and their dispatchers.



Zion Police Department Hosts Regional Training

The Zion Police Department is proud to be the host site for regional training events, welcoming officers from across the area to participate in professional development opportunities. These trainings highlight the department's commitment to excellence, collaboration, and continual learning in the ever-evolving field of law enforcement.

As changes in laws, procedures, and technology continue to shape the profession, ongoing training has become essential. Officers must prepare to adapt to new tools, evolving threats, and updated legal standards in order to best serve and protect their communities. By bringing these educational opportunities to Zion, the department not only supports its own officers but also strengthens regional partnerships and the overall quality of public safety in the area.

Hosting these sessions locally allows officers to receive high-quality instruction without the need for travel, thereby reducing the costs to the City of Zion. Zion PD remains committed to staying at the forefront of modern policing and fostering professional growth within its ranks and beyond.



Fire Department Corner

Whether you're reading this message before, during, or after National Fire

Prevention Week, the same ideas apply: Charge into Fire Safety! Make sure you're reading labels on your electronic products and using them safely in your homes! In case you weren't aware, there are many ways to contact us here at Zion Fire & Rescue Department if you have any fire or EMS safety questions for us: Send a message through our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ZionFireRescue or just search "Zion Fire Rescue" on your Facebook page. Or visit www.cityofzion.com/fire for multiple different ways to contact us. Have a great fall, and the holiday season is quickly approaching...don't forget to check and make sure your smoke alarms are in good working order!



Photos Around Town



Esther's Well



Illinois Beach State Park



Port Shiloh



Shiloh Park



Illinois Beach State Park

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