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HISTORY AND POINTS OF INTEREST 1925 – 2016

It is reported that this area was a beach 10,000 years ago. After countless ages of geological swamps, marshes and sloughs, the prairies dominated the landscape with groves of trees, flowers and wildlife in abundance.

Markham was a crossroad for early pioneers at the southern tip of Lake Michigan. In 1861, the Ottawa, Chippewa and Potawatomi Indians signed a treaty to relinquish a passage of land (*located between the Chicago and Calumet Rivers*) to the settlers. The southern boundary, known as the Indian Boundary Line, was created and is currently known as Highway Interstate 57.

The Village of Markham was established in 1925, with a population of less than 300 residents. In the mid-1930's, the Croissant Park subdivision was built, which increased the population to 2,753 residents by 1950. The Village developed into a residential community when more people began seeking homes. An airport was developed at 165th and Kedzie and was the nearest airport to Chicago.

The Village of Markham was incorporated as a City on August 24, 1967 and celebrated its ninety (90) year anniversary in 2015.

HISTORICAL SITE – THE LONE PINE TREE

In 1860, a German immigrant named Lawrence Roesner journeyed to the southern boundary and settled on land located in the northwestern corner of Markham. He brought six seedlings from the Black Forest in Germany and planted them along the Indian Boundary line. “This Lone Pine Tree” was adopted as the official City symbol in 1985. The lone survivor of the six pine trees died in 1986. The tree was replaced by the Markham City Council with a tree from the Black Forest in Germany and planted by the Markham Garden Club.

CITY OF MARKHAM CITY HALL

16313 South Kedzie Parkway (*Honorable Evans R. Miller Parkway*), Markham, IL 60428
Phone: 708-331-4905 Fax: 708-331-8667 Website: www.cityofmarkham.net

City Hall is open from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Good Friday
Independence Day	Labor Day	Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
New Year's Eve		

The City Departments' offices are located in City Hall and may be contacted at 708-331-4905. For information regarding real estate taxes, birth certificates, marriage licenses, court dates, death certificates, traffic tickets and/or fines, please contact Cook County Sixth (6th) District Court, 16501 Kedzie, Markham, 708-232-4551.

CITY OF MARKHAM OFFICIALS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

CITY OFFICIALS

Ernest Blevins, Pro-Tem Mayor
Jennifer Coles, City Clerk
Belinda Richardson, City Treasurer
Steve R. Miller, City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ernest Blevins, 1st Ward
Clifton Howard, 2nd Ward
Rondal Jones, 3rd Ward
William Barron, 4th Ward

CITY COUNCIL/BOARD MEETINGS

City Council – Meetings are held on the First and Third Wednesday of each month
Fire and Police Commissions – Meetings are held on the Second Tuesday of each month
Library Board – Meetings are held on the Fourth Wednesday of each month
Planning and Zoning Board – Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of each month
All meetings are open to the public.

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

911 Emergencies Supervisor, *Lonna Lockett*
Court Administrator, *Roger Agpawa*
Deputy Clerk, *Carolyn Murphy*
Economic Development Director, *John Thompson*
Emergency Medical Services Supervisor, *James Bibbs*
Fire Chief, *Ronald Moaton*
Housing/Building Interim Director, *William Lawrence*
Human Resources Director, *LaTrice Merriweather-Pickett*
Library Director, *Xavier Menzies*
Mayor's Administrative Assistant, *Ernestina Martinez*
Mayor's Executive Assistant, *Dana Cushingberry*
Park District Director, *Quintina Brown*
Police Chief, *Mack Sanders*
Public Works/Water Department Superintendent, *Todd Clayton*
Roller Rink Manager, *LaKeya Webb*
Senior Complex Director, *Kimberley Bond*
Treasurer Assistant CFO, *Anthony Finch*

CITY GOVERNMENT

The City of Markham is governed by the City Council. The Council Members are community leaders who establish a vision for the City and work with the employees to implement the policies, assist with City operations and ensure that all residents are served fairly. The Council members are elected for a four (4) year term.

CITY COUNCIL

The members of the City Council consist of the Mayor, four (4) Aldermen, the City Attorney, the City Clerk, and the City Treasurer. The City Council meets on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 7 pm and are open to the public. All residents are encouraged to participate in their local government by attending a Council meeting. The public may speak on agenda items, City issues and concerns.

CITY MAYOR

The City Mayor is the Chief Executive Official of the City and presiding officer representing the government and the community. The Mayor is responsible for upholding and enforcing City policies and procedures.

CITY ALDERMEN

The City Aldermen are the liaisons between the City and the general public. They address issues, questions and concerns regarding their assigned Wards, as well as City operations.

CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney represents the City in civil and criminal proceedings and serves as legal advisor to the City, its agencies, officials and employees.

CITY CLERK

The City Clerk serves under the discretion of the City Council, maintaining records related to the operations of the City and additional responsibilities as it relates to City Ordinances, Resolutions, Policies and Procedures.

CITY TREASURER

The City Treasurer serves as the Chief Financial Officer for the City and is directly responsible for the administration, operation and management of the City's cash management systems, disbursement of funds and all monetary collection activities.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSION

The City Council appoints residents to serve on various boards and commissions. Board and commission meeting schedules are publicized and the meeting minutes are filed with the respective board for public viewing.

CITY REGULATIONS

ANIMAL REGULATIONS

All dogs must be licensed. The annual license fee per dog tag is \$15 and must be purchased each year by February 28th. A certificate confirming rabies vaccination must be presented at the time of purchase.

Dogs are required to be kept on a leash or otherwise under the physical control of the owner when off the owner's premises. Dogs must be kept inside a fenced area on the owner's property. It is unlawful to harbor any animal that disturbs the peace with loud noises, which includes frequent and habitual howling, yelping, barking, and/or other disruptive activity.

All animals must be provided with proper air, food, drink and shelter. No animal may be chained or tied in such a manner that the animal cannot freely stand and/or move around. Pet owners are required to clean up after their pets to prevent sanitary and water quality issues. No more than three (3) dogs or cats may be kept in any one household. Farm animals are not allowed, except on property of five (5) acres or more.

The Markham Animal Control Officer will enforce these ordinances. Any person violating these ordinances will be fined per offense. Any pet owner wanting to relinquish an animal to an animal shelter, may do so by contacting the Markham Police Department's non-emergency number at 708-331-2171.

CURFEW

The City enforces curfew regulations for minors (*individuals under the age of eighteen*). The curfew hours are Sunday through Thursday, 10:30 pm to 6 am and Friday and Saturday, 11:30 pm to 6 am, unless supervised by a parent, legal guardian or other responsible person age eighteen (18) or older.

FIREWORKS

Fireworks cannot be kept, stored, used, manufactured, assembled, mixed, sold, handled, transported, discharged or set off within the City, except for a public display that has been authorized by the City Council with an issued permit.

GARAGE SALES

Permits for garage sales are required and may be purchased at Markham City Hall.

LAWN CARE

Grass/Weeds: All residents are required to cut and maintain their lawn. The height of grass and weeds must not exceed twelve (12) inches. All yards should be free of debris, trash and yard waste.

Yard Waste: All yard waste must be placed in Paper Bags no larger than thirty (30) gallons each, with each bag displaying a yard waste sticker. Yard waste bags will be picked up on your regular scheduled garbage day. Yard waste bag stickers may be purchased at City Hall for \$2.50 each from April 1st to October 30th. Leaf and yard waste burning is prohibited.

Markham ordinance mandates that residents who own property with corner lots must trim and maintain their bushes and trees to a MAXIMUM height of three (3) feet to prohibit obstruction of traffic vision. Ordinance violations may result in tickets and fines issued to the resident.

Free Yard Waste/Branch Pick-Up Week: Free Yard Waste and Branch Pick-Up Week is scheduled during the month of November. Notifications will be distributed to all residents. Branches must be cut into four (4) foot lengths and piled neatly off the street. All yard waste and leaves must be placed in paper bags.

NOISE ORDINANCE

Unreasonable noise or loud sound that causes inconvenience or annoyance to others is prohibited. This includes the operation of any sound amplification system in vehicles when the sound is audible.

PROPERTY ADDRESS DISPLAY

Each residence and business location is required to have the numerical address displayed on the property and visible from street distance.

SIDEWALKS

Residents are responsible for repairing and maintaining sidewalks bordering their property. This includes the responsibility to remove snow and ice within a reasonable time after the snowfall, normally within twelve (12) hours.

STREET LIGHTS

Street lights add to the safety of all residential neighborhoods. To report a street light outage or damaged light pole, please contact City Hall at 708-331-4905 x256 or ComEd at 1-800-334-7661.

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Stickers: All vehicles registered to an address in the City of Markham (automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, mopeds, etc.) must display a current City sticker/tag. You must provide a copy of your vehicle registration to purchase a vehicle sticker. The license year is March 1st – February 28th. Vehicle stickers/tags may be purchased at City Hall.

DATES	MOTORCYCLES	PASSENGER VEHICLES	CLASS B - P VEHICLES
December 1 st to February 28 th	\$15	\$25	\$44 and up
March 1 st to March 30 th	\$30	\$50	\$88 and up
April 1 st to November 30 th	\$45	\$75	\$132 and up

Residents who purchase a replacement vehicle may obtain a transfer sticker. Transfer stickers are available for a fee of \$1. The original purchased sticker and sticker receipt must be provided as proof of purchase.

Vehicle Parking: In residential areas, all vehicles parked outdoors are required to be licensed and operable and must be parked on an all-weather surface. Parking is not permitted on residential streets between the hours of 3 am and 5 am unless a current overnight parking permit is displayed.

Parking on Lawns: Vehicles are prohibited from parking on lawns and/or any unpaved portion of the street.

Snow Ban: Parking is prohibited on both sides of all streets for a period of twenty four (24) hours during and/or following a snowfall of two (2) inches or more.

Driveways: Driveways must be paved or have a topping of all-weather surface, such as cement or asphalt. Dirt and stone driveways are prohibited.

Junk/Inoperable Vehicles: Junk or inoperable vehicles parked in an unsheltered location for over seven (7) consecutive days is prohibited and may be subjected to fines and towing.

CITY SERVICES

911 COMMUNICATION CENTER

The Markham 911 Communication Center ensures that all residents receive reliable and professional emergency services by utilizing modern technology, policies and procedures.

911 Emergency Calls: When dialing 911 from a landline telephone in Markham, the call is routed to the 911 Communication Center to dispatch emergency services to the location identified from the telephone call.

When dialing 911 from a cellular telephone, the call is routed to the State Police Call Center or to the Markham 911 Communication Center, depending on the caller's location at the time of the call. In some cases, the answering point that receives the initial 911 call may need to transfer the call to a secondary answering point. The operator will inform the caller to remain on the line for additional assistance. **PLEASE DO NOT HANG UP DURING THE CALL TRANSFER.**

Immediate responses to emergencies depend upon the important information provided by the caller. When dialing 911, the operator will ask a series of questions. It is important that the caller be prepared to answer the following questions:

- What type of emergency?
- What type of help is needed?
- Where is the location of the emergency?

For medical emergencies, the operator will request additional information related to the issue.

Helpful Tips: Post your address, phone number and the closest street intersection to your home in a visible location in your home so it is available for anyone needing to make a 911 call. Make sure your home is clearly marked with your house address number. It should be visible from the street or posted where your driveway intersects with the main street. It is also important to speak with your children about using 911 and discuss the difference between an emergency and a non-emergency incident.

EMERGENCY PHONE NOTIFICATION/CODERED

CodeRed is a notification system that delivers community alerts via phone, text message and email regarding City emergency situations. Please register your information through the City's website or at City Hall.

EMERGENCY SIRENS

The emergency disaster and attack sirens are activated for testing at 10 am on the first Tuesday of each month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Markham Fire Department's mission is to serve the community by protecting lives and property loss in a safe, efficient and professional manner. The Markham Fire Department provides fire and emergency rescue services, public education, fire prevention and emergency disaster services. The Fire Department has three (3) fire stations: Station I (*Administration Office*), 16313 Kedzie Parkway, Station II, 15700 Central Park and Station III, 16300 Dixie Highway. The Fire Department's non-emergency telephone number is 708-331-2161.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Hospital services are provided by South Suburban Hospital (*Hazel Crest*), Ingalls Memorial Hospital (*Harvey*), St. James Hospital (*Olympia Fields*) and St. Francis Hospital (*Blue Island*).

HOUSING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Housing and Building Department is committed to providing exceptional customer service, while maintaining the welfare, health and safety of all individuals in the community. In addition, the department ensures that all residences and businesses are in compliance with City ordinances. The Housing and Building Department's telephone number is 708-331-4905 x314. The following extensions for direct calls:

Permits: A permit is required for all exterior and interior alterations, remodeling, fences, roofs, driveways, gutters, downspouts, siding, swimming pools, garages, additions, sheds, new siding construction, windows, electrical, plumbing, heating, air conditioning and water heater.

Homeowners: Homeowners may independently perform any of the above work, EXCLUDING electrical, plumbing, HVAC and roofing. Homeowners must complete a permit application and provide the Declaration page of the homeowner's insurance. Permits are valid for six (6) months. Work is permitted Monday through Saturday from 7 am – 7 pm. Work is not permitted on Sundays.

Contractors: All contractors performing work must be licensed and bonded with the City of Markham to obtain a permit. Roofers, electricians, plumbers and HVAC contractors must be licensed by the State of Illinois. ALL contractors assigned to perform work are responsible for obtaining a permit on a homeowner's property. A permit placard must be visible from the property's window before the contractor performs any type of work. Work is permitted Monday through Saturday from 7 am – 7 pm. Work is not permitted on Sundays.

Inspections: A pre-sale inspection is required on all properties sold in the City of Markham. Inspections are also required when there is a tenant change in a property that is rented or leased. The property must pass an inspection to obtain a CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY before being occupied. There are fees associated with these inspections.

LIBRARY

The Bradford Anderson Oglesby Public Library is located at 16640 South Kedzie, Markham and may be contacted at 708-331-0130. The Library provides books, magazines, records, tapes, cds, movies and recordings for the blind that may be ordered through the Suburban Library System. The Library hours are: Monday – Friday, 9 am to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm and closed on Sunday.

PARK DISTRICT

The Park District is located at 16053 South Richmond, Markham and may be contacted at 708-596-3366. The Park District provides programs and events that are fun, imaginative, educational and entertaining to all residents and visitors. All residents are strongly encouraged to visit the various parks, enroll in a program and join the festivities.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department's priority is to enhance the quality of life for Markham residents by working cooperatively with the public, within the framework of law enforcement to preserve peace and provide a safe environment. The police officers respond to a multitude of situations that require a person with authority to assist in reducing or resolving problems associated with law enforcement and public order maintenance. Dial 911 for all emergencies. The Police Department's non-emergency telephone number is 708-331-2171.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department strives to plan, design, build, maintain, and operate public infrastructure in a manner that respects the environment. The Public Works' Department telephone number is 708-331-4905 x256.

Garbage Pick-up: It is mandatory that each household have a ninety (90) gallon wheeled can, which is provided to you by the City. Garbage cans must be placed on the street curb before 7 am on your assigned garbage day. The earliest you may place your garbage can outside is at 6 pm the day before. The garbage can must be placed

with the handle facing toward the house (inward) so the lid will open properly when emptied. Only household garbage may be placed in the garbage cans. Heavy or large items may be placed in plastic bags next to the garbage can. DO NOT place metal, concrete items, electronic devices, building materials, engine parts or tires in the garbage container. (*Electronic devices may be disposed at the electronic recycling center, UCP, at 7550 West 183rd Street, Tinley Park, 800-476-2836.*)

On your assigned garbage pick-up day, vehicles must not be parked that would prevent the garbage truck access to the garbage can. All garbage cans must be removed from the street area BEFORE 6 pm on pick-up days.

Garbage pick-up days are as follows:

Monday	- From 159 th Street South to 167 th Street, between Kedzie Parkway and Dixie Highway - From 156 th Place South to 159 th Street between Dixie Highway and Western Avenue
Tuesday	- From 159 th Street South to 167 th Street between Kedzie and the municipal boundary West of Crawford
Wednesday	- From 161 st Street South to 167 th Street between Dixie Highway and Park Avenue
Thursday	- From 159 th Street North to 155 th Street between Central Park Avenue and Kedzie Avenue; from 159 th Street North and East to Calitonia between Rockwell Street and Kedzie Avenue; From Rockwell on the East and Crawford on the West to the Northern municipal boundary.

If your scheduled garbage pick-up day occurs on one of the following holidays, it will be picked up the following day:

New Year’s Day - Memorial Day - Independence Day - Labor Day - Thanksgiving - Christmas Day

Sewer Jet: It is the resident’s responsibility to maintain the sewer line from the house to the easement. However, if you have a clean out plug, the City will jet your sewer line if time permits and/or if staff is available.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

The following are the school districts that serve the city of Markham.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Prairie Hills District #144: 3015 West 163rd Street, Markham, 708-210-2888; Serves Markham, west of Western Avenue and South of 154th Street.

Hazel Crest District #152 1/2: 1910 West Dixie Highway, Hazel Crest, 708-335-0790; Serves area I-294 east to Park Avenue between the south side of 163rd Street to 167th Street.

Springfield District #143: 14620 Springfield, Midlothian, 708-385-0045; Serves Country Aire subdivision only.

Posen District #143 1/2: 14025 Harrison, Posen, 708-388-7200; Serves Bel Aire subdivision only.

Harvey District #147: 155th and Hoyne, Harvey, 708-339-9500; Serves areas between Western and Dixie Highway on 156th Street, 156th Place and south side of 157th Street.

Harvey District #152: 16001 Lincoln Avenue, Harvey, 708-333-0300.

SECONDARY EDUCATION: District #205 – Thornton, 708-596-1000; District #228 – Bremen, 708-389-1175.

HIGHER EDUCATION: District #510 – South Suburban College, 708.596.2000.

SENIOR PACE BUS

The Senior Pace Bus service provides transportation for Markham resident senior citizens and/or disabled individuals to local medical appointments, local errands and the Markham Senior Community Center. For additional information, please contact the office at 708-331-0233.

SENIOR LAWN MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES

The City offers free lawn maintenance and snow removal services to homeowners over the age of 65. For more information, please contact the Mayor's office at 708-331-4905 x328.

SENIOR SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Golden Age Chateau senior service program provides a variety of activities and programs for residential seniors, such as bingo, special event trips, health screenings and catered meals. The building is located at 15652 South Homan, Markham and may be contacted at 708-331-0233.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Citizens may register to vote at City Hall anytime during regular business hours. Two (2) forms of identification are required at the time of registration.

WATER DEPARTMENT

The Water Department is committed to providing honesty, accuracy and commendable customer service and satisfaction to Markham residents. The City provides water, sewer and refuse services for residential and commercial properties. The water is provided to Markham from Lake Michigan in the City of Chicago. The Water Department's telephone number is 708-331-4905 x305 or x306.

Establishing Water Service: The property owner must receive an Occupancy Certificate from the Housing and Building Department to establish water service. The owner must complete a Utility Service Application and provide a copy of proof of ownership, a signed lease if the property is a rental, a form of picture identification and pay a \$250 service fee. Commercial properties service fee may vary depending on the size of the meter and water consumption.

Water Bill Payment: Utility bills are issued monthly and may be paid through the following methods:

- Online payment through the website at www.cityofmarkham.net
- City Hall Cashier's window
- By mail addressed to: *Water Department, City of Markham, 16313 Kedzie, Markham, IL 60428*
- Night deposit/drop boxes located in the south parking lot (*near the water tower*) or on the first floor in the Police Department (*next to the Old Council Chamber*).

Water Service Disconnection: If a property's water service is disconnected, the entire balance must be paid in full, plus a \$75 reconnection fee before the service can be restored. Personal checks cannot be accepted to restore water service.

Final Water Bill: The final water bill amount will be deducted from the initial \$250 service fee. Tenants may be responsible for the service fee and the monthly bill, however, the tenant's name cannot be the listed as the primary water account holder. It is the responsibility of all owners or property managers to notify the Water Department when there is a change of occupancy.

Water Temporary Meter: A water construction meter may be provided by the Housing and Building Department approving temporary water service up to sixty (60) days if the property does not pass inspection. The owner must complete a Utility Service Application and provide a copy of the proof of ownership and pay a \$250 service fee. The water construction meter will be scheduled automatically for disconnection without notice to the owner after sixty (60) days.

Illegal Water Service: Tampering with the water service Buffalo Box is a violation and will result in a fine imposed in the amount of \$500.

CITY OF MARKHAM

COMMUNITY ALERT REGISTRATION FORM

The Community Alert System allows the City of Markham to deliver messages to residents regarding City emergencies and incidents via a landline phone, mobile device, text message and/or email. Please complete the below form to register for the Community Alert System. Submit the completed form to the Cashier's Window at City Hall.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Landline Telephone number(s) to receive the alert messages:

Cellular Telephone number(s) to receive the alert messages:

_____ Provider: _____
_____ Provider: _____
_____ Provider: _____

Please check the box to receive a text message alert:

Please list an email address/addresses to receive an email alert:

The completion of this registration form serves as authorization for the City of Markham to register my information with the Community Alert System for the City of Markham. I am aware that the City of Markham will not sell, trade, lease or loan any provided information to third parties.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____