



Public Participation Plan

2025 Progress Report

Background

To better improve community engagement and increase public participation in local governance, the Village Council formally adopted the Village of Calumet Public Participation Plan on March 19, 2019.

Public Participation Plan:

<https://www.villageofcalumet.com/uploads/1/1/8/5/118509013/031919.calumet>

Objectives

The Village of Calumet maintains its responsibility to facilitating public participation and engagement throughout all aspects of development, planning, and governance. The Village deeply values public feedback and is committed to improving its outreach strategies to best foster accessibility among all community members.

Methods

The Village utilizes the following methods to garner public participation:

- Village Council meetings
- Board meetings (i.e. DDA, HDC, Planning Commission, & ZBA)
- Public hearings
- Direct personal communication & engagement
- Public notices, announcements, & posts
- Special events
- Surveys
- Utility updates & requests

For the most up-to-date and consistent information, the Village uses both traditional and nontraditional media, including:

- Village website (villageofcalumet.com)
- Village Hall main entrance
- Social media (Facebook)
- *The Daily Mining Gazette*
- Radio

2025 Report (Jan – Dec)

Last year (2025) marked the Village of Calumet’s 150th anniversary, with incorporation dating back to 1875. In celebration of this achievement, Village staff planned five sesquicentennial events, generating a substantial turnout of attendees and volunteers alike. These events contributed significantly to a noticeable increase in public participation compared to the previous year. Moreover, with the addition of the new Calumet Commons greenspace, the Village was able to host new events including the 1st Annual CroFest and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Village intends to use this space for more community events in the future.

The following metrics indicate notable public participation events (including board/commission meetings) and public posts created by Village staff. Village staff primarily use the website community board, website calendar, and the official Village of Calumet Facebook page to communicate new updates and events to the public. To prevent redundancies and unnecessary additions, Village website posts and calendar events exclude updates related to board/commission meetings, public hearings, office closures, and federal holiday hours.

Regularly Scheduled Public Board/Commission Meetings:

- **12** DDA Meetings
- **8** HDC Meetings
- **6** Planning Commission Meetings
- **12** Village Council Meetings
- **8** Village Council Work Sessions

Special Board/Commission Meetings:

- **2** DDA Annual Information Sessions (4/16 & 5/12)
- **2** DDA Special Meetings
 - 3/20 – Development Agreement with MCP Properties
 - 10/29 – MSC Agreement & Park Equipment
- **3** Village Council Public Hearings
 - 2/25 – FY 2025 Budget Amendments & FY 2026 Budget Proposal
 - 9/16 – Public Presentation on MSHDA Mi Neighborhood Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - 10/21 – Request to Abandon Portion of 9th Street
- **7** Village Council Special Meetings
 - 2/04 – Audit/F-65 Report, FY 2026 Budget & Village Employee Contracts
 - 2/25 – FY 2025 Budget Amendments & FY 2026 Budget Proposal
 - 5/01 – Resolution 25.02/Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Approval

- 7/28 – CroFest Street Closure & DPW Equipment
- 8/04 – Purchase of DPW Equipment
- 9/03 – Village Personnel Discussion
- 9/16 – Resolution 25.05/MSHDA Mi Neighborhood CDBG Authorization Approval
- **1 Village Council Statutory Meeting**
 - 11/18 – Officer Appointments

Village Website Posts:

- **5 Board Vacancy/Employment Opportunity Posts (1/23, 2/04, 2/24, 2/24, & 10/06)**
- **1 Call for Volunteers (1/23)**
- **4 Important Public Notices**
 - 2/07 – FY 2024 Financial Audit Report
 - 5/13 – Spring Clean-up Schedule
 - 6/06 – HDC Outreach & Networking Event
 - 6/23 – Open Forum Discussion Event with Village Council, DDA, & Main Street Calumet

Village Calendar Events:

- **5 Sesquicentennial Volunteer Planning Events (2/05, 2/26, 4/22, 5/08, & 6/10)**
- **5 Sesquicentennial Events:**
 - 3/19 – Village of Calumet 150th Anniversary
 - 8/09 – 1st Annual Calumet CroFest (Croatian & Slovenian Cultural Festival)
 - 9/12 – Friends of Fashion: “The History of the Calumet Theater” Fashion Show
 - 9/13 – 150th Anniversary Block Party Celebration
 - 10/31 – Halloween Movie Party
- **1 Meet the Village President Event (4/11)**
- **1 HDC Outreach & Networking Event (6/12)**
- **1 Calumet Commons Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (8/07)**
- **1 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony (12/06)**