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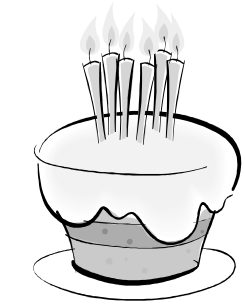
**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY POLICE & FIRE NON-EMERGENCY	911 758-1331	SAUK VILLAGE VILLAGE HALL MCCONATHY LIBRARY	758-3330 757-4771
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	758-9115
BLOOM TOWNSHIP CENTER	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
AMERITECH	1-800-244-4444	COMCAST CABLE & PHONE	1-866-594-1234

Sauk Talk

**From the Mayor's Desk**  
**Roger Peckham**

Happy 50th  
Anniversary  
Sauk Village.



This month begins our celebration of our community's 50th year if incorporation. The 50th Committee has been planning for over a year to make this celebration

something spectacular. Please review the schedule of events planned in this and future issues of Sauk Talk. Please get involved and participate in your community's celebration.

In addition, DP Partners has informed the Village Hall that another 40,000 square feet of space has been leased in our industrial park in the northwest corner of 394 and Sauk

Trail. The progress of the expansion of this development is much faster than anticipated by the developer and Village Hall. The phase two take down for additional property was completed last month. This take down of property by DP Partners means that this spring DP Partners will soon be building a new building possible in the 500,000 square foot or larger size.

**News From Your Village Clerk — Liz Selvey**

It's time to purchase Village animal licenses. The licenses will go on sale April 2, 2007 at Village Hall. Licenses are required for both dogs and cats. The regular cost per license is \$7.00 and \$5.00 for seniors. You MUST bring in the current

rabies certificate in order to purchase a new license. New this year, any dog or cat that has not been neutered or spayed shall be charged a license fee of \$15.00 per pet. You must bring proof from your Veterinarian prior to the issuance of the license.

We at Village Hall wish you all a Happy Easter.

Don't forget to vote on April 17th! For more information on the upcoming elections please visit [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com)

***We Need  
Your Help!***

The Sauk Village Countdown to 50 Committee is looking for the names and addresses of the founding families of Sauk Village.



We would like to include the founding fathers and the first residents of Sauk Village in our 50th Anniversary Celebrations that are planned for this year. If you know where these families may have relocated to, please contact the Village Hall 758-3330 and share their addresses. We would like everyone to be involved in celebrating Sauk Village's 50th Year!

*Sauk Talk* is produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village. Rosie Williams, Trustee, Debbie Carl, Editor and staff members Jacquelyn Downing, Suzanne Downing, Angela Harris, Maxine Towers, Nanette Wargo, and Debbie Williams. Suggestions or comments should be directed to Village Hall, faxed to (708) 757-5670 or e-mailed to DebiCrl@aol.com

**Sauk Village Housing Authority Host Workshops for Village Residents**



On Saturday, April 14, 2007, at 10:00 am the Sauk Village Housing Authority will host "Spruce up for Spring". Residence will be able to hear presenters from local businesses give affordable tips and preventative maintenance ideas that will make your home look like new.

On Saturday, May 19, 2007, at 10:00 am the Sauk Village Housing Authority will host a "Homebuyers workshop". If you are tired of renting this workshop is for you. The Homebuyers workshop will focus on homeownership. Presenters from our local bank and realtors will provide tips and information on how residents can purchase their own home.

Workshops are open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Both workshops will be held at the Village Hall located at 21701 Torrence Ave.



Sauk Village Parks, Recreation and Youth Services Committee Annual



**EASTER EGG HUNT AND VISIT WITH THE EASTER BUNNY**  
Saturday, April 7th 1:00 P.M. at WELCH PARK

After the Egg Hunt Join the Easter Bunny for a special treat inside the Community Center. Pictures are available for \$3.00 each.

**THOUSANDS OF EGGS !**

The Egg Hunt will be divided into three age groups. Ages 0-5 is the ONLY group where parents may ASSIST children.

Ages 6-9 and 10-12 cannot have any help.

Find the special egg and win a prize.

Parents, this is an outdoor event, please dress your children appropriately.

If you have any questions, please call Sandy between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at 758-4115.

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED**

As part of the Countdown to Sauk Village's 50th Anniversary, Sauk Village will be hosting a 50th Anniversary Golden Celebration on May 5th.

There will be a Silent Auction held that evening. We are looking for donations from local businesses to make our auction a success!

If you have an item or gift certificate you would like to donate to the silent auction, please send it To: Sauk Village

50th Anniversary  
C/o Village Hall  
21701 Torrence Avenue  
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Thank you to all who are helping make this event a success!

**50TH ANNIVERSARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

*Village Appreciation/  
50th Anniversary Dinner Dance*  
Saturday May 5th 2007

*Community Celebration*  
Thursday Sept. 13th –Sunday Sept. 16th 2007

*50th Anniversary Golf Outing*  
Tuesday October 16th 2007

Questions?  
Please call Village Hall at  
708-758-3330

**March 12, 1957—March 12, 2007**  
**Sauk Village Government Celebrates 50 Years**

On March 12, 1957 Sauk Village was born. This community of 55 houses joined together and became incorporated. The first Village Board meeting was held in a model home. The first order of business was to approve the

expenditure of a log book for the Village Clerk to keep the official records.

On March 12, 2007, students from Rickover Junior High School and St. Marks School were sworn in as Village Officials for the evening. One order of business was to approve expenditures of \$523,118.14.



Students from Sauk Village Schools have been participating in Student Government Night for 14 years. They are able to spend the day with Village Officials seeing how the day to day operations are handled. Students meet with the various department heads and find that today, with over 3500 homes and almost 12,000 residents, it takes many people to keep the Village operating.



**A Visit to the Fire Station**



**One of the Pump Houses**



**Village Sign**



**Congratulations**

**2007 Student Government  
 Winners**

“Sauk Village is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, where will you be in 50 years? How will the world around you change?” was the topic of this year’s essay. The winners are:

**St. Marks School**

Bria Hopkins

**Rickover Junior High School**

DeMario McMillian

Laeh Ragans

Devonte Turner

Dominique Penrose

Chontrell Holt

Ashley Johnson

Amber VanHoose

Jamilia Fortson

Dasheena Adams

Henry Thompson

Essence Walker

Monica Robles

Corey Seymore

Jacqueline Corley

Joe Perez

Shamika Overall

Slyvia Livingston

DaTron Williams

Andre Bullock

**An Invitation**

*The Sauk Village  
 Countdown to 50 Committee  
 Will hold the  
 Sauk Village Golden Anniversary  
 Dinner Dance and Auction  
 Please join us in celebrating the 50th  
 Anniversary of Sauk Village  
 Saturday, May 5th, 2007  
 Villa de Bruno, Lynwood  
 Cocktails 6:00 p.m.  
 Dinner 7:00 p.m.  
 Program, Auction and Dancing to follow  
 Tickets are \$50 per person.  
 To purchase tickets or for more information,  
 please contact the Sauk Village  
 Village Hall (708) 758-3330  
 Honoring Our Past,  
 Celebrating Our Future!*

**LONG TIME RESIDENTS:  
 WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

The new radio room is almost finished and the walls seem noticeably bare. Our idea is to have people in the community that have pictures of our town in the “old days” let us borrow a copy.

We are looking for pictures up to 8 X 10 and we WILL GIVE THEM BACK. What we plan to do is scan the picture to the size that is needed and then placing the donators name at the bottom, framing them and displaying them in the 911 Center.

Please bring them in to the Police Station in an envelope with “911 Center Pictures” on it along with your name and address. Thank-you!!!! (if the pictures are of public persons of interest, please add the name on a post-it note also.) Please do not mail. Pictures can be damaged in the mail.

Chief Lacheta



## News from the Sauk Village Fire Department

January 1, 2007 marked the start of a new Illinois law regarding carbon monoxide detectors. ALL buildings that have sleeping areas; use fossil fuels for heat and/or have an attached garage must have a carbon monoxide detector within 15 feet of the sleeping areas. Hey- that's probably close to all of us. Whether or not you have an attached garage, you're probably using natural gas for heat and cooking. So that means this law applies to you.

The Sauk Village Fire Department supports this law along with the State of Illinois and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Carbon Monoxide (CO) is the "silent killer." Over two hundred people in the U.S. are killed annually by CO and thousands more are sickened. Don't let yourself or your loved ones become a statistic. Buy a CO detector (or 2) and install them today. As for installation and operation, take the time to read the owners manual. There's valuable information in it. If in doubt, feel free to call the Fire Department during normal business hours at (708)758-2225. If your CO detector starts alarming or you have nausea and a headache- call 911 immediately. Evacuate your home, but leave the doors and windows closed, so we can determine the problem a little easier.

The Sauk Village Fire Department DOES NOT have carbon monoxide detectors available.

There's always something going on at the Fire Station. We have a number of new recruits that will begin their Firefighter State Certification class soon and more new recruits keep coming in. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get your foot in the door of a rewarding and challenging field. Whether you're just looking to serve your community, or interested in the Fire Service as a possible career choice, the Sauk Village Fire Department is a good place to start. Our only requirements are that you be a Sauk Village resident 18 years old or older, have a valid drivers license and a high school diploma or GED. You will need to pass a background check and a physical prior to starting. Once you're on board, the challenge begins. The training alone is a huge commitment, so feel free to stop by the station at 1804 E. 222<sup>nd</sup> Street or call at (708)758-2225 during normal business hours to ask questions before applying. Applications are available at the fire station or Village Hall.



## Sauk Village Senior Organizations

The Village supports three senior citizens organizations meeting in the Edward W. Paesel Senior Center located behind the municipal building. Sauk Village Senior Citizens a.k.a. Leisure Timers was the first and largest senior club followed by the Senior Citizens of Sauk Village a.k.a. Sunshiners and the third is Sauk Village Fun Club. All three groups are looking for seniors to join their membership. On the second and fourth (except in November and December) Wednesdays, the Leisure Timers meet at 6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday and 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday. Refreshments are available after the meeting and ending with bingo. Other activities include in house dinner/holiday parties, indoor picnic plus trips to Balmoral race track, dinner theater and the annual Christmas party. The annual dues are \$12.00 and all seniors fifty-five and older are welcome to join. The Sunshiners meet on the first and third Mondays, except on legal holidays, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments

are served after the meeting follow by bingo or card games. Throughout the year several in house holiday dinners and potlucks, indoor picnic and outings for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. The annual dues are \$12.00 and all seniors fifty-five and older are invited. Sauk Village Fun Club meets every second and fourth Sundays at 12:30 p.m. On the second Sunday, an affordable brunch is served followed by conversation and/or games. A regular meeting is held on the fourth Sunday followed by a potluck dinner. Outings include club paid tickets to the annual Bloom Township picnic and a holiday dinner. The annual dues are \$10.00 and all seniors fifty and older are welcome to join this small group. All three organizations welcome visitors. The Edward W. Paesel Senior Center telephone number is (708) 758-9115 when the clubs are meeting. For additional information call Trustee Zeke Luther (708) 758-4940.

### COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 168 FOUR YEAR FULL TERM—VOTE FOR 3

**Kameyal Alexander**—No Response

**Arleta L. Bazile**, a resident for 10 years is married 13 years with two sons. One son is currently enrolled in District 168 schools.

Currently, Arleta is a Paralegal. She holds a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice, Paralegal Certificate from South Suburban College and has been on South Suburban College's Chancellors, Deans and Presidents Lists.

Arleta Bazile was appointed to the District 168 Board of Education in May of 2006. She feels, with her background in Public Administration with a concentration in School Administration along with her legal and banking experience, she can bring a great deal to the Board of Education of District 168.

The major issue Arleta feels the voters are facing in this election is that of an entire new school board. She believes this will have a positive impact on the District because it will allow the Community to elect people with new ideas and a fresh prospective.

**Jennyfer Nychele Chilton**, a resident for 6 years is married 18 years with two children who attend District 168 schools.

Jennyfer is self employed as a Multi-faceted Contractor and is active in her church and in the community. She has served on past school committees and is a current member of Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village.

Jennyfers goal is to close the communication gap between parents and students and schools.

**Jimo A. Kasali**, a resident for 12 years is married and has five children. One adult child, a graduate of District 168 and current college student, and two sets of twins who are pre-schoolers.

As an active member of the community, Jimo is a member of the Economic Development Committee, Sauk Village Lions Club and a concerned citizen.

Jimo is an Insurance Agent/Financial Advisor and owner of his own company.

Jimo Kasali thinks School District 168 is in need of strong and new leadership with integrity, character and accountability. He believes in helping the community to improve the relationship between parents and the school.

**Marvin Perez**, a resident for 13 years, is married and has three children. Two adult children are graduates of District 168 and one child attending District 168 schools.

Marvin has been active in the community by serving on the Zoning Board Commission and is a member if St, James Parish.

Marvin is a Rehab instructor and holds a Masters Degree in Education. Marvin believes he can bring some of this expertise to the Board of Education. One main issue Marvin believes is to attract high quality teachers and to maintain great relationships with the community and the schools.

### COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 168 TWO YEAR PARTIAL TERM VOTE FOR 4

**Suzanne Arnold** has been a resident for 14 years, married for 16 years and has two children who attend District 168 schools.

Suzanne is currently a Director of a Daycare and a member of St. James Parish.

Suzanne has a Bachelors in Social Work and has been an appointed member of School District 168 School Board since August of 2006.

Suzanne feels building bridges for the children through education and their community and unifying the district between schools, educators, administration, community, children and their parents are the most important issues.

**Monique Daniels**—No Response

**Caryn Thomas**, a resident for 7 years, has three children, one son at Bloom Trail, one son attending District 168 schools and one pre-school daughter. Caryn is employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant.

As an active member of the community, Caryn has been on past and present school committees and a current Board Member for Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village.

Caryn feels that missing test scores, improving student transportation are a few of the issues that need to be addressed.

**Maxine Towers**, a resident for 8 years is married and has two grown children who attended public schools.

Maxine is a Mortgage Specialist and volunteers with Make A Difference Youth Organization where she is an advisor and on the Board of Directors.

As a member of the community, Maxine is on the Concerned Citizens Committee, the Sauk Village Public Relations Committee and a Voters Registrar. Maxine is also a Suburban Cook County Election Judge.

Maxine believes her background in finance will help the school board in understanding finance issues.

## APRIL 17, 2007 CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS

Editors Note: The following information is for voter education. The Sauk Talk does not endorse any candidates for any public office. Questionnaires were sent to all Village Trustee candidates and to all Community Consolidated School District 168 candidates. The Nancy McConathy Public Library candidates are unopposed and chose not to participate. If you need any further information contact the Cook County Board of Elections at 312-603-0906 or at [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com).

### Sauk Village Board of Trustee 3 Four Year Terms

**Francine Anderson**, a resident for 22 years and is a Counselor at DuSable Health Center. She is a member of the Illinois Counselors Association, Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Westside Connection MWM and Sweet Spirit Holy Church.

Francine has volunteered in Sauk Village as a member of the Sauk Village Citizens Empowerment Organization Concern Citizens of Sauk Village, Economic Development Committee and the Zoning Board of Appeals Commission.

Francine feels that her leadership skills developed through the implementation of programs for several not for profits organizations and providing supervision to other professionals through consulting mental health concerns in diverse communities will be an asset to the Village Board of Trustees.

Some issues Francine feels are important to the community are: The development of activities and programs for the children of Sauk Village and the creation of a Youth Advisory Group, promoting safety through the support of the police department and creating an environment of unity that allow children to express the cultural sameness and differences.

Also, Economic Development, creative marketing of Sauk Village to possible business interests and Water Quality, movement towards investing in a reverse osmosis system.

**Derrick N. Burgess**, a resident for 25 years, married to wife Juanita for 32 years and has four grown children and 12 grandchildren. Derrick is a Plant Operating Engineer for the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Derrick was appointed to serve as Village Trustee in 2006 and is Chair of the Parks, Recreation and Youth Services Committee, Treasurer of the Sauk Village 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and former Sauk Village Planning and Zoning Commissioner and member of the Sauk Village Police Association. He is the founder of Deer Creek's Community Watch program and an active patrol member, a member of the Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village and regularly attends the School District 168 Board of Education Meetings. Derrick is a member of St. James Parish and was awarded Employee of the Year at UIC in 2006.

**David A. Hanks** is a resident of Sauk Village for 35 years. David is married to his wife Linda and they have ten children, five boys and five girls. David is a Corporate Quality Supervisor for Fellowes, Inc.

David is a longtime volunteer in this community. David became a cadet on the Sauk Village Police Department and later served as a commissioner on the Zoning Board of Appeals. David was elected to his first term as Village Trustee in April, 1999 and was re-elected for a second four year term in April, 2003. During his years in the Village Board he also served as Chair of the Economic Development Committee, Commissioner on the Calumet Corridor Council, Route 30 Corridor Council and the South Suburban Commuter Rail Subcommittee. IN May 2005, David was appointed as Chair of the Sauk Village Housing Authority.

David feels he has served the residents well the past 8 years. He considers it an honor and a privilege to serve the residents and encourages citizens to contact him regarding their concerns, suggestions and comments.

**Edward P. Myers**, a resident of 38 years, married to wife Carol for 39 years and 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Edward is employed as a Code Enforcement Officer by the Village of Steger Police Department.

Edward has been active in this community by serving as an Elder at the Sauk Village Bible Church, Assistant Fire Chief, Sauk Village Fire Department, Chief Coordinator for MABAS 27 arson Investigation Team, Honorary member of Kentucky Colonels, serve on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Fire Fighters Association, on the Board to Create Property Maintenance and Building Codes for BOCA, On the Deans List for Prairie State College and College of DuPage and received the Congressional Award for Fire Service.

Edward feels he can contribute to the Board of Trustees with his knowledge of Code Compliance, Building and Construction and Fire related issues.

POLLING PLACES	
PRECINCT #	LOCATION
007	Fire Station #3 22220 Sherman Rd. Steger
016	Candlelight Village 4 Candlelight Dr. Sauk Village
023	Paesel Senior Center 2700 Kalvelage Dr. Sauk Village
026	Rickover Junior High 22151 Torrence Ave. Sauk Village
027	Paesel Senior Center 2700 Kalvelage Dr. Sauk Village
028	Paesel Senior Center 2700 Kalvelage Dr. Sauk Village
032	Strassburg School 2002 E. 223rd St. Sauk Village
079	Rickover Junior High 22151 Torrence Ave. Sauk Village
089	Fire Station 1804 E. 222nd St. Sauk Village
093	Paesel Senior Center 2700 Kalvelage Dr. Sauk Village

**Note:** Your precinct # is located on your voters registration card.

Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## SENIOR SPAGHETTI DINNER

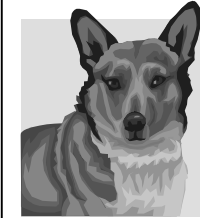
Sauk Village Senior Committee will hold their second Senior Citizen's Spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 14, 2007 from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. All senior citizens are invited. Ticket cost is \$3.00 which includes spaghetti with meat sauce (all you can eat spaghetti), salad, bread and butter, beverage and dessert, plus door prizes and entertainment.



The event will be held at the Edward W. Paesel Senior Center, 2700 Kalvelage Drive (located behind the Village Hall/Police Department). The tickets are available from trustee Zeke Luther

and the senior committee members Bob Barnes, Noel Dahlman, Rose Langston, Dick Sova and Annabell Swanson. For additional information and/or questions, call trustee Luther at (708) 758-4940.

## New Animal Ordinance



New rules for pets. No dog shall be tethered (chained) for more than three (3) hours during any twenty four (24) hour period.

When walking dogs no person under the age of 18 shall walk a dog that has been deemed "vicious" or dangerous under any applicable provision of the law on any street or public way in the Village. No person under the age of 14 shall walk any dog weighing in excess of 59 pounds on any street or public way in the Village.

The license fee for a dog or cat that has not been neutered or spayed shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to be paid to the Village Clerk prior to the issue of a license. Be sure to bring proof from your veterinarian stating your animal is neutered or spayed.



## Potholes—The Spring Time Headache

Spring is in the air and with it the ground thaw. Every winter when the ground freezes from snow and rain seeping in to the soil it creates a frost line, which can go down several feet, and the end result is the ground heaving up. This causes stress on the pavement, usually cracking it. As the season moves on we get several up and down surface thaws which can cause the road to settle back down. In most situations the street will not form potholes, but were there is heavy traffic, or cars driving on the edge of the road surface the potholes form and they spread as traffic hit them or the plows scrape over them.

The goal of the Public Works Department is to keep the roads open and safe, and temporarily repair all potholes until spring/summer were we can do a more permanent repair. We are asking the public to help us in the locating process because you, as the resident drive down the street regularly and if you see a pothole starting to get bad please contact us at Village Hall, (708) 758-3330 and we will repair as soon as the weather permits. Thank you for your help and patience.



# SAUK VILLAGE NEWS THAT WILL



## Police Department News



### Fighting After School

Fights after the school dismiss are on the rise. This Department has implemented a specific team to handle just these incidents and arrests are being made. One you are off of the school property and commit a battery (a fight) you will be arrested and begin or add to your juvenile record. PARENTS, please speak with your children about this serious matter. Criminal Damage to Property, Disorderly Conduct as well as Battery will result in an immediate arrest. Serious injuries to both police staff and the children may result from these activities and will not be tolerated. Children arrested and transported the police station will require a parent for release if a release is an option. Walking in the street, as always seems to be the other large problem with dismissal. Tickets from \$50 - \$750 will be issued to the child AND the guardian in these cases.

### POLICE DRUG AND SPEEDING HOTLINES

If you or anyone you know has the address of a suspected drug dealer that is in the Village limits, please call the Narcotics Hotline at the number below. Although it assists this department greatly to have the name of the complainant, it is not mandatory that you leave your name when you call.

**The Hotline is a recording that allows you to leave details of illegal activities and is answered by one of the Narcotics Officers.**

Call 708-758-1331 and ask for the  
**Narcotics Hotline**

If you are having problems with speeding in your area try to get as much information as you can about the auto, color, make, model, the time of day this is happening is important also. Please listen to the recording and leave the information requested. Be patient, it may take some time to get to your area.

Call 708-758-1331 and ask for the  
**Speeding Hotline**

### Stop Blocking Traffic

#### LEFT HAND TURN ON TO SAUK TRAIL:

Drivers exiting northbound from Cornell and Prairie who pull in to the eastbound lane and STOP! waiting for the westbound traffic to clear while blocking the eastbound traffic, will be ticketed with a moving violation. Obstructing the flow of traffic in this way backs traffic up and into the I394 intersection causing problems. You must make sure that from a stopped position on the side street, that you are able to start your movement and turn and end in the proper direction without interfering with other traffic including but not limiting the oncoming traffic to stop or even slow. Signs will be posted shortly, but this law is already being enforced

# AFFECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

### CANDIDATES FORUM

The voting adult public is invited to attend a Candidates Forum at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at the Edward W. Paesel Senior Center, 2700 Kalvelage Drive (located behind the municipal building). Candidates for the three village board of trustees positions have been invited to participate. The candidates are Francine Anderson, Derrick Burgess, David Hanks and Ed Meyers.

Come meet the village board of trustee candidates in order to an intelligent choice at the polls on Tuesday, April 17, 2007! The Sauk Village Fun Club seniors are sponsoring this forum.

### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Human Relations Commission participated in the Ninth Annual Diversity Dinners that are given throughout the southern suburbs on Thursday, April 27, 2006. The commission hosted 30 dinners at the Edward Paesel Community Center. Good food and good conversations were enjoyed by all guests. The purpose of the dinners is to increase understanding in a comfortable and relaxed setting over a heart-warming meal.

One of the goals of the Diversity dinners is to introduce people to one another. Invited guest are purposely selected by age, gender, race and ethnicity to ensure the diversity that we are all talking about. Commissioners Debbie Williams, Nannette Wargo and Beverly Sterrett served as hostesses.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 1 Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9-12 at the Sauk Village Fire Station**
- 4 Deer Creek's Candidate Forum 7pm at Village Hall**
- 7 Village Easter Egg Hunt 1:00 p.m. Welch Park**
- 13 Bunco—SVFD Ladies Auxiliary 7 p.m. Fire Station**
- 14 "Spruce Up for Spring" Workshop 10-12 Village Hall**
- 17 Election Day**
- 20 Human Relations Commission Diversity Dinner 7 p.m. Paesel Senior Center (Registration Required)**

**"A BUSY CITIZEN IS A CONCERNED CITIZEN"**

This information is brought to you by the Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village.

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Sauk Talk

## From the Mayor's Desk

**Roger Peckham**

The spring and summer months always mean road construction and traffic delays. This is especially true for the Chicago Southland. The Illinois Tollway and the Dan Ryan will continue to be nightmares for the southland this year. Illinois will begin using photo radar in work zones starting in July. Second Offense tickets are \$1,000 with license suspension. Beginning in July the State of Illinois will use speed cameras in areas designated as "Work Zones". Anyone caught by these devices will be mailed a \$375.00 ticket for the first offense, but the second offense will cost \$1000.00 and come with a 90 day license Suspension.

This summer plans are being made to continue with road and other infrastructure repairs in Sauk Village. The Village has received another CDBG federally funded grant for streets, curb and sidewalk repairs.

The summer months mean summer vacation for our children. Please remind your children that the streets are not playgrounds or places to walk. The Police

Department will be again issuing tickets for violations for walking and playing the streets. The Village is also running a summer program, but spaces are limited. Contact the Village's Recreation Committee if your children have any interest.

Lewis-Goetz and Company, Inc. will lease 38,700 square feet at the Village's LogistiCenter at Sauk Trail and 394. Lewis-Goetz and Company is a Pittsburgh-based manufacturer of hose, conveyor belting and gaskets, and the company plans to consolidate manufacturing and distribution operations that are now located in South Holland and Bolingbrook. The new facility will employ 40 people and will move in during the month of May.

Finally, our Village is celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The committee for this celebration is still working hard and needs your help. Volunteering to make this celebration something to remember should be a goal of all residents. Support your Village and get active for the good of all.

## News From Your Village Clerk — Liz Selvey

Vehicle stickers are available for purchase now. The cost for cars and motorcycles is \$25.00, trucks start at \$43.00.

All vehicles must have the new vehicle stickers displayed on the lower passenger side of the vehicle by

July 1, at 12:00 a.m. After July first, tickets will be issued and the sticker cost increases.

Animal licenses are still available, as of May 1st, if your pet does not have a license you may be ticketed.

All licenses, stickers and permits are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours.

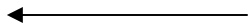
The Village Hall will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day and Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day.

# *You Just Don't Get It!*

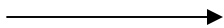
*Warning from Sauk Village Police*



PEOPLE WALK  
ON THE  
SIDEWALKS



CARS  
DRIVE ON THE  
ROADS



This will be article #7 about walking and playing in the roadway. This department continues to hold special details for this activity as well as attempts to make these arrests during the busy shifts during normal patrol. I would think that this problem would be simple to correct, but it is a difficult one.

- First offense for walking in the roadway is a \$50.00 fine
- Second offense is \$100 fine
- And the fines rise from this point up to \$750.00

Tickets that are issued to minors **are also written in care of the responsible adult.**

Who is the caretaker of the minor child. Tickets not paid will then be forwarded to the responsible adults credit account.

Please take a few minutes to explain to your children to stay on the sidewalks and off the streets and this court appearance and fine can be easily avoided.

# McConathy Library News

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAUK VILLAGE ANY SAUK VILLAGE CHILD BORN DURING 2007 WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL EDITION "CAT IN THE HAT" BOOK SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES. PLEASE VISIT THE **MCCONATHY PUBLIC LIBRARY** FOR THIS OFFER.

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**Get a clue @ McConathy Library**  
**Summer reading begins on June 26<sup>th</sup> for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.**  
**Come in and join the fun!**

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FAREWELL TO LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT MICHAEL WARGO. HE HAS RESIGNED HIS BOARD SEAT DUE TO RELOCATION AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED. WE APPRECIATE HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND WISH HIM WELL.

WELCOME SUZANNE DOWNING TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. SUZANNE , AN AVID READER, IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING ON THE BOARD.

GOOD LUCK TO BOTH MIKE AND SUZANNE.

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# SEVERE WEATHER WARNINGS

## From ESDA

It is that time of the year again when severe weather can strike with little or no warning. I'd like to remind all residents to be mindful of the weather at all times.

A **severe thunderstorm watch** means conditions are favorable for a severe thunderstorm.

A **severe thunderstorm warning** means a severe thunderstorm is imminent.

A **tornado watch** means conditions are favorable for the development of tornados.

A **tornado warning** means a tornado has been spotted near or in the vicinity. A severe thunderstorm can produce a tornado with little or no warning.

Lightening can strike from miles away. Do not be misled by a clear sky when storms are around the area. Each year, lightening strikes kill 75-100 people.

Everyone needs to have an emergency plan and emergency supplies for up to 3 days. You should have a portable radio with spare batteries, candles, lighters, flashlights, medications, water, books, puzzles, etc. Parents need to educate their children on the dangers of severe weather. Children should be informed of emergency plans, what to do if they are caught outside in severe weather and most importantly, children need to know they should not panic during severe weather.

Remember your pets as well. Animals left chained or caged have nowhere to go for safety. Once severe weather has passed, many people go out to survey the damage. Do not go near downed power lines, trees that are hanging, etc. Do not call 911 unless you have a life threatening emergency. Following a severe storm, many people inundate the police departments 911 center with telephone calls for trees down, no power, flooded streets and more. Although a tree down is important, please use the non emergency number and remember, please be patient as you will not be the only person calling and they will get to you as soon as you can. Further information packets regarding severe weather are available at the Village Hall.

**Sauk Village Public Relations Committee Announces its annual**

## VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd 8AM-3PM RAIN OR SHINE**

**FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND PAY YOUR \$7.00 FEE**

**YOU WILL HAVE YOUR STREET AND HOUSE ADDRESS ONLY ON ADS AND MATERIALS**

**ALL ADVERTISING WILL BE DONE. IT IS UP TO YOU TO MARK YOUR HOUSE SO PEOPLE CAN FIND YOU. DUE TO CONSTRUCTION THERE WILL BE NO SPACES AT THE PARK**

**If you have questions please call Debbie Carl 757-5619 or email [DebiCr1@aol.com](mailto:DebiCr1@aol.com)**



## News from the Sauk Village Fire Department



As this article is being written, it's about 40 degrees outside - and it's the middle of April! Hopefully by the time you read this in May, Spring will finally be here, and with Spring comes some helpful safety tips.

Everyone loves a good barbecue. Before you fire up that grill for a busy summer, do a visual and physical (touch) inspection of your propane hoses and bottle. Check for cracks, dry rot, and general wear and tear. Replace pieces if necessary. Also check to make sure all fittings are snug. When using the grill, keep it in an open area away from the house and other structures, and keep the kids at a distance- even when you're done cooking.

With warmer weather, you can count on kids being more active outside. As of mid-April, we've already had one kid hit by a car on a side street. Watch the speed limits and be mindful of kids out playing.

It's also that time of year where we get the itch to start those outside construction/remodeling projects- don't forget to consult Village code officials, and use safety equipment when running power tools. Extension cords are always an issue. Use an approved extension cord with your tool and make sure it's in good working condition.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department added a second full-time administrative position. Captain Rich Atwood, who was the Department's part-time training officer, is now full time Monday through Friday. He's been with the Sauk Village Fire Department for 11 years and has been in the Fire Service for 14 years. He's looking forward to seeing the department continue it's forward growth.



Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Fire Department added a part-time Firefighter/Apparatus Operator position to help out during the weekdays. So, if you know anybody anywhere that is a State Certified Firefighter II and a certified Fire Apparatus Engineer, please have them come to the station for an application. And as always, we're always hiring "paid-on-call" or POC firefighters willing to come from their homes to respond. POC applicants do have to be Sauk Village residents. Again, applications are available at the Fire Station or Village Hall.

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Sauk Village Fire Department was pleased to welcome Chaplain Lee Gatzke to our staff. As a Fire Department Chaplain, Lee is responsible for the emotional well-being of our firefighters and citizens in times of crisis. Chaplain Gatzke brings with him years of experience working with the American Red Cross and other mission fields. He also worked extensively in Louisiana during the Hurricane Katrina disaster under some of the worst conditions. The Sauk Village Fire Department welcomes Chaplain Gatzke and we've already had to put him to work.

Have a safe and pleasant Spring!

## WILL YOU BE 50 THIS YEAR?



IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY ANYONE BORN IN 1957 WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIG 5-0 THIS YEAR AS WELL. PLEASE SUBMIT A BABY PICTURE AND A

CURRENT PICTURE OF YOURSELF FOR OUR BABY PICTURE CONTEST. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. SUBMIT THESE PICTURES TO THE VILLAGE HALL **ATTN: PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**. ALL PICS WILL BE RETURNED AND SHOULD TRY TO BE AGED 3 YEARS OR YOUNGER.

## COMING UP IN JUNE

- 6<sup>th</sup> **Public Relations Meeting 7:30 PM**  
**Village Hall**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Bunco- *McConathy Public Library 7 PM*** (NEW LOCATION)
- 19<sup>th</sup> **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Village Hall**
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village Meeting 7 PM Paesel Center (behind Village Hall)**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Village Wide Garage Sale-get maps at Village Hall and local businesses**

Information furnished by the Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village Committee.

## College Scholarship Offered DEADLINE SOON!

The Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village is looking for High School Seniors to participate in a scholarship program.

This scholarship opportunity is available to any Sauk Village high school senior who will be attending a college or university in the fall.

Requirements:

Must be a resident of Sauk Village, must be entering a college or university in the fall of 2007, must create and implement a community based project which includes other residents or businesses in Sauk Village.

The amount of the scholarships will be determined at a later time and will depend on the amount of qualified participants and donors.

Scholarships will be awarded based on creativity, the amount of community involvement and the impact on the community.

Please send a letter or email with your personal

information including what high school you graduated from and where you will be attending school in the fall. and if possible a brief description of your service project. A member of the committee will contact you.

If you have any questions, direct them to the email or address listed below.

**The deadline for the scholarship is June 15, 2007. Scholarship(s) to be awarded August 15, 2007.**

These dates are subject to change-please apply ASAP.

Contact information: The Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village, P.O. Box 1864, Sauk Village, IL 60411 or by email to: [theconcernedcitizensofsaukvillage@yahoo.com](mailto:theconcernedcitizensofsaukvillage@yahoo.com).

For questions only you may call Debbie Williams at 758-2324.

Good Luck.

# SAUK VILLAGE NEWS THAT WILL



## Police Department News



### TOWING CHANGES

The Sauk Village Board has adopted an ordinance for persons that have their vehicles towed due to criminal and ordinance related offenses. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 vehicles that are towed by the Sauk Village Police Department & Code Enforcement will only be released after a fee is paid to the Village prior to paying the tow operator for related costs. The following is a short version of the ordinance and its fine schedule.

Those vehicles towed for:

Abandoned autos

\$100 fee



Stranded and left in roadway obstructing traffic

\$100 fee

Driving with suspended license

\$100 fee

Other traffic offenses that require towing

\$100 fee

Narcotics-related offenses

\$500 fee

Narcotics-related criminal activity

\$500 fee

Prostitution related criminal activity

\$500 fee

DUI

\$500 fee

Gang-related criminal activity

\$500 fee

Loud music when a vehicle is towed

\$500 fee

Other specified criminal activity not specified

\$500 fee

These fees are separate from any and all towing costs. These fees can only be paid during Village Hall hours m-f 8a – 5p and Tuesday night 7p – 9p.

### SAFE SUMMER TIPS

Along with summer time comes vacations.... Please review the following tips for summertime fun.

- ✓ When leaving for vacation, notify your trusted neighbors and family to watch the house and collect mail and newspapers.
- ✓ Keep dust to dawn light sensors on for a bright area around your home during the night.
- ✓ Use timers for lamps ( the police department has 6 in stock to lend out at no cost for you to borrow!!)
- ✓ Put a house watch on your home with the police with key holders and emergency phone numbers.
- ✓ When high end items are purchased for your home, (new TVs, stereos etc) break the boxes down before putting them at the curb, don't advertise to the whole world that your house has a brand new 46 plasma TV in it!
- ✓ If your gone for extended periods of time make sure that your grass gets cut and the yard is kept up.

### Sauk Village Police Department MENTOR PROGRAM

Officer Morris will begin the registration portion of this program for the youth in our community who are interested in a **basketball camp** setting while mentoring under some of our police Officers. Applications are available May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at the Police Department window. Those accepted will follow a strict set of guidelines and grow in both basketball skills as well as respect, honor, sense of team and professionalism.

Those adults interested in helping Officer Morris, please fill out the same application and place the words "**Adult Volunteer**" across the top. Limited space, please act soon. There will be no cost to the children accepted into this program.

# AFFECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## PUBLIC WORKS DE-

### Street Sweeping Schedule for 2007

The weeks beginning April, 16 May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, Sept. 17 and October 18 street sweeping will begin following the garbage day route.

Remember there is no parking on the street between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm during the day of your garbage day pick up.

Street sweeping may get ahead or behind this schedule.

### Hydrant Flushing

The hydrants will be flushed in the following sections of town on the specified dates:

**April 4**-South side of Sauk Trail and West of Torrence extending to Deer Creek.

**May 2**-North side of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates.

**June 6**-Eastern section of town; east of Torrence and south of Sauk Trail.

**July 11**-South side Sauk Trail west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek.

**August 1**-North side of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates.

**Sept. 5**-Eastern section; east of Torrence and south of Sauk Trail.

**Oct. 3**--South side; Sauk Trail west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek.

***Actual flushing will begin at 11:00 p.m. of the previous night, continuing through the morning until the area has been completed.***

***Residents should refrain from washing whites during flushing and for at least 24 to 36 hours after flushing.***

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Please be advised you are now required to obtain building permits for siding, gutters & downspouts, windows, soffits, trim, fascia & roof replacement including shingle replacement. Any contractor doing work in the Village limits is required to have a contractor's license. This is to protect the homeowner. Feel free to contact the Building Department before starting work and we will assist you and inform you on what is needed.
- Due to West Nile it is extremely important to keep your grass cut under 8" front and back. Residents who choose not to maintain their lawns will receive a ticket every 24 hrs.
- Please do not leave discarded old tires laying around for water to collect in them. This is another problem that we face with mosquitoes and it's an eyesore to other residents.
- If you own a pool please make sure you maintain it. That means run the filter and add the proper chemicals to keep the water clear. If the pool is not in use it has to be covered and drained to avoid standing water. If you have to back wash the filter or drain the cover it has to be drained to the front of the property not in your neighbor's yard. If we receive complaints about any pools that are not being maintained we will strictly enforce this and you will receive tickets every 24hrs.
- Be considerate to your neighbors if you have papers, litter and debris in your yard. Please make sure you pick it up, it only takes a few moments and it makes a big difference in the appearance of our Community.
- Please store garbage/containers towards the rear of the property, it's unsightly to have garbage containers overflowing in front of houses. Make sure they are covered to prevent dogs, cats, raccoons, opossums and other rodents from getting into the container.
- Please be advised there is no parking on a non-hard surface – all vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.

# They braved the COLD April day to find those special eggs!

## The Park and Recreations Annual Egg Hunt



The winners who found those "special" eggs were: Zander Lucente age 3, Courtney Cret age 3, Daniella Rodriguez age 5, Shannon Ilg age 9, Libby Ilg age 5, Ashley Cret age 10, Toby Perez age 5, Victoria Tenbrinke age 8, Cassandra Tenbrinke age 4, Jessica Tenbrinke age 11, Jessica Rivera age 8, Hannah Dykstra age 7, Sophia Campuzal age 6 and Vinnie Lucente age 11.



Inside, where it was nice and warm, the Sauk Village Easter Bunny greeted the children and gave them special treats. Face painters transformed everyone into an Easter Bunny!





## IS YOUR LAWN DRIVING YOU CRAZY?

Have you stood on your porch looking at your yard full of weeds and those annoying yellow flowers?

Do you look up and down the street and wonder why your neighbors lawn looks so nice and yours not so nice?

It's a puzzle. You never see your neighbor out there working on the lawn every day. The professionals don't stop at their house with their 150 foot hoses.

So what gives?

Why not take the time to ask your neighbor? Spring and summer are perfect times to get to know your neighbors.

Do you remember growing up and you knew everyone on the street? Those days are not gone forever. It only takes a few minutes here and there to make friends. At least know their first names and which of the children on the block belong to them. Besides, you just might find out there is a simple solution to that lawn problem of yours.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Sauk Village Annual  
Family Festival  
featuring Music Mania  
September 13, 14, 15, 16, 2007  
St. James Grounds  
223rd Street & Torrence Ave.**

## SENIOR INFORMATION

The Village supports three senior citizens organizations meeting in the Edward W. Paesel Senior Center located behind the municipal building. Sauk Village Senior Citizens a.k.a. Leisure Timers was the first and largest senior club followed by the Senior Citizens of Sauk Village a.k.a. Sunshiners and the third is Sauk Village Fun Club. All three groups are looking for seniors ages fifty and older to join their membership. Visitors are welcome.

Leisure Timers meet at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth (except in November and December) Wednesdays. Bingo and refreshments are available. Annual dues are \$12.00

Sunshiners meet on the first and third Mondays, except on legal holidays, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments are served after the meeting follow by bingo or card games. Annual dues are \$12.00.

Sauk Village Fun Club meets every second and fourth Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$10.00.

The Edward W. Paesel Senior Center is a public building and is smoke free. Telephone number is (708) 758-9115 when the clubs are meeting.

### Sauk Village Bluegrass

Bluegrass meets every Sunday evenings at 6:00-10:00 p.m. There is no entry fee, just donations for coffee. Bluegrass, country and gospel music are provided, musicians are welcome to perform and/or join in the jamming sessions. The public is invited to listen or dance to the music. The TV room and the small office is also used for jamming. Sauk Village residents Floyd and Nadine Morgan are coordinating the evening with assistance from Julie and Evelyn.





## **SAUK VILLAGE DANCE TROUPE HIP HOP AND MODERN DANCE CLASSES**



There are two groups of dance, grades  
3-5 and grades 6-8 as of the 2007-08

Sessions are on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at  
the Community Center. Dance will start on June 13 and end  
September 12, 2007

No class on July 4th.

The Grand Finale will be performed at the  
50th Anniversary Celebration school year.

Enrollment is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration will be on June 6, 2007 at the Community Center  
(located off Torrence Ave. behind the Sauk Village Police Station).

Registration is \$25.00 per pupil and covers their uniform.

The center is open Monday through Friday 4pm-8pm.

For information contact Sandy at 758-4115.



21701 Torrence Avenue  
Sauk Village, IL 60411

**Bulk  
Rate  
Permit  
#346**

## **POSTAL CUSTOMER SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411**

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

<b>EMERGENCY POLICE &amp; FIRE NON-EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911 758-1331</b>	<b>SAUK VILLAGE VILLAGE HALL MCCONATHY LIBRARY</b>	<b>758-3330 757-4771</b>
<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>758-4115</b>	<b>SENIOR CENTER</b>	<b>758-9115</b>
<b>BLOOM TOWNSHIP CENTER</b>	<b>754-9400</b>	<b>COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</b>	<b>210-4500</b>
<b>RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>755-4357</b>	<b>SKYLINE DISPOSAL</b>	<b>754-5460</b>
<b>COMMONWEALTH EDISON</b>	<b>1-800-334-7661</b>	<b>NICOR</b>	<b>1-888-642-6748</b>
<b>AMERITECH</b>	<b>1-800-244-4444</b>	<b>COMCAST CABLE &amp; PHONE</b>	<b>1-866-594-1234</b>

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## From the Mayor's Desk

**Roger Peckham**

Plans are continuing for Sauk Village's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a community in the year of 2007. We still need your support. The Committee has been meeting for over two years now and we have a great finale planned. This group of volunteers still needs ideas and support from our community to make this celebration one worthy point in the history of Sauk Village. Please volunteer to make this celebration a great event. Please contact Village Hall for volunteering for all Village activities.

The construction of our new Village Hall has started with the ground work starting after the Fourth of July. The funds for the construction of the new Village Hall are generated from the revenue from our industrial park without requiring any revenue from our home owners. The construction of the new Village Hall will provide for additional office space for the administrative

staff and for our senior clubs. The old Village Hall will be occupied by the police department providing them with additional office space for future growth. In addition, the Edward Paesel Center will be remodeled to house our recreational activities.

To our children, please do not walk nor play in the Village's streets. To the parents of our children, Please keep your children from playing in the streets. Please warn your children including your teenagers of the danger of being in the streets. Accidents in our community streets can easily be prevented with just a little reminder. The police department has been instructed to enforce the violations of individuals interfering with traffic by using the Village streets as playgrounds and sidewalks.

Have a safe and happy summer.

## News From Your Village Clerk — Liz Selvey

IF YOU HAVEN'T PURCHASED YOUR VEHICLE STICKER THE COST HAS NOW DOUBLED. CARS, MOTORCYCLES AND RV'S ARE NOW \$50.00. TRUCKS START AT \$86.00. YOU MAY RECEIVE A CITATION FOR NOT HAVING THE

NEW VEHICLE STICKER.

ANIMAL LICENSES WERE DUE BY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>. ALL DOGS AND CATS HAVE TO HAVE AN ANIMAL LICENSE. THE COST FOR THE LICENSE IS \$7.00 IF THE ANIMAL IS SPAYED/NEUTERED

AND \$15.00 IF NOT.

THE FINAL TREE LIMB PICK-UP WILL START SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>. PLEASE HAVE THE LIMBS OUT IN THE PARKWAY NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>. WE HOPE EVERYONE HAS A NICE SUMMER.

## New Municipal Building – Senior Citizen Center Veterans Memorial Groundbreaking



On May 9, Mayor Roger Peckham and Village Board broke ground on the new Municipal Building Complex, Senior Citizen Facility and the New Veteran's Memorial on land just north of the existing Municipal Building on Torrence Avenue. Representative George Scully, representatives of Senior Citizens Groups and Veteran's groups joined the Village Officials on this historic occasion during Sauk Village's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

The new complex, which is scheduled to open early next summer will house the Village offices, as well as a new community meeting room. In addition, a

new larger senior citizen facility will be included, as well as an outdoor, long awaited, memorial to our Veterans.

Once the senior citizens are able to move into their new quarters, the existing Senior Citizen Recreation Building will be used entirely for the young people of our community and will include some upgrades and remodeling. The existing Village Hall/Police Station will be used by the Police Department and ESDA to meet their needs for additional space.

The new facility, as well as the upgrades to the existing buildings will cost approximately \$6.5 million dollars. The entire cost will be paid for by the impact fees generated by the development at the Logistic Center at Sauk Village Business Park west of Illinois 394.

The Veteran's Memorial will be funded by the various 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events that are being held throughout the year, including the sale of memorial bricks which will be a part of the memorial itself.

WATCH WITH US THIS YEAR AS THESE WONDERFUL ADDITIONS  
TO OUR COMMUNITY TAKE SHAPE.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Hopefully as you read this the demolition of the bowling alley and the old gas station has begun.

Jiffy Lube closed June 30th. This was a corporate decision based on number of sales.

There are two new businesses, Klean Life Quality at 2430 Sauk Trail and they sell vacuum cleaning supplies and Urban Fashion at 1715D Sauk Trail, a clothing store.

This committee is looking for new members. Please contact Jim Slawnitkowski at Village Hall.

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## *DO YOU SING, RAP, OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? ARE YOU LOOKING TO MAKE YOUR TALENT KNOWN?*



Sauk Village is hosting a "Music Mania" festival September 13-16 2007, and we are looking for talented individuals of all ages to showcase at our event "Sauk Village Idol". If you have ever wanted to perform your individual or group act, please come out and see if you make the cut. Your performance will be viewed by residents of this and surrounding communities, as well as national performing acts and a music entertainment coordinator.

For more information, please pick up an entrance slip at Village Hall or contact Trustee Rosie Williams at 758-3330 extension 610. All entries must be submitted no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>. Every contestant will be given the opportunity to perform, with the finalist to perform on the last night of our festival. If you have any talent you would like to share, please come out and help make Sauk Village Shine!!!!



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Brandie C. Hall, the daughter of Phyllis and Dennis Parker of Sauk Village, received a bachelor of arts degree from Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.**

**A biology major at Hamilton, Brandie now joins an alumni body of more than 15,000, many of whom have made important contributions of business, the professions, government and the arts.**

**Hamilton College is a highly selective residential college offering its 1,750 students a rigorous liberal arts curriculum. Students are challenged to think, write and speak critically, creatively and analytically, so that upon graduation they may distinguish themselves in both their professions and their communities.**



## News from the Sauk Village Fire Department



Summer is finally in full swing and the Fire Department has a few good things to report.

On June 12, 2007 Firefighter Mike Fuoss was promoted to the rank of Engineer. Getting to this position is a challenge. To even think about it, a member has to complete and pass the Illinois Fire Marshal's Firefighter certification. Typically, a member has to get a few years under their belt before we trust them enough to drive the expensive big trucks. But, since Mike came on the department in May, 2005, he has demonstrated the desire to grow with the Department and has tackled every thing we threw at him. Mike started his driver training last year and successfully passed the Illinois Fire Marshal's Fire Apparatus Engineer course. Being an Engineer means a lot more than just getting the fire truck from one place to another. An Engineer, besides being responsible for the safe transportation of the firefighter crew, is also responsible for supplying water to the hoses, getting water from a hydrant and making sure his truck is running right. It's a big job and we congratulate Mike on his promotion.

On June 12, 2007, the Village signed a contract for the Fire Department's new 100 foot Aerial Truck. This truck will replace the existing 65 foot Snorkel that has provided 27 years of valuable service. It generally takes 14 months for a truck of this nature to be built and delivered. The new aerial with its 100 feet of reach will be of great assistance with our growing industrial complexes and multi-family buildings. It will also have additional features that will make it more well-rounded to serve the Village. For example, the truck will house an additional set of auto extrication tools and it will have a 750 gallon water tank, which qualifies this truck to be used as a fire engine too- not just an aerial device. The Fire Department's fleet is old by Fire Service standards and the Mayor and Village Board have been great about doing what they can to help us modernize our equipment to better serve you. This new aerial is just one more step in the right direction for the community.

For the last several months, the Police and Fire Departments have been working together to institute the use of a new computer aided dispatch and record keeping system. This program by New World Systems will make the dispatching of police and fire calls more efficient. It will also help dramatically with the record keeping of calls, personnel, equipment, training, and buildings in town. From the Fire Department's side of this program, part of the computer aided dispatch feature is a "rip and run" report. When the Fire Department receives a call from dispatch, a detailed report will print out in the Apparatus bay. This report will detail any stored information on the address of the call, including building details, key holders, and call history for the address. Further more, each Fire Department vehicle is already equipped with a lap top computer. This software package will allow Fire Department Officers to access the database and pull up additional information on the address while we're at the scene making fire operations more efficient and saving valuable minutes.

As you can see, the Sauk Village Fire Department is committed to improving and moving forward with our ability to serve you- the citizens of Sauk Village. Have a safe summer!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

On Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Pastor Emma Perkins, CEO of Look Up and Live Ministries and fellow residents of Sauk Village took a group of Sauk Village youth to Great America. The youth had a wonderful time.

This was the first of many youth trips to come. Keep your eyes and ears open for future events.

For more information- please contact Pastor Emma Perkins at 708/351-8381.

## JUDGING

Miss Sauk Village, Jr. Miss Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty judging will take place on Saturday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m. at Village Hall. Applicants must be residents of Sauk Village, be between the ages of 7 and 17. Applicants will be judged on poise, personality and appearance.

See additional article on net page for more information.

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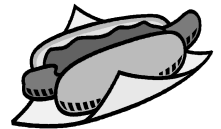
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# SAUK VILLAGE NEWS THAT WILL

## FROM THE DESK OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### It's time to address some of the issues that our department has been running into this spring/summer

- We have an overwhelming amount of residents that are not maintaining their lawns. Please be advised the ordinance states grass/weeds can not be over 8 inches in height. That also includes weeds growing in fences and around the general vicinity. We have strictly been enforcing this & have issued several hundred tickets. When cutting your grass please do not cut it into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street.
- Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem & it is prohibited. It is also a violation of the hawking and peddlers ordinance. If we catch you, a Lo-Ticket will be issued to bring you in front of a Markham Judge.
- All pools must have a fence around them whether it's a kiddie pool or a full size pool. This is for the safety of the children. We do not want to receive a call that a child has drowned. Also, if a pool has a filter system it cannot be plugged into an extension cord, it has to have its own GFI outlet. With extension cords you run the risk of getting an electrical shock. Pools need permits.
- Garbage can placement must be to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage stored in the front of your house overflowing with lids that can't be shut.
- Please be reminded Building Permits are required for most work being done to the home. Please call the Building Department if you have any questions.
- All items above are ordinances that we are and will strictly enforce. Please comply with the Village ordinances and you will not be hearing from us.

Have a safe summer!

## Miss Sauk Village Junior Miss Sauk Village Little Miss Liberty

Sauk Village Parks and Recreation Committee is sponsoring the annual Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty contests.

Applicants must be residents on Sauk Village and be available throughout the year to attend various Village events.

Applicants will be judged on poise, personality and appearance.

Those interested need to be at the Village Hall 21701 Torrence Ave.

Saturday, August 18th at 10:00 a.m.  
for the Judges interview.

Miss Sauk Village contestants must be 14-17 years of age.

Junior Miss Sauk Village contestants must be 10-13 years of age.

Little Miss Liberty contestants must be 7-9 years of age.



The Crowning will take place at the annual Corn and Dog Roast on Saturday, September 15th at 12:30. Contestants must be present to win.

# AFFECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Street Sweeping Schedule for 2007

The weeks beginning August 20, Sept. 17 and October 18 street sweeping will begin following the garbage day route.

Remember there is no parking on the street between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm during the day of your garbage day pick up.

Street sweeping may get ahead or behind this schedule.

### Hydrant Flushing

The hydrants will be flushed in the following sections of town on the specified dates:

**August 1**-North side of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates.

**Sept. 5**-Eastern section; east of Torrence and south of Sauk Trail.

**Oct. 3**--South side; Sauk Trail west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek.

**Actual flushing will begin at 11:00 p.m. of the previous night, continuing through the morning until the area has been completed.**

**Residents should refrain from washing whites during flushing and for at least 24 to 36 hours after flushing.**

### Tree Limb Pick Up

The final tree limb pick up for this year will begin Monday September 3 and end on Friday September 14. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than Sunday September 9.

Remember to bundle small branches and to stack branches neatly in the same direction as this speeds the tree limb pickup.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Emmanuel Church announces its annual  
Vacation Bible School

### Avalanch Ranch

Mornings of August 6-10

Ages 4—12

Emmanuel Church

22515 Torrence Ave.

Call to register 758-3343

## FELLOWSHIP & FEAST

Adults and children of all ages  
come join in the fun!

Sauk Village Bible Church  
2165 E. 223rd Street

July 28th 12:00 Noon—5:00 p.m.  
Admission is Free

There will be food and pop,  
free games and door prizes along with  
balloon animals and face painting.

Your first plate of food is free just  
Bring your quarters for extras!

# VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE PARADE ENTRY APPLICATION

THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE IS CELEBRATING Its 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF IT. WE WILL HAVE A HUGE PARADE ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2007. ENTRIES WILL BE JUDGED AND TROPHIES AWARDED FOR 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE IN ALL CATEGORIES. PLEASE FILL OUT THE PARADE ENTRY FORM BELOW. AND RETURN IT BY AUGUST 25TH, TO:

ED MYERS, PARADE CHAIRMAN  
2171 EAST 221<sup>ST</sup> STREET.  
SAUK VILLAGE, IL. 60411  
Pktlmyers@comcast.net

BUSINESS, FIRM, ORGANIZATION, CHURCH OR INDIVIDUAL GROUP NAME AND ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ENTRY:

\_\_\_\_ DECORATED VEHICLE    \_\_\_\_ MARCHING UNIT    \_\_\_\_ ANIMAL UNIT  
\_\_\_\_ MARCHING BAND    \_\_\_\_ OTHER MOTORIZED UNITS    \_\_\_\_ ANTIQUES  
\_\_\_\_ FIRE APPARATUS    \_\_\_\_ OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLES    \_\_\_\_ FLOATS

NUMBER OF VEHICLES \_\_\_\_\_ WILL THERE BE SOUND? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THERE A FEE REQUIRED FOR YOUR UNIT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MUCH \_\_\_\_\_ EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

LINE UP WILL BE IN SURREYBROOK PLAZA AT SAUK TRAIL & JEFFERY AVE. STARTING AT 11:00 A.M. PARADE WILL KICK OFF AT 1:00 PM. IF YOU HAVE ANIMALS IN YOUR UNIT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP AFTER THEM. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR GROUP PARTICIPATING IN OUR PARADE. PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. 708-758-3330.

SINCERELY;

ED MYERS, PARADE CHAIRMAN

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_





**Sauk Village First Annual Family Festival  
Featuring Music Mania, Parks and Recreation's  
Corn and Dog Roast and Honoring  
Sauk Village's 50th Anniversary  
September 13th-16th at St. James Church Grounds**

THIS EVENT WILL INCLUDE A PARADE, CARNIVAL, CORN AND DOG ROAST, THE CROWNING OF MISS SAUK VILLAGE, JUNIOR MISS SAUK VILLAGE AND MISS LIBERTY, SAUK VILLAGE IDOL AND 4 DAYS OF LIVE ENTERTAINMENT. THE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES AMERICAN ENGLISH( BEATLES IMPERSONATORS), MOTOWN (BARRY WHITE AND SMOKEY ROBINSON IMPERSONATORS), FUNK, COUNTRY, SAUK VILLAGE IDOL CONTESTANTS AND LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE EVENT PLEASE SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

SAUK VILLAGE IDOL- SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT!

PARADE- REGISTER YOUR GROUP OR ORGANIZATION IN THE PARADE- PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.

BABY PICTURE CONTEST- DO YOU ALSO HAVE A 50TH BIRTHDAY IN 2007? BRING IN YOUR BABY PICTURE AND YOUR CURRENT PICTURE- PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.

NEWBORNS IN 2007 WILL RECEIVE A 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF DR. SEUSS' "THE CAT IN THE HAT" AUTOGRAPHED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE TRUSTEES COURTESY OF THE MC CONATHY PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A 50TH ANNIVERSARY? LET US HELP YOU CELEBRATE!

SO YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT TALENT? THERE ARE SPOTS AVAILABLE IN THE ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP FOR LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT. WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO BE A PART OF THE EVENT.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND WILL BE APPRECIATED.

TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT TRUSTEE ROSIE WILLIAMS AT THE VILLAGE HALL-- 21701 TORRENCE AVENUE SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 OR CALL 708/758-3330 X 610.

HURRY- DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING.

WATCH THE SEPTEMBER SAUK TALK FOR UPDATED INFO AND ENTERTAINMENT LINE-UP.

# BLOOM TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 206

## REQUIRED REGISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

All students and their parents or guardians are required to attend one of four registrations. Bloom Trail is located at Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove. Entrance is on Cottage Grove.

### BLOOM TRAIL'S DATES AND TIMES:

Tuesday	July 24	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	July 26	8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 31	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	August 2	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Incoming freshman and current students should have received registration packets in the mail. Please bring the information requested in the packet filled out to the registration. The process should take no more than an hour. Students who try to register without a parent or guardian will be turned away. Registration days and hours were planned to accommodate working parents and guardians. Students will not be allowed to begin classes until the registration process is complete.

If you did not receive a registration packet in the mail you may call the school to straighten up any error in your address or any other problem that may have delayed your packet. Extra packets are available at registration however, parents will be asked to step aside and complete all of the information before they get in line with other parents.

***Incoming Freshman Health Records***– The law requires that incoming freshman have a state issued physical and dental form completed by a doctor and dentist, that includes your immunization records prior to entering High School. Most medical offices have these forms but you may contact the school for blank copies to take to your doctors and dentists. You may get these forms by calling the school at 708-758-7000.

***Transfer students*** must call the counseling office for an appointment to register 708-758-7000.

Incoming students need to bring the **completed registration packet**, Registration Fee\* of \$175.00 in cash, check or money order, Birth Certificate (copied and returned that day), Original Social Security Card (copied and returned that day), Residency Verification (Drivers License or State Photo ID with correct name and address, Two utility bills with correct name and address), and one of the following: Property Tax ID number or Homeowners Insurance Policy or Current Lease with Landlords Name, Address and Phone Number or Renters Insurance Policy. Also, DCFS payment authorization form 906/foster form-where applicable, Medicaid Number-where applicable,

Also during registration there will be information about athletics and activities, **ID PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN** (dress appropriately), optional health insurance form will be available and Aunt Martha's will provide information and schedule school physicals. You may also purchase Yearbooks, purchase gym clothes, padlocks and other supplies and check out the Bloom Trail School Spirit Wear, ready to buy that day.

Once the entire process is completed, the student will receive a tentative copy of his/her class schedule.

\*Loan forms are available for those who are in need. Loans must be paid by the end of the school year.

## Sauk Village District 168 Registration Wagoner, Strassburg and Rickover Schools

All students and their parents or guardians are required to attend registration and show proof of residency. **Returning students** should be registered at the school where they will be attending for the 2007-2008 school year. Locations and dates are as listed below.

**Registration dates and times for all returning students are:**

**Monday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

<p>Pre-K through 2nd Grade Wagoner School 1831 W. 215th Place 708-3322</p>	<p>3rd through 5th Grade Strassburg School 2002 E. 223rd Street 758-4754</p>	<p>6th through 8th Grade Rickover Jr. High 22151 Torrence Ave. 758-1900</p>
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NEW STUDENTS REGISTRATION IS ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH ONLY  
FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT THE SCHOOL GRADE LEVEL THE STUDENT WILL ATTEND.

*Schools are not open during the summer.*

*If you have questions on registration or what type of residency papers are accepted, please call the District Administration Office at 758-1610 or check the website at [www.d168.org](http://www.d168.org)*

## Attention Seniors! There Must Be A Club For You Leisure Timers Sunshiners Sauk Village Fun Club

It's a great time to be a senior citizen in Sauk Village. The Village just held a groundbreaking for a beautiful new municipal center complete with a new, state of the art Senior Citizens Center!

If you are age 50 or older you meet the qualifications. Just try out each group until you find the one that best fits you. Not much of a joiner? Check out the Bluegrass every Sunday evening at the senior center from 6:00 to 10:00. There is Bluegrass, Country and Gospel music and if you are a musician, join in the jamming sessions.

Leisure Timers meet 6pm the second and fourth Wednesdays. Sunshiners meet 7pm on the first and third Mondays. Sauk Village Fun Club meets the second and fourth Sundays at 12:30pm. The center is a public building and is smoke free. The phone number there is 708-758-9115.



21701 Torrence Avenue

**Bulk  
Rate  
Permit  
#346**

## POSTAL CUSTOMER SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE		VILLAGE HALL	
NON-EMERGENCY	758-1331	MCCONATHY	757-4771
		LIBRARY	
COMMUNITY		SENIOR	
CENTER	758-4115	CENTER	758-9115
BLOOM TOWNSHIP		COOK COUNTY	
CENTER	754-9400	HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW		SKYLINE	
EMERGENCY	755-4357	DISPOSAL	754-5460
ASSISTANCE			
COMMONWEALTH	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
EDISON			
AMERITECH	1-800-244-4444	COMCAST	
		CABLE & PHONE	1-866-594-1234

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Sauk Talk

*Sauk Village 1st Annual Family Festival  
featuring Music Mania  
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223rd Street and Torrence Ave.*

Please join us in the final celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Sauk Village by attending our first annual Family Festival featuring Music Mania.

This four day event, complete with live entertainment which includes local entertainment, tribute acts such as American English (The Beatles), Motown (Barry White, Gladys Knight and Smokey Robinson) as well as National Act Sonny Geraci (The Outsiders-"Precious and Few", "Time Won't Let Me) and much more.

There will be plenty of food and craft vendors on hand just waiting for you to stop by. The entertainment is free but the beer garden will also include a VIP seating area where you can reserve your spot for a small fee. There will be room on the lawn if you want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

The carnival includes assorted rides, giant slide, 24 foot rock climbing wall, inflatables, face painting and more. Bracelet Day is Saturday, September 15th from 2p.m.-6p.m. and costs \$15.00 for unlimited rides during that time.

See the schedule of events in this issue of the Sauk Talk for the complete lineup. You can also access [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org) for more detailed information.

Please respect all parking and other Village regulations while attending the festival.

## Sauk Village Housing Authority



Last year the Housing Authority hosted four workshops for Sauk Village residents.

- Winterize your Home - Presenters from local businesses explained how residents could make low cost, temporary repairs as well as provided tips on how to invest in more permanent solutions to hold down heating costs.
- Spruce up for Spring - Presenters from local businesses gave residents affordable tips and preventative maintenance ideas that make your home look like new after a long hard winter.
- Alternative Water Solutions – Presenters provided information on alternative solutions (water softeners, reverse osmosis etc)

Homebuyers Workshop - Focused on homeownership. Presenters from local bank and realtors provided tips and information on how residents could purchase their own home.

This year the commissioners of the Sauk Village Housing Authority are asking residents for their suggestions. What topics and workshops would Sauk Village residents prefer?

Residents can either email their suggestions to [dhanks@saukvillage.org](mailto:dhanks@saukvillage.org) or, send them to the Sauk Village Hall.

Sauk Village Hall  
c/o Sauk Village Housing Authority  
21701 Torrence Ave.  
Sauk Village, IL 60411

### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONER NEEDED

**The Human Relations Commission has an opening for a commissioner. This is a volunteer position for a civic minded, energetic individual. The Human Relations Commission meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. For details please contact chairperson Beverly Sterrett at the Village Hall extension number 239.**

*Sauk Talk* is produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village. Rosie Williams, Trustee, Debbie Carl, Editor and staff members Jacquelyn Downing, Suzanne Downing, Angela Harris, Maxine Towers, Nanette Wargo, and Debbie Williams. Suggestions or comments should be directed to Village Hall, faxed to (708) 757-5670 or e-mailed to [DebiCrl@aol.com](mailto:DebiCrl@aol.com)

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FEATURING MUSIC MANIA  
SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2007  
St. James Church – 223<sup>rd</sup> & Torrence Ave. Sauk Village, IL**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

<b>THURSDAY:</b> 6- 10 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 13, 2007</b> SAUK VILLAGE IDOL CARNIVAL, FOOD VENDORS & BEER GARDEN OPEN
<b>FRIDAY:</b> 6 – 11 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 14, 2007</b> COUNTRY (Smoking Guns) /BLUES (Tommy McCracken ) /AMERICAN ENGLISH (The Beatles) CARNIVAL, FOOD VENDORS & BEER GARDEN OPEN
<b>SATURDAY:</b> 9 AM- NOON NOON- 2 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 15, 2007</b> SHINE ON SAUK VILLAGE- GOSPEL FEST CORN AND DOG ROAST Hot Dogs and Roasted Corn/ Dance Contest (Includes crowning Miss Liberty, Miss Sauk Village and Junior Miss Sauk Village)
2 -11 PM 2 - 6 PM 3 -5:30 PM	<b>CARNIVAL, FOOD VENDORS AND BEER GARDEN OPEN</b> <b>BRACELET DAY – COST \$15.00</b> <b>LOCAL TALENT (TO BE DETERMINED)</b> Sauk Village Elvis (Master of Ceremonies) Sauk Village Hip Hop and Modern Dance Class
5:30 -6 PM 6 – 7:30 PM	<b>CHARISSA MROWKA-Visiting 11 yr old Country Western singer</b> <b>SOULED OUT FUNK BAND</b> (music from James Brown, Chicago, etc...)
7:30 - 9:30 PM	<b>BEST OF MOTOWN</b> ( Featuring # 1 tribute acts-Barry White, Gladys Knight, Smokey Robinson)
9:30 – 11PM	<b>HEADLINER- (NATIONAL ACT)</b> Sonny Geraci (The Outsiders)
<b>SUNDAY:</b> NOON 1 PM 3 PM 3:30 PM 2-10 PM 4- 6 PM 6-8 PM 8-10 PM	<b>SEPTEMBER 16, 2007</b> <b>PARADE-Line-up Surreybrook Plaza</b> <b>PARADE – continues down Sauk Trail to Torrence to St. James</b> <b>PARADE AWARDS- Festival Grounds (St. James Church)</b> <b>EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION</b> <b>CARNIVAL, FOOD VENDORS &amp; BEER GARDEN OPEN</b> <b>GURU GAMES</b> <b>LOCAL TALENT-including Sauk Village Idol Winner</b> <b>DJ- OPEN MIKE &amp; KARAOKE</b>

CONTACT FOR FESTIVAL INFORMATION: SAUK VILLAGE HALL 21701 TORRENCE AVENUE SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 - 708/758-3330 (PRIOR TO THE EVENT)



## News from the Sauk Village Fire Department



Want to attract attention? Buy a big sign! The Sauk Village Fire Department recently had a new light up marquee sign installed on the west side of the station. The new sign replaced our old barely legible wooden sign. When we were trying to figure out what to put on the marquee for it's inaugural message, we went with "Volunteer Firefighters needed- Apply within."

As a result, we've had several very promising new recruits come through the door. These new applicants were subjected to our new hiring procedure. In addition to being 18 or older, Sauk Village residents, having a high school diploma or GED, and passing a background check, all new applicants are given a reading comprehension exam and a physical ability test to see if they can perform basic firefighting skills. After this, the applicant is sent for a physical. The applicants are then encouraged to start attending training sessions. Once the physical results come in, assuming they are physically fit, the applicant is sworn in by the Village Clerk and becomes an official member of the Fire Department as a "New Recruit" or "Probie" for short. Then the real fun begins!

On August 7, 2007, the Sauk Village Fire Department took delivery of a new 16 foot trailer. This addition to our fleet will house equipment for hazardous material responses. In July, the Fire Department received a generous donation from Roadway Express. Roadway recently disbanded its on-site "haz-mat" response teams at three major trucking terminals and donated all of the equipment to us. The Sauk Village Fire Department in the past had to rely solely on mutual aid from other communities for any large scale hazardous materials incident. We now have the capability of initiating a more efficient response as well as being a better resource to our neighbors.

Fire Prevention Week, 2007 begins the week of October 8. The theme this year is "Practice Your Escape Route." None of us want to think about a fire in our homes. The loss of our home and possessions is bad enough to consider, but failure to plan can lead to the loss of life and that is something nobody should have to go through. Plan an escape route out of your house in the event of fire. Review the plan with your family and practice the plan.





## DON'T MISS THE SAUK VILLAGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Everyone is invited to attend the spectacular parade planned to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sauk Village. The parade is on Sunday, September 16, 2007. To date there are 52 entries which consist of over 650 participants. Parade line up is at noon at Surreybrook Plaza. The parade will kickoff promptly at 1:00 PM down Sauk Trail proceeds to Torrence and turns south to 223<sup>rd</sup> Street. Judging for parade awards will be at the festival site at 3:30 PM. Come out and enjoy the fun!

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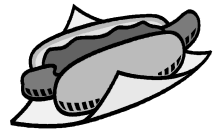
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Please be advised you are now required to obtain building permits for siding, gutters & downspouts, windows, soffits, trim, fascia, furnace/ac replacement, electrical upgrade, sheds, driveway, pool, concrete work, decks, fence, sewer clean outs & roof replacement including shingle replacement. This is a guideline not all items are listed. Any contractor doing work in the Village limits is required to have a contractor's license. This is to protect the homeowner. Feel free to contact the Building Department before starting work and we will assist you and inform you on what is needed.

- Permit fees have been increased their as follows: \$50.00 for the first \$1000.00 and 2% for the remainder of the cost. Anyone that does not obtain a permit before work begins will be charged **double** the permit fees. If you need a dumpster these are the only companies that have a scavenger license to work in town.

Skyline 708-754-5460

Groen Waste 708-385-8252

GTI 708-489-6776

- With fall approaching we recommend you have your furnace cleaned and certified, also make sure you check your smoke/co-detectors to insure that they are functioning properly.
- If you own a pool please make sure at the end of the season it has a proper pool cover on. All pools that are not in use have to be covered.
- Please store garbage/containers towards the rear of the property, it's unsightly to have garbage containers overflowing in front of houses. Make sure they are covered to prevent dogs, cats, raccoons, opossums and other rodents from getting into the container.
- Please be advised there is no parking on a non-hard surface - all vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.
- Any resident that received a property maintenance letter time is running out for the work to be completed. If the work has not been done and you failed to acknowledge the letter you are & will keep receiving tickets. I would like to thank everyone that has completed their property maintenance. We encourage everyone to participate because it enhances the overall appearance of the community; also it keeps animals from getting into the home which can cause extensive damage.

# AFFECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### KID IDS AVAILABLE

The Sauk Village Police Department will offer KID IDs for the youth in our community. These IDs are a permanent IDs for kids to carry or to leave with a parent so that identification can be quick and accurate when needed. The first ID per child is free and each additional ID is \$1.00. These IDs are available starting the week of September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Police Station Tuesdays thru Thursdays 2 pm till 4 pm. These IDs will also be offered at the Village Festival September 13-16<sup>th</sup> at St. James Church. Are goal is to keep these IDs for ages 3 to 12.

### SCHOOLS ARE OPEN!

Please watch out for our kids now that schools are open for the year. Mornings and early afternoons are the most congested times for kids being out. And as much as we try to get them to stay on the sidewalk, they seem to find themselves in crosswalks and the streets. Please be careful and continue to contact the Police Department when kids are in the roadway.

### BASKETBALL NETS AND HOOPS

The Police Department has been forced to remove basketball nets in many different areas of town. Nets left on the sidewalk and parkways are removed by Public Works at the Police Departments direction. Hoops are to be kept and used on **private property only**, not the sidewalks or streets.

## PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department is preparing for its second and final branch pickup for the season. All branches must be at the curb no later then Sept 9, 2007. They should be neatly stacked with cut ends facing the street. This will make the process move quicker, and also make it safer for residents and personal.

Only piles of branches will be picked up, all other material such as, stumps, rootballs, construction material and garbage of any kind will be left. Homeowners will be responsible for all material left behind, there will be no exceptions. Any piles put out after a section has been completed, will be refered to the Code Enforcement for further actions, tickets will be given. We are asking residents to please be patient, the last pickup of the year will take a bit longer and the rain will slow the process down. We assure you that all piles put out properly during the scheduled times will be picked up.

**ALL STORM DAMAGE BRANCHES MUST BE OUT  
NO LATTER THAN ONE WEEK AFTER EVENT**

**PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY  
WHEN PASSING  
WORKERS OR TRAVELING  
THROUGH WORK ZONES**

***VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FOR SAUK VILLAGE FAMILY FEST  
SEPTEMBER 2007 ST JAMES CHURCH 223<sup>RD</sup> & TORRENCE***

Volunteers are needed for the following days and times: Please mark your availability. You will be contacted by the committee at a later time. Thank you in advance.

Wed September 12, 2007 2 PM- 6 PM\_\_\_ (help with set up)

Thurs September 13, 2007 9 AM-1 PM\_\_\_ 1 PM -4 PM \_\_\_ 4 PM-7 PM\_\_\_ 7 PM-10 PM\_\_\_

Fri September 14, 2007 9 AM-11 AM\_\_\_ 3 PM- 5 PM\_\_\_ 5 PM-8 PM \_\_\_ 8 PM-11 PM\_\_\_

Sat September 15, 2007 9 AM-1 PM\_\_\_ 1 PM- 5 PM\_\_\_ 5 PM-8 PM\_\_\_ 8 PM-11 PM\_\_\_

Sun September 16, 2007 10 AM-1 PM\_\_\_ 1 PM- 5 PM \_\_\_ 5 PM-8 PM\_\_\_ 8 PM-11 PM\_\_\_

Mon September 17, 2007 9 AM- 1 PM\_\_\_ (clean up and tear down after event)

PRINT NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_ALTERNATE PHONE OR CELL\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE\_\_\_\_\_ \*SPECIAL DUTY \_\_\_\_\_

IF THIS IS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS- YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, FOR WHAT ORGANIZATION?\_\_\_\_\_

Which of these volunteer tasks would you prefer? Every effort will be made to place you in the area you choose. Additional areas could be added at a later time.

Please return this form to the Village Hall or Debbie or Rosie Williams.

MONEY COLLECTION\_\_\_\_\_

CROWD CONTROL\_\_\_\_\_

TRASH PICK UP\_\_\_\_\_

PARKING CONTROL\_\_\_\_\_

ENTERTAINMENT/ ADMISSION STAFF\_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION BOOTH\_\_\_\_\_

## Looking For New Experiences?

Are you interested in helping others? Meeting new people? As a Lion, you will use your time and talents to make an impact locally and around the world. Through experiences as a Lion, you will acquire new skills, meet challenges head-on, cultivate lasting friendships and discover more about yourself. Volunteering your time not only helps those in need, but also gives you a sense of pride and accomplishment that comes from deep within.

## Who Are Lions?

As part of their mission to help others, Lions take on roles as organizers, advocates, fund-raisers and hands-on volunteers. Lions are:

Nearly 1.35 million men and women volunteers who strive to make a difference in their local communities, as well as worldwide

From every part of the world, from small towns to big cities

United in helping others, serving more effectively as a group than alone

## What Can You Do as a Lion?

Lions Clubs International has what you are looking for – an opportunity to help people, broaden your horizons and fulfill your goals. Lions membership offers you an amazing spectrum of possibilities. Projects can vary from cleaning up your neighborhood park to helping end river blindness in Africa. Lions clubs provide extensive opportunities for men and women to learn and grow while serving locally and internationally. Lions continue to:

Address needs that are often unmet in their communities, such as teaching life skills to school children, building playgrounds and homes and supporting the elderly

Assist the blind and visually impaired by providing preventive screenings, offering resources and equipment

Reach out to youth through mentoring and educational programs

Raise awareness of health care issues, such as diabetes, hearing loss and vision impairment

Provide disaster relief, including food, supplies and healthcare screenings

Work collectively and individually to build stronger communities

As a Lion, you will make life better for others while enriching your own life in the process. As a Lion, you can make a difference.

## Interested in Lions Membership?

Membership is by invitation. Complete the contact information below and email to [dhanks@saukvillage.org](mailto:dhanks@saukvillage.org), drop it off at the Sauk Village Hall to the attention of Trustee David Hanks or tell a Sauk Village Lion that you are interested in membership and want to attend a meeting to learn more.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be contacted: Home  Business

Comments/Questions \_\_\_\_\_

To learn more about Lions Clubs International, visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

# Happy 50th Anniversary Sauk Village

Mayor Roger Peckham

Village Clerk Liz Selvey

Trustee David Hanks

Trustee Rosie Williams

Trustee Derrick Burgess

Trustee Francie Anderson

Trustee Jim Schultz

Trustee Jim Slawnikowski

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION NEWS **NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS**

On August 20, 2007 the Human Relations Commission hosted a meeting for residents interested in starting a neighborhood watch. The meeting was attended by approximately 20 residents coming from different sections of the Village. Trustee Derrick Burgess (one of the founders of the Deer Creek Neighborhood Watch) presented steps in forming the neighborhood watch. Patrolman Morris was also present to answer questions.

There were three different sections of town that exchanged contact information to begin the process of starting the neighborhood watch program in their perspective sections of town. Trustee Burgess offered to attend the first meeting of each to help with the set-up. The police department will also have a presence at the formation meetings.

Police Chief Tom Lacheta says that there is a noticeable decrease in crime in sections of town that have neighborhood watches. When neighbors band together it makes the job of controlling trouble-makers easier with police assistance.

Anyone interested in learning how to join a neighborhood watch in your area OR STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH if one does not exist yet in your area please contact the Human Relations Commission at Village Hall extension number 622 or 239.

## **3rd Senior Citizens Spaghetti Dinner**

**Saturday, October 13, 2007**

**3:00—6:00 P.M.**

**Edward W. Paesel Senior Center**

**2700 Kalvelage Drive Sauk Village**

**Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread, Butter, Dessert and Beverage**

**Door Prizes, Entertainment and 50/50 Raffle. Donation is \$4.00**

**Sponsored by the Sauk Village Senior Citizens Committee**



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RESPOND NOW		SKYLINE	
EMERGENCY	755-4357	DISPOSAL	754-5460
ASSISTANCE			
COMMONWEALTH	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
EDISON			
AMERITECH	1-800-244-4444	COMCAST	
		CABLE & PHONE	1-866-594-1234



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Sauk Talk

From the Mayor's Desk

Roger

Congratulations to **Allison Backous**. In May, Allison received her bachelor's degree from **Trinity Christian College** in Palos Heights. Good luck.

Cook County is partnering with the **National Association of Counties** to provide Cook County residents with discounts on prescription drugs not covered by insurance. The **Cook County Prescription Drug Discount Program** came into effect on September 20, 2007. The program provides uninsured participants the following benefits; 20% average savings on prescription drugs, extra savings on all mail order prescriptions, savings on

medications not covered by insurance and unlimited use. There is no enrollment fee, no age or income requirements. Cards are available for pick up at Village Hall or contact **Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy** at 708-389-2125.

The winter season is fast approaching with snow and the cold temperatures. This is a reminder to all residents; the village has no parking on the Village streets after 2" inches of snow has fallen until all streets have been plowed. Please remember this throughout our winter and early spring months and inform your **out-of-town guests** when they visit. This is to provide to you,

the best service in clearing our streets and safety for you and your automobiles  
This month we at Village Hall are sadly saying good bye to our Village Clerk, **Liz Selvey**. Liz and her husband, Grant, are relocating to their new home down south. Liz has been a sensational Village resident and Clerk. Liz has been an important asset of this administration. Finding someone to take her place will be difficult. Good bye and good luck



Village Clerk News

A very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year from the myself and the office girls. This is my last Sauk Talk article. My husband and I bought a beautiful home in Tennessee and we are moving soon. I have lived in the Village for 47 years and we have had

many friends a happy memories here. Both of us wish the best for Sauk Village's future. This is not goodbye, but a "see ya'll later"...  
*Liz and Grant Selvey*

Housing Authority News: Winter Safety Tips

WITH THE COLDER MONTHS OF THE YEAR NOW UPON US, THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW SAFETY TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO KEEP IN MIND.

**CANDLES** - Always put candles in non-tip candleholders before you light them, and do not burn candles near decorations or displays. Keep candles well away from curtains, and never put candles in windows or near exits. Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Never leave a room with a candle burning or within reach of small children.

**CARBON MONOXIDE** - Consider installing detectors on every level of the home, near sleeping areas where the audible alarm can be heard. If the alarm goes off, exit the home and call 911. Recognize the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and exit the home immediately if you suspect the presence of carbon monoxide. Call 911 from a safe location.

**CHRISTMAS TREES** - A fresh tree is green. Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches. When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin. When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that tree is too dry. Place tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards. Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary to set tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guy-wires to secure a large tree to walls or ceiling. These wires are almost invisible. Avoid smoking near flammable decorations. Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes - particularly long, open sleeves - near open flames - such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table. Never burn candles near evergreens. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can also be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control, and send sparks flying into a room, or up the chimney to ignite creosote deposits.

**ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS** - Space heaters need their space! Keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater. When buying a heater, look for a thermostat control mechanism and a switch that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over. Heaters are not dryers or tables! Don't dry or store objects on top of your heater. Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Never leave children in a room alone when a space heater is in use.

*Sauk Talk* is produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village. Rosie Williams, Trustee, Debbie Carl, Editor and staff members Suzanne Downing, Angela Harris, Nanette Wargo, and Debbie Williams. Suggestions or comments should be directed to Village Hall, faxed to 757-5670 or e-mail to DebiCrl@aol.com



## Housing Authority News: Winter Safety Tips

**ESCAPE PLANS** - Develop an escape route with two exits from every room. Pick a meeting place in a safe location so all family members can be accounted for. Call the fire department from a cordless phone, a neighbor's home or another safe location. Never re-enter a burning building for any reason. Practice your home escape plan every six months and consider practicing it at night when most home fires occur.

**FIREPLACES** - Keep fire where it belongs - in the fireplace! Have chimneys inspected by a professional before the start of heating season. Make sure you have a screen large enough to catch flying sparks and rolling logs. Clean your chimney regularly - creosote build-up can ignite your chimney, roof and the whole house! Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container. Cardboard boxes and paper bags can quickly catch fire. Only burn materials appropriate for a fireplace, never burn trash or paper, burning paper can float up a chimney and onto your roof or into your yard.

**FURNACES** - Have your heating systems inspected by a qualified service professional at least once a year. This inspection should include lubrication and cleaning, replacing filters, a check of belts and thermostats and having vents cleared of obstructions, as necessary.

**GENERAL PREPARATION** - Have extra blankets on hand, and ensure that everyone in your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, a hat and water-resistant boots. Use products only for their intended purposes. Hair dryers aren't intended to thaw frozen pipes, dry clothing or warm bedding. If you use an electric blanket to keep warm on a cold night, follow the manufacturer's instructions and make sure you turn it off and unplug it when it's not in use. Never tuck an electrical blanket in.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS** - Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory. Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls or other firm support to protect from wind damage. Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and any person touching a branch could be electrocuted! To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a tree, never fastened onto it! Keep "bubbling" lights away from children. These lights with their bright colors and bubbling movement can tempt curious children to break candle-shaped glass, which can cut, and attempt to drink liquid, which contains a hazardous chemical.

**SMOKE DETECTORS** - Have one on every level of the home. Consider installing a smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. Test it monthly. If it has a 9-volt battery, change the battery once a year.

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the  
Sauk Village Housing Authority!**

## POLICE DRUG AND SPEEDING HOTLINES

If you or anyone you know has the address of a suspected drug dealer that is in the Village limits, please call the **Narcotics Hotline** at the number below. Although it assists this department greatly to have the name of the complainant, it is not mandatory that you leave your name when you call.

**The Hotline is a recording that allows you to leave details of illegal activities and is answered by one of the Narcotics Officers.**

Call 708-758-1331 and ask for the  
**NARCOTICS HOTLINE**

If you are having problems with *speeding* in your area try to get as much information as you can about the auto, color, make, model, the time of day this is happening is important also.

Please listen to the recording and leave the information requested. Be patient, it may take some time to get to your area.

Call 708-758-1331 and ask for the  
**SPEEDING HOTLINE**



## Senior News

The Senior Committee would like to send **Special Thanks** to the 150 senior residents who participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Spaghetti Dinner held on October 13, 2007.

Watch out for our next senior activity tentatively scheduled for February 2008.

We're seeking another senior volunteer to participate on the committee.

The Senior Committee and Trustee Francine Anderson would like to wish all of the residents a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season!

## Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission objectives are in the interest of the entire community. The commission has been busy helping to form neighborhood watch programs. We believe that neighborhood watch programs help to promote a strong community. The Human Relations Commission will strive to involve all segments of the community in understanding and appreciating the benefits of positive inter-group relations.

Beginning in December the Human Relations Commission will partner with other community organizations in developing youth programs. The goal is to offer a range of programs, workshops and services that will help keep the youth of our community constructively occupied.

The Human Relations Commission meets every third Monday of the month at 6:30 at the Village Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend our meetings. Questions should be directed to (708) 758-3330 extension 622 or 239.



## Information from your Public Works Department

The Public Works Department salts and plows the village streets, village ordinance states **No parking on village streets after 2” snow or till completely removed.** As plows clear the streets, they push the snow toward the curb. Inevitably, the snow will be pushed in front of driveway entrance. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid this. Each resident must assume responsibility for clearing enough of this snow to allow them to get in and out of their driveway, without putting it back into the village street.

Residents who are incapable of removing this snow themselves or who do not care to do so may choose to hire a teen or plow service to assist them.

The highest priority of the Public Works plow drivers must be to make the streets as safe as possible for vehicle traffic and for the passage of emergency vehicles in the event they need to get to your home.

There are 27 center lane miles of street in Sauk Village that the plows must keep clear and salted. While we regret any inconvenience we trust you will understand.



## Tips from the Sauk Village Fire Depart-

October is always a busy month around the fire house. The week of October 7 was **National Fire Prevention Week.** Through the course of the week, Fire Department personnel did nine presentations at the all of the Sauk Village public schools as well as two day care centers. On Sunday, October 14, the Fire Department hosted its **annual open house** in conjunction with a **pancake breakfast.** The event was well attended and everyone left with full bellies and lots of fire prevention related give-a-ways. Before the month was over, several station tours were conducted including a special visit from the entire third grade from **Strassburg School.**

The theme for Fire Prevention Week this year was **“Plan Your Escape.”** During the school presentations, all of the children were given junior firefighter badges. They were told that with that badge comes responsibility. They had to take home with them what they were taught during the presentations. According to the **National Fire Protection Association,** approximately 65% of the US population has an escape plan to get out of their home in case of a fire. Only about 33% actually practice that plan. Having a plan is a good start, but families need to practice those plans. Make a game of it, make it fun - but know this is a serious and important activity to do with the whole family. Have two ways out of every room and designate a safe area outside the house for everyone to meet at. Feel free to contact **Captain Rich Atwood** at the fire station if you would like some help planning your home escape. Capt. Atwood is at the station Monday through Friday 7am to 4pm. He can be reached at (708)758-2225.



With the holiday season fast upon us, there are several fire safety tips and reminders to keep in mind. Candles remain one of the most common causes of residential building fires. Do not leave candles unattended or leave them in places where children or animals can knock them over. Remember if you go out - blow out!

If you use a real Christmas tree, purchase one that’s fresh. Shake all the dead needles out before bringing it in your home and water it daily to keep it fresh. Examine your tree decorations. Make sure strings of lights are in good shape, wires are not frayed, and that the plugs are in good condition and connected properly.



Cooking and baking are popular holiday traditions. Keep flammable objects such as towels and paper products away from the stove. Keep young children away from the stove and oven. Use something like a cookie sheet to prevent those holiday pies from dripping in the oven.

Besides the holidays, cold weather brings certain hazards too. Remember to keep portable space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls, furniture, and anything else that might come in contact with them. Furnaces should be inspected annually by a certified technician. “Tis the season” for carbon monoxide alarm responses from the fire department to sky rocket. Just like your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors will need fresh batteries. When you change your clocks - change your batteries (in ALL detectors)! Keep in mind too that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors do have a life span. Most smoke alarms for example, have a five year warranty. Remember too that last year, it became law in Illinois that any building that houses sleeping areas must have a carbon monoxide detector in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping area.



**This may sound like a lot of stuff, but this is the health and safety of you and your family that we’re talking about. Make it a safe and joyous season!**

## Tips from the Sauk Village Police Depart-

### THE HOME SAFETY SURVEY:

Take a few minutes and look this list over. These tips are intended to make your home safer.

- Make sure the lights on the outside of your house work, and are they on at dusk and off at dawn?
- Don't leave items near windows on the outside of your home that can be used as a ladder or stepstool into your windows.
- Make sure your doors and ground floor windows have locks that work and keep them locked when you're not home or sleeping.
- Get to know your neighbors.
- Make sure bushes that are against your home are trimmed at the bottom as to not become a barrier for someone to hide behind and break in.
- Install motion censored lights on the outside of your home and make sure they are high enough so the "bad guys" can't reach up and unscrew the bulbs.
- Don't leave spare keys *hidden* on the outside of your house. Most bad guys know where these places are!
- If possible, stagger your routine, don't always leave and return to your home at the same times.
- If you are away for a few days, arrange to have your mail and papers picked up.
- Place your house on a house watch when on vacation or away from your home for extended periods of time.



Make time to walk around your home, inside and out. Think like a burglar and notice what things will lead to theft, damage and burglary and make simple changes to correct them. The best defense is a good offense and common sense.

### DON'T ADVERTISE

After the Christmas Holiday, one seems to follow up the festive date by cleaning the house and preparing for the New Year Holiday. In many cases the first thing to go to the curb for garbage collection are all the boxes that the wonderful gifts came in. To a burglar, this is an index of which houses now contain which brand new products and they even list the brand, size and special features! Break down your cardboard boxes and place them inside your garbage containers or recycle them.

Don't make your home a target!

### HOLIDAY SEASON WARNING:

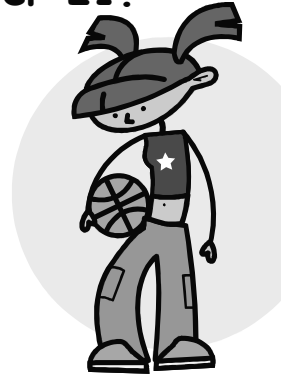
During the Holiday season many people travel from home to meet family and friends, leaving their homes empty and unprotected. When leaving your home for any period of time please consider the following ideas before you leave...

- ✓ Have a neighbor, family member etc., pick your mail and newspapers up.
- ✓ Place some lamps on reliable timers.
- ✓ Have someone check your home every day for anything out of the ordinary.
- ✓ Put your house on a "House Watch" with the Police Department.
- ✓ Don't leave outside lights on the entire time you are away. This tells a thief that your not home to shut them off.
- ✓ Items that are not insured and cannot be replaced should be removed from the home when practical.
- ✓ Have a key-holder available in case of an emergency and make sure the Police Department knows who this is. (broken pipes, etc)
- ✓ Make sure your blinds and or shades are closed. Displaying items in your home through windows is a really bad idea!



## Sauk Village Parks & Recreation Co-ed Basketball 2008

- **Registration begins December 3 and ends on December 21.**
- **This program is for boys and girls 7-18.**
- **The cost is \$50.00 per player.**
- **Registration is at the Community Center Mon-Fri 4:00-8:00pm.**
- **Parents *MUST* sign permission forms.**
- **Games will be played at the Edward Paesel Community Center on Saturdays.**
- **Checks are to be made payable to *Village of Sauk Village*.**
- ***There will be no last minute sign ups!***
- **Evaluations will be January 5, 2008.**
- **Games will begin January 26 and end March 22, 2008.**
- **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER THE FIRST GAME.**



For more information,  
call Sandy at the Community Center 758-4115 after 4:00pm



# Winter Break Games & Activities

THE CONCERNED YOUTH GROUP OF SAUK VILLAGE WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR WINTER BREAK GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGES 10-18.



DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR CRAFT OR SKILL YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE CHILDREN?



DO YOU HAVE ANY INTERESTING ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE GROUP?

WATCH THE VILLAGE MARQUEE OR LOOK FOR THE YOUTH INFORMATION BULLETIN AT THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ANY QUESTIONS?  
PLEASE CALL LEWIS TOWERS 773/848-0596 OR  
DEBBIE WILLIAMS 708/351-8922.



## Concerned Citizens News

## Public Relations Committee

*PLEASE JOIN THE CONCERNED YOUTH GROUP  
AS THEY PRESENT THEIR 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HOLIDAY DANCE*

## Public Relations News

- Who:** Sauk Village students, grades 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>
- When:** Friday, December 21, 2007
- Time:** 6 pm - 9pm
- Place:** Sauk Village Community Center
- Cost:** \$1.00 admission

*(Refreshments will also be available for purchase)*

**Attire:** Gym shoes must be worn in order to be permitted to attend.

Permission slips will be available at Rickover and Strassburg schools. No one admitted without a signed permission slip.

**Contact Info:** Lewis Towers 708/210-4103 or Javette Jones 773/501-1612



1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Dance



**Trustee Rosie Williams** wishes to thank everyone who helped with the First Annual Sauk Village Family Festival. Much of this events success is a direct result of the many volunteers from the Village who gave endless amounts of time and energy to the festival. Beginning with our first ever "Sauk Village Idol", the topnotch carnival, phenomenal food and terrific entertainment proved to be a successful finale to our 50th Anniversary celebration. The Public Relations Committee looks forward to future Family Festivals.

Trustee Williams and the Public Relations Committee wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday and a Healthy, Wealthy New Year!

## From the Desk of Community Development

- With winter approaching we recommend you have your **furnace** cleaned and certified by a licensed heating contractor.
- If you have a **wood burning fireplace** you should have a chimney sweep clean and inspect your fireplace. Storage of wood for fireplaces should be elevated not less than 12" above ground with a clear space underneath to prevent harborage of rats and other animals. All wood is required to be stored only in the rear yard.
- Make sure your **smoke/co detectors** are functioning properly. Don't forget to change the battery.
- If you own a **pool** make sure it has a proper pool cover on it. All pools that are not in use have to be winterized and covered. All quick set (temporary) and inflatable pools have to be removed during winter months.
- Please store **garbage/containers** to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage overflowing in front of houses. We will be ticketing for this, too many residents are not complying with this ordinance. It's creating a nuisance for surrounding neighbors that have to pick up trash that is blowing into their yards & into the streets.
- The web page has been updated with important information on **ordinances and building permits**. To view go to [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org) under



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BLOOM TOWNSHIP CENTER	754-9400	SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
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AMERITECH	1-800-244-4444		