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From the Mayor's Corner

Roger Peckham

2009 has arrived with a new outlook, new hopes and potholes for our driving pleasure. Shortly our new president will be taking charge of our country while our economy is having one of the largest slow downs seen by our country in many years. This type of economy effects your Village government as well as our residents. This administration has kept your Village budgets balanced for many years unlike many communities of similar sizes in our area. This Village Board will continue to give to our residents the best affordable services through out this budget year. This Village Board is continuingly

monitoring the revenues and expenses with the support of our experienced Village staff to minimize the negative economy impact on our community. Items such as fuel prices and road salt (from \$30 a ton to \$130 a ton) impact the Villages budget expenditure side of the budget. Revenue is impacted by the real estate taxes not collected or remitted on foreclosed homes or income taxes not being received on wages on lost employment and jobs. Our large purchases such as our new Village Hall are made through well planned long term financing which do not impact our daily revenue and expenses.

Many times as our large infrastructure expenditures are funded by special revenue sources that by state law cannot be used for daily operations nor can such revenue be expended for other funds or projects (impact fees generated by business park growth not allowable expenditures for water fund improvements or recreational programs). While we all face difficult times during this economy please consider being part of the solution by getting involved and helping find the solutions and not blaming those that try.



News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

The New Year is a good time to run through some reminders about garbage removal. Household garbage should be placed at the curb no sooner than 6 pm the day before collection and no later than 6 am the day of collection. Once garbage has been picked up, failure to remove garbage cans from the curb timely can result in Community Development issuing you a ticket, so please be prompt in getting garbage cans off the street and properly stored (remember, it is also a violation to have garbage cans visible from the front of your home when not out on the curb for pick up).

Skyline Disposal recognizes 6 holidays each year: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. If your collection day falls on or after one of these 6 holidays, garbage collection is delayed by one day that week. If you recycle, blue bags bearing the Sauk Village logo should be placed at the curb next to your garbage can. They should be tied and weigh no more than 25 pounds. These special blue bags are available (10 bags for \$1.50) at Village Hall. They are also available at Fairway and Ace Hardware.

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News from the Village Clerk (continued from cover)



Recyclable materials include:

#1 and #2 plastic containers (rinsed with lids removed), clear and colored glass (rinsed with lids removed) – DOES NOT INCLUDE MIRRORS, LIGHTBULBS, or PLATES, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, telephone books, corrugated cardboard (flattened), boxboard such as cereal and tissue boxes (flattened, with liners and cellophane removed), food cans (rinsed with labels removed)

Note, the *Nancy L. McConathy Public Library* recycles paper and has a collection bin in its parking lot if you prefer to recycle paper through them (you can contact them at 708-757-4771 for more information on their paper recycling program). Yard waste

(grass clippings, leaves, garden waste, small twigs and branches) is collected weekly, from April 1st through November 30th, and must be placed in 30 gallon biodegradable paper yard bags alongside your garbage can. Each bag must have a yard waste sticker affixed to it in order for it to be picked up and must weigh no more than 50 pounds. These stickers are available at Fairway and Ace Hardware. It is important to not include other garbage in with your yard waste. One bulk item per week will be picked up (mattress, TV, certain appliances). If you have any questions about what can and cannot be picked up, please contact Skyline Disposal directly, at 708-754-5460.

I am a big fan of recycling. As the year progresses, I will share some recycling facts, in the hopes that more of us will start to recycle. I start with these numbers, which shed some light on our consumption: Americans comprise 5% of the world's population, yet we consume 25% of the world's resources.

Changing gears, we continue to find ourselves in challenging times. The economy is struggling, and many of our friends and neighbors are struggling to hold onto homes and jobs. No matter how small the gesture, please help someone less fortunate than yourself; it will help someone out and make you feel better about yourself. My wish for you all is to have a very healthy and safe 2009.

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Suggestions should be directed
 to the Village Hall at
 708-758-3330 or emailed to
sauktalk@saukville.org

NEW VILLAGE HALL HOURS

The new hours for Village Hall located at 21801 Torrence Avenue will be Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The second and fourth Tuesdays (Board meeting Tuesday) the hours are 8:00 am 1 to 8:00 pm. The last Wednesday of the month the hours are 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.

AFTER HOURS DROP BOX

Payments made after hours can be placed in the drop box located at the north east corner of the new Village Hall.



Human Relations Commission Committee News

The Human Relations Commission recognizes people who exemplify excellence in our community with the "Sauk Arrow Award of Excellence" We are pleased to present the 2008 Sauk Arrow Award of



Presentation of Sauk Arrow Award of Excellence to Joshua and Stephanie Morris November 11, 2008 by Human Relations Commission.

Excellence to *Joshua Morris and his wife Stephanie* for their work with the youth of Sauk Village. Officer Morris with the help of his wife Stephanie mentored and tutored youngsters during the school year and also held a camp during the summer teaching young men discipline through marching and army core practices.

Officer Morris joined the *Sauk Village Police Department* in January, 2006 and shortly thereafter began working with juveniles and became one of the certified juvenile officers on the department. Officer Morris and Stephanie volunteer to work with youngsters and be a positive influence in their lives by meeting with young men weekly on their own time.

Parks and Recreation Committee News

Trustee Derrick Burgess

Happy Holidays from the Parks & Recreation Committee

Santa Claus came to town on Saturday, December 6th. Sauk Village sported North Pole-like weather conditions of cold, snow and ice for the annual motorcade throughout the town. Ms. Sauk Village, *Marivel Sandoval* and Junior Ms. Sauk Village, *Phalon Davis* braved the cold to help Santa and his elves greet the excited children along the way. Santa stopped by the Community Center for refreshments, take pictures with and listen to last minute gift requests before heading back to the North Pole.

The following Friday evening, December 12th, the *Parks and Recreation Committee* held a *Holiday Dance* for the *Rickover Junior High* students. Just like the Fall Dance, over 100 students came to dance and have fun. The Parks & Recreation Committee would like to thank *Chief Tom Lacheta* for donating pizzas for the event. We would also like to thank committee members *Nancy, Debi and Sandy* and volunteers *Albert, Beth, Erika, Juanita, Rex Sr. and Rex Jr.* for donating their time to decorate, supervise and help execute both events.

Registration for Parks and Rec's *Annual Basketball season* took place in December. Basketball practice will begin during the 2nd week of January as scheduled by each coach. Should you have any questions, please contact *Trustee Derrick Burgess* or Parks & Rec's Director, *Sandy Cosey* at 758-4115.

The *Y.E.S. Leadership youth group* meets every Monday from 4 PM – 5:30 PM at the *Mc Conathy Public Library* in Sauk Village. This group is open to all children ages 10-18 years old.

The Y.E.S. Leadership group, in conjunction with the *SSDMC (South Disproportionate Minority Contact)*, will be sponsoring two "Rollin' Against Violence" events at the *Lynwood Sports Center* in Lynwood. The dates for these skating events are

Thursday, February 26, 2009 and Thursday March 26, 2009. The cost is \$10.00 which includes admission, skate rental, hot dog, chips, pop and transportation if registered in advance through the youth group.

Please contact *Debbie Williams* 708/351-8922 or *Lewis Towers* 773/848-0596 for more information on these events and other upcoming Y.E.S. Leadership youth events.

From The Desk of *Community Development*

CODE ENFORCEMENT



- According to the *National Electric Code* temporary lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday lighting. *Holiday lights* should be removed no later than the first week of March.

- *Property maintenance* is year- round. Please walk around your homes and check for any damage caused by wind, snow, rain and freezing... even if you rent! Some repairs done now will preclude further damage from the remainder of winter and spring rains. (If you rent, tell the landlord about the problems... call us if the landlord doesn't respond.)

- Make sure your *house numbers* are at least 4 inches and are a contrasting color. This might seem like a minor item but if you have an emergency it is really important for emergency services to be able to see your address from the street.



- *Parking* on a non hard surface is against the ordinance. Please make sure you park on concrete or asphalt.



- Please store *garbage/containers* to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage overflowing in the front yard of the house. We will be ticketing for this, too many residents are not complying with this ordinance. It creates a nuisance for surrounding neighbors that have to pick up trash that's blowing into their yards and into the streets.

The web page has important information on ordinances and building permits. To view go to www.saukville.org under Community Development. A copy of the ordinance book is available on line if you need to view a particular ordinance.

Fire Department News

With colder weather comes an increased amount of calls for *carbon monoxide (CO) alarms*. A large number of the fire department responses over the winter months are for CO



related incidents, most of which end up being false alarms. Please don't misinterpret this- the Fire Department would rather have you *call 911* if you're not sure what's going on. It's better to be safe than sorry.

With that said, here's a review of the basics with

CO and smoke detectors. Back in January, 2007, Illinois passed into law that every building that has rooms used for sleeping has to have *at least one CO detector within 15 feet* of that room. It's not a bad idea to have a detector on every level of the house either. The same goes with smoke detectors, however the *National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)* recommends a smoke detector be placed inside every sleeping room as an added precaution.

A lot of newer homes have been equipped with "hard wired" smoke and CO alarms. This means they are tied in directly to your household electricity. These types of detectors do still have batteries in them in case of power outages and the batteries do have to be changed twice a year- **CHANGE YOUR CLOCK, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES!** Keep in mind, that if you remove a battery from a hard wired detector system, it will cause the detector and possibly every detector in the system to alarm.

Here are some things about CO detectors specifically. *Carbon Monoxide* is slightly lighter than regular air, so it will mix in at any level. It doesn't really matter if your detector is at floor level plugged into an outlet, or on the ceiling.

But there are a few other guidelines to go by when considering placement.

Don't place your CO detector directly above or beside fuel burning appliances. Don't put a detector within 15 feet of a heating or cooking appliance and in or near humid areas like a bathroom. It is also recommended that if you're mounting a detector on the ceiling, to keep it at least 8 inches from any corners or edges.

THE BOTTOM LINE: Call 911 if you're not sure what that alarm is or if you don't know what to do. If your CO alarm goes off, evacuate the building and PLEASE- leave windows and doors closed. This will greatly assist the Fire Department in finding where the problem is. We're not there to necessarily fix the problem, but we can pin point it to a specific appliance if you'll keep the house closed up and not ventilate it.

On a similar note, as more and more basements are being converted to living space, take a look through those dark forgotten basement storage closets. The Sauk Village Fire Department recently responded to a "possible CO" problem. After ruling out CO, it turned out that fumes from an old forgotten kerosene lantern stored in a basement closet (which was now in a bedroom) was the culprit behind the sore throats and watering eyes. The cans of paint and wood stain weren't contributing to the fumes, but presented a horrible potential as the storage closet was right next to the furnace and hot water heater.

Be safe and conscientious about safety in your home- take nothing for granted. If you do have any questions, feel free to contact the fire department at 708-758-2225 during normal business hours.

Sauk Village

This years "Shop with a Cop", a program for children without the ability to buy gifts, was a great success. The program, lead by *Officer Laura Placek* hosted 17 children from Sauk Village at the *Steger K-Mart*. The program allowed each child to buy gifts for themselves and others, was followed by lunch at the Police Department which ended this great day. The following staff and friends also assisted with their time to make this day a great one! *Sergeant James Vela, Officer Josh Morris, Chief Tom Lacheta, Deputy Chief Rebecca Sailsbery, Police Association member Robert Unruh, and volunteer Donna Sailsbery*. Funds for this fantastic day of shopping were donated by the *Sauk Village Policemen's Association* which donated over \$1,000.00 this year alone!!!! *Officer Laura Placek* not only lead and planned this event, as she has done in the past, but she was named *Officer of the year for 2008* by the Police Association.



The Sauk Village Police Department in conjunction with *the Sauk Village Police Alliance* Committee hosted an *Open House* for the Police Department on Saturday, January 17th 2009. The Department offered tours and the staff on hand explained each of the various divisions within the department.



The building that in the past held both Village Hall and the Police Department is *no longer home to Village Hall!* (see page 2 for Village Hall location) *This entire building is now home to the Sauk Village Police Department.*

Please do not drop off payments for Village fees, tickets, water bills etc at this location. The New Village Hall is one building south with a large clock tower in front of it. Payments have been dropped off under doors, in no longer used mail slots and just left on the counter in the lobby of the police station since this move took place in October. To insure your payment, please utilize the new building at 21801 Torrence (clock tower building) or its new *Drive-up Drop Box* located at the north east corner of the New Village Halls parking lot. Payments dropped off at the Police Department may be lost, or delayed if left at the old Village Hall location.

Police News

Every year children are killed by the mishandling of firearms in the home. The Sauk Village Police department has invested in this program, to prevent a tragedy from happening in our area.

The Sauk Village Police Department in cooperation with Project Childsafe is offering gun locks for anyone in Sauk Village or the Sauk Village area.

The locks are free! NO COST AT ALL.

We will not ask your name, your age, if you have a FOID card, and we won't even ask if you live in our community.

All we ask is how many locks? (up to 5 locks per person, per visit)

These locks are steel cable with a plastic coating, two keys and a safety booklet.

Please stop by the Sauk Village Police Department anytime day or night and receive your lock(s).

"If just one of these locks makes it on a gun that will keep a child in town from getting hurt or killed, then this program is a great success!"

Chief Lacheta



Project ChildSafe® is a nationwide program that helps ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage.



Election Reminder



As a reminder... Election season is upon us. The Election for Sauk Village will be held *April 7th 2009*. The next Sauk Talk edition is in March. Inside the March edition, there will be a section devoted entirely to the candidates and things you should expect to see on your ballot as well as polling locations and hours. While we all understand the importance of a federal election, we need to respect the necessity of local elections

as well. The people you vote for will influence your day to day life and you should be as involved in this process as possible. Look forward to information coming forth about meet and greets, forums and debates. Settings like these, informal or formal, will give you an opportunity to meet the candidates, review their running points, and make an educated and informed decision at the polls. If you are not registered to vote, there is not much time. Please contact the Village Hall or Library for more information regarding registering. Happy Voting! *Rosie Williams, Trustee*

ARE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES TOO HIGH????



The *Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village* sponsored a Property Tax Appeal Outreach session on Saturday, January 31, 2009 from 10 am - 2 pm at the Community Center (behind the Village Hall).

Lewis Towers and his staff from the *Cook County Tax Assessors Office* addressed property tax appeal questions and concerns. Residents can file their appeal at the *Markham Courthouse* up until Friday, *February 6, 2009*.

Seniors: Did you know...

Trustee Francine Anderson

Sauk Village Senior Committee sponsors *Free Movie Monday* at the *McConathy Library* every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the fun, Movies are scheduled for February 9, 2009 & March 9, 2009.

Seniors come join the fun at the New Senior Center. We're offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Listed below are the Clubs and Organizations that are currently sponsoring activities for Seniors:

- *Fun Club* meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.
- *Sunshiners* meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.
- *Leisure Timers* meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.
- *Blue Grass* meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.
- *Ceramic Classes* meet every Wednesday at 8:00am – 12:00noon
- *Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)* meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.



Sauk Village Senior Committee sends our thanks to all that participated and made our first quarterly event *Spaghetti Dinner* a success. Your support was greatly appreciated!



Respond Now will continue to have a satellite food pantry here in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm. Please consider volunteering with them.



Public Relations Committee News

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Public Relations committee will be doing some exciting things during these next few months. We are in the beginning stages of preparing for the Volunteer Appreciation Award Dinner in May and Student Government Day this March.



For those who don't know, *Student Government Day* gives all the 8th graders attending Sauk Village schools

the opportunity to polish their writing skills as well as their governmental education. Once all essays are received they are reviewed by a panel of judges and 22 students are chosen to participate. These students will take the place of your elected officials the night of the board meeting and pass the laws and ordinances as sworn in government officials!!!!

With all of the discussion of being more earth friendly we decided to get the kids involved. The essay topic the Public Relations committee has chosen for the 2009 season is...



"If you were an environmental super hero, what would be your name, what are your powers and

how would you use them to make Sauk Village go green?"

We feel that this topic requires imagination, research as well as literary skills, a perfect match to our goals!!! The winning essay will be discussed with the village board and possibly Skyline Disposal to see if it is possible to implement a version of this idea.

Also, please look forward to our special election edition next time in March!! This will provide you a detailed list of candidates and their resume so you can make an informed decision at the polls. Also provided will be a list of polling places and locations!! Remember, your vote is your right, don't give up your right!!! If you are not registered please contact the Village Hall or the Library, you will need a valid *Sauk Village drivers license* or *State ID* with your current Sauk Village address and a second form of ID.

Happy New Year from the Public Relations Committee!!!!



Human Relations Commission Presents...



FREE SWEETHEART SOCIAL
FOR COUPLES & SINGLES
Ages 21 and over
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2009
EDWARD PAESEL COMMUNITY CENTER
2700 Kalvelage Drive
6:00 – 10:00 pm
PARTY GAMES
DOOR PRIZES & GIFT BASKETS
APPETIZERS



Valentine's for Veterans



For a few years, Barb Petner and her volunteers have been sending out thousands of cards to our Veterans in the United States. They are sent to *Veterans Nursing Homes, Hospitals and Out-Patient Clinics*. This year she will be helping bring a smile on Veterans faces with a personal card for Valentine's Day. Our Veterans have served our Country with Honor and quite a few of them have been forgotten with time.

Barb reveals "If only one person could make or buy just one card it would mean so much. Taking the time is so greatly appreciated. Talk to your friends, get together over a cup of coffee. Talk to your children's teachers, your neighbors, people at the stores where you shop. If anyone wants to make cards and needs supplies just give me a call!"

Donations are kindly accepted, such as copy paper, card stock, stickers, labels, envelopes, monetary donations for supplies and stamps.

To offer a helping hand of all ages: 7 years old and up, teens and elders, or donate items, please contact Barb Petner at 708-758-4461





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<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>911</i>	<i>SAUK VILLAGE HALL</i>	<i>758-3330</i>
<i>POLICE & FIRE NON- EMERGENCY</i>	<i>758-1331</i>		
<i>COMMUNITY CENTER</i>	<i>758-4115</i>	<i>SENIOR CENTER</i>	<i>758-9115</i>
<i>BLOOM TOWNSHIP</i>	<i>754-9400</i>	<i>COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</i>	<i>210-4500</i>
<i>RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</i>	<i>755-4357</i>	<i>McCONATHY LIBRARY</i>	<i>757-4771</i>
<i>COMMONWEALTH EDISON</i>	<i>1-800-334-7661</i>	<i>NICOR</i>	<i>1-888-642-6748</i>
<i>SKYLINE DISPOSAL</i>	<i>754-5460</i>	<i><u>VISIT US ON THE WEB:</u> www.SaukVillage.org</i>	

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Sauk Talk

From the Mayor's Corner

Roger Peckham



To the residents of Sauk Village thank you for allowing me to serve you for the last 12 years. To the employees of Sauk Village and Volunteers: thank you for your hard work and dedication to our Village. Thank you and I wish you well!

Letter from the Editor

Rosie Williams

As chair of the *Public Relations Committee* of Sauk Village, I would like to thank the citizens for taking the time to get to know the candidates for the upcoming election. All candidates running for a position were offered the opportunity to submit a brief questionnaire prepared by the Public Relations Committee. Some questions had to be cut from all questionnaires due to space issues. Submitted pictures were not included due to the same problem.

Also, we understand that many Sauk Talk's have been sent out later than we would like. This is due to technical difficulties, as well as lack of articles submitted timely. Because of this, the *Village Board and Department Heads*

submitted a list of policies and procedures regarding Sauk Talk in March of 2008 stating specific deadlines. As a committee, we apologize for not being rigid with our deadlines while waiting for late submissions of articles. We are now strictly enforcing our deadline and have reported this as such for the past several Board meetings.

Please look on *page 11* for a list of polling places and early voting information!!! Happy Voting!!!

VOTER'S REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009.

News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

Spring is in the air, or at least it will be shortly! And with Spring comes *animal licenses*. Annual animal licenses go on sale *Wednesday, April 1st*. Cats and dogs are \$15 a piece; if you bring your current rabies vaccination papers with you to Village Hall when you purchase the license, the price is discounted to \$7. Owners of animals found without licenses after *April 30th* are subject to fines. Following the calendar, *Village vehicle stickers* go on

sale *Friday, May 1st*. The stickers this year focus on recycling. As a reminder, Skyline recycles the following items: #1 and #2 plastic containers, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, telephone books, corrugated cardboard (flattened), boxboard such as cereal and tissue boxes (flattened, with liners and cellophane removed), food cans, and clear & colored glass. Please rinse all cans, containers, and bottles;

this helps reduce the cost of recycling. Items such as mirrors, light bulbs and ceramics (plates, etc.) are not recyclable. As promised last issue, I'm back with more recycling facts. *Did you know that it will take a plastic bottle 700 years before it starts to decompose in a landfill?* And, worse yet, *aluminum cans in landfills are still aluminum cans after 500 years*. We all need to do our part.



Candidates for MAYOR

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Derrick N. Burgess for Mayor of Sauk Village

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 27 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Juanita for 34 years.
Four adult children and 12 grandchildren.

4.) *Employment History:* Plant Operating Engineer at University of Illinois at Chicago for the past 21 yrs.

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Sauk Village Board Trustee from 2006–Present Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee, Member of Police Association of Sauk Village, Founder & Co-Chair of Deer Creek Community Watch Program, Member of the Deer Creek Homeowner's Association, Member of Concerned Citizens, Member of St. James Catholic Church, Former Vice President of St. James Catholic School Board, Former Finance Chair of St James Catholic School Board, Former Sauk Village Planning & Zoning Commissioner.

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

As Mayor I plan to actively seek commercial investments to bring new businesses and employers to Sauk Village... Improve public safety through community watch programs and increase police presence... Renew community partnerships between residents, businesses and schools... Revitalize community programs and reenergize the spirit of Sauk Village.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Lewis Towers for Mayor of Sauk Village

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 10 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Maxine (35 years).
Two children and two grandchildren.

4.) *Employment History:* 18 years - Cook County Assessor's office (11 years as Office Manager) - Markham, IL

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Commissioner-Sauk Village Fire and Police Board/Chairman, member of Sauk Village Parks & Recreation Committee, President of Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village organization and director of Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village Y.E.S. youth group organization, member of Sauk Village Bible Church and former member of Sauk Village Zoning Board.

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and plans:* 4 Year Term

As your mayor, I will have an open door policy, will embrace the challenges of a growing community and will rebuild confidence and trust in Sauk Village government. I will reduce crime and promote public safety by putting more police officers on our streets and implement a neighborhood watch program through out the village. I will put together a strong economic development plan and seek developers and investors to bring businesses and jobs to Sauk Village which will help stabilize our property tax base. I will also hire a full time program counselor to implement more programs for our seniors and our youth.

Candidates for VILLAGE CLERK

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Debra "Debbie" Williams for Village Clerk

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 22 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Frank for 31 years.
Two children who attended Wagoner, Rickover and Bloom Trail Schools.

4.) *Employment History:* Pammer Research - 20 years
Administrative Assistant / Field Researcher

5.) *Village Involvement/Current Involvement:*

Original Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the S.V.
Human Relations Commission - 6 years
S.V. Public Relations Committee - 4 years
Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village, Secretary - 4 years
Concerned Citizens Y.E.S. Youth Leadership Group
Co-founder and Youth Leader - 2 years
McConathy Public Library, Treasurer - 2 years
2008 Sauk Village Volunteer of the Year
2008 Diversity, Inc. "Spirit" Award
2008 SSDMC "Community Spirit" Award

Past Involvement:

S.V. 50th Anniversary Committee, 2007 & 2008
Co-organizer of the Sauk Village Annual Family Festival
Girl Scout Leader - 12 years

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and plans:* 4 Year Term

To continue to seek resources available to the residents of Sauk Village through networking with other communities and governmental agencies. Open lines of communication and create ways to funnel information to the residents.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Elizabeth "Beth" Zupon for Village Clerk

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 9 years.

3.) *Family information:* I have been married to Albert for 16 years and counting. We share our house with two Dalmatians; Domino and Milo.

4.) *Employment History:*

I am a Vice President for Northern Trust, having been employed there for 10+ years. I manage a team of Business Analysts who support the development of technology solutions for two of the Bank's mission critical systems. Prior to Northern Trust, I worked for Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh for 13 years, again, primarily in a managerial role.

5.) *Village Involvement:*

My community involvement in Sauk Village includes volunteering with the Parks & Recreation and Senior Committee events. I have also participated as a member of the Ordinance Review Committee and Housing Authority Commission, having resigned both positions when I was appointed Village Clerk in December, 2007. I live in the Deer Creek subdivision, where I am an active member (and former multi-term president) of our Homeowners Association.

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 year term.

As acting Village Clerk, I have started to automate many of the formerly manual processes. I plan to continue that effort.



Candidates for TRUSTEE

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Enoch Benson IV –Trustee

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 21 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Eunice;

Sons – Bernard, Jermaine, Mark;

Daughters – Natasha, Felicia

4.) *Employment History:*

City of Chicago Fire Department: Firefighter/Paramedic, 31 years

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village, Precinct Captain and Youth Counselor.

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

To support and work carefully with the Mayor and Village Board. To assist in bringing forth progress. To work for each citizen with an open door policy. To address the main problems associated with the Village of Sauk Village. (youth, water and crime) I will work closely with Park and Recreations in creating activities 12 months a year being fully devoted to both seniors and our youth. To work with the Mayor and Village Board to research carefully and improve water crisis. Our seniors must be able to walk down our streets without fear of anyone or anything Our children should be able to play in our parks without parents worrying about the possibility of sudden gang activity. I will work diligently with the Police Department to counsel and reform our young and help incarcerate those who want to reek havoc in our community. We must improve the strength and bylaws of our police force.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Edward "Ed" Myers–Trustee

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 40 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Carol.

Three children, Debbie Szela, Paul Myers and Phillip Myers, and four grandchildren

4.) *Employment History:*

Calumet Steel 1972

Fire Investigator 1985

Building and Code Enforcement, Sauk Village 1986-2002

Building and Code Enforcement, Steger 2002– present

5.) *Village Involvement:*

37 years on Village Fire Department, Boy Scouts and Auxiliary Police Officer

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

Create better communication between departments and residents. Find solutions for juvenile problems in town. Provide after school activities for kids. Improve village image to attract more businesses.

Candidates for TRUSTEE

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Jim Slawnikowski –Trustee

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 37 years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Jacque for 41 years.

Four children and Four Grandchildren with a 5th on the way!

4.) *Employment History:*

Retired General Motors Tool and Die Maker

Adjunct Faculty Member of Moraine Valley Community college from 1996-1999

Business owner-previously Chain Saw Central, currently Uline Lawn Equipment

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Served in the Zoning and Planning Commission for 3 yrs

Served on the Sauk Village Fire Department, 1974-1990 as a Fire Fighter, Engineer, Lieutenant, Instructor, Fire Inspector, EMTID, and Cadet Advisor

Currently Sauk Village Trustee serving as the chair of the Economic Development Committee

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

In these trying and uncertain times the best plan is to maintain the "A" bond rating Sauk Village has achieved along with maintaining a balanced budget. This will require all departments to be accountable and stop all nonessential spending. Until our economy and country get back on their feet. We can only spend what we must, not what we want.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Rosie Williams –Trustee

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 22 Years

3.) *Family information:* Live at home with parents while finishing school and working

4.) *Employment History:*

Interim Director of Marketing at St. James Manor and Villas

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Current Village Trustee

Chairing the Public Relations/Website Committee

Co-organizer of the '07 & '08 Sauk Village Family Festival

2010 US Census Village Liaison

Member of Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village

CCSV youth group volunteer

Attended all Sauk Village Schools

Participated in SVSA softball

Girl Scouts

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

Continue to improve communication between the Village Board and the citizens we serve. Provide continual information and education to Village processes and progress to residents. Advocate for more youth programs and support for SVPD to ensure the safety of our town.



Candidates for School Board - 4yr Term

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Mary E. Howard for School Board Member

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 32 years

3.) *Family information:* Father: Dr. John A. Hanks, Pastor of Sauk Village Baptist Church for 33yrs.
Mother: Wagoner Elementary School, Teacher
Two brothers: David, Sauk Village Trustee and Scott, Pastor in Lawrence, KS. Sister: Susan, Teacher of Jr. High students.

4.) *Employment History:*

Elementary Teacher at Sauk Village Baptist schools - 7 yrs
Substitute Teacher at Bright Start childcare and preschool for 5 years

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Member of the S.V. Lions club for 3 years, newly appointed Secretary
Attend Village Board & Committee meetings
Charter member of the Sauk Village Police Alliance Committee

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

I like what I see and plan to help in anyway possible to further educate the youth of our town. I would also like to learn and grow with each board member so that I can serve to the best of my ability.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Jimo A. Kasali for School Board Member

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 13 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married; Children: 4 girls, 1 boy

4.) *Employment History:*

Financial advisor/ Insurance broker
Small business owner

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Zoning Board Commissioner

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

Improve parent involvement... Improve public confidence...
Protect public interest... Ensure ever dollar spent produces maximum benefits for people of Sauk Village.

Candidate for School Board - 2yr Term

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Kimberly L. Johnson for School Board Member

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 3 Years

3.) *Family information:* Proud Mother of a 15 year old honor student at Bloom Trial High School and encouraged to Ontario Evans May 2010

4.) *Employment History:*

Illinois CPA Society as a Member Services/Marketing Manager in downtown Chicago.
14 years of non-profit experience working on various committees with extensive board involvement.

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Member of the Sauk Village Human Relations Commission
Attends Village Board, School Board meetings and Committee meetings
Junior Achievement Volunteer through the Human Relations Commission

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 2 Year Term

My goals are to work with the current school board members to establish goals and objectives that will expand the vision and goals of District 168 schools as it relates to technology, education and the overall welfare of our children

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Dennis Wolski for School Board Member

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 14 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married for 18 years with five children

4.) *Employment History:*

Automotive Technician for 45 years

5.) *Village Involvement:*

School Board member since 2008
Previous member of the negotiating team that led to a four year contract with our teachers

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 2 Year Term

I want to see the school system of Dist. 168 stay on the path that we are on, and not go back to what we worked to overcome!!! The residents of Sauk Village & Dist 168 seem to be very satisfied with what we are doing.

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From the Desk of The Finance Director

As a reminder , the new drop box for after -hour bill payment is located at the southeast corner of Village Hall located at 21801 Torrence Avenue.

Residents can deposit water bill and any other bill payment in the box after 5:00 pm and on the weekends.

Business Hours for Village Hall are:

Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

8:00am to 8:00pm, the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

9:00am to 5:00pm on the last Wednesday of the month

In addition to the general telephone number: 758-3330

Direct lines for:

Community Development	753-5112
Finance Director	753-5120
Village Manager	753-5122
Payroll/Accounts Payable	753-5133
Water Billing	753-5134



Human Relation Committee News

The Human Relations Commission serves a diverse community through economic, educational and social activities. In that role, we will participate again this year in the *Southland Diversity Dinners*. On the evening of *Thursday, April 23, 2009* people throughout the southern suburbs will be getting together for the *Twelfth Annual Diversity Dinners*. They will be invited to celebrate the diversity that typifies and enriches the South Suburbs. Guests are encouraged to partake in small dinner parties, in groups of ten, to serve as the backdrop for the evening's discussions. Each group will consist of people of various races, creeds, communities, backgrounds and professions. In their 12 year history, the diversity dinners have attracted over 4,000 participants. If you are interested in attending one of the diversity dinners this year, contact *Beverly Sterrett, Chairperson Human Relations Commission at 753-5120*. Space is limited and guests are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

SSDMC NEWS – New Youth Programs!!!

The South Suburban Disproportionate Minority Confinement (SSDMC) (Youth Expecting SOULutions) Y.E.S. Leadership youth group, with assistance from members of the *Concerned Citizens Group* and the *Sauk Village Parks and Recreation department* will be offering a 4 day a week after school program at the *Ed Pasel Center*, as well as a girls mentoring program at the *McConathy Library* on Saturday mornings. This program will merge the Monday Y.E.S. youth group activities. The Y.E.S. Leadership youth group is open to all Sauk Village children ages 10-18.

This after school program is made possible by a grant secured by the *SSDMC Foundation* through the *Chicago Area Project*. SSDMC Foundation Project Director, *Angela Greene* and SSDMC board members have been involved with the Y.E.S. Leadership youth group since the beginning approximately two years ago.

SSDMC will continue to seek additional grants, including two that are currently under consideration at this time. The *YAR (Youth as Resources) grant* will be used to implement an "*Increase the Peace*" program which will help to bridge the gap between teens and seniors. The third grant will focus on gang prevention and preventing juvenile delinquency. The proposed activities include *Modern Dance, Crafts, Computer Lab and Recreational Sports*. Field trips and other special programming are also under consideration at this time.

Please call SSDMC Foundation office for more information as to location and program dates.

Angela Greene SSDMC Foundation Project Director: 708-596-4018 or Youth Leaders,

Debbie Williams: 708/351-8922, Javette Jones: 773/501-1612, or Lewis Towers: 773/848-0596



Sauk Village Police News



Burglary Alert: Keep your eyes open in your neighborhood!

The Sauk Village Police Department has made many arrests for burglary over the last several months and continue to make them currently. One tool that is almost impossible to do without is *your help!*

Many concerned and involved citizens have helped with the arrest and prosecution of burglars that prey on our residents. A person that just doesn't look familiar, a person in a back yard in the middle of the day when the residents are at school and work, and in one case a person pulling a safe on a handcart down the side walk looked just odd enough that the involved and concerned resident thought a call to the police might be a good idea. If anything, just to ask the "*delivery person*" why he didn't have a truck or a uniform or where a juvenile gets a job as a safe mover?????

Your help is needed very much. Our seniors who spend some of their time at home during the day have solved many burglaries as well. If you see something odd, call us! We would rather check on suspicious persons and find out if it is the ComEd meter reader or Nicor than have someone lose their possessions, so call us when anything looks out of order. Although we would like your name and address to help further in the case, we will take information from you even if you don't want to leave your name and address. Again, calls without names get the same action as those with a named caller! 708-758-1331

Disorderly Conduct: No Tolerance



Over the past few weeks, we have experienced some very nice, spring-like weather, and it felt great. Unfortunately with this great weather came the same problems of last year with school dismissal, including damage to property, battery, assault, walking in the street and disorderly conduct. Each year the Police Department increases staff during the school dismissal time making many arrests, but the problem continues.

The Department will take a “no warning” approach this year to these problems. Arrests will be made, when possible, in an attempt to make it safer for our kids and preserve the property of our residents. Parents of children who damage property or injure other children can be held financially liable for the acts of their children.

Please take time to talk to your children and explain that they are responsible for their actions and that they can impact their family financially when using poor judgment.

Speed Limits: Be Alert



Before we know it, warmer weather will be upon us which brings out the children in our community. Please make sure that you are following the *speed limits* and *stop signs* in our neighborhoods. Most of our side streets are posted at *20 miles per hour*. This speed is set low because of the concentration of children, parked cars hiding kids entering the roadway and smaller children playing in close proximity to the roadway. For this reason, speed limits are set accordingly. Remember, slow down and watch for children making sure a special effort is made *at dusk and after dark*.



Public Works News

Street Sweeping : The street sweeping schedule for the 2009 season will be as follows:

- The week beginning: *April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 14, and October 19.* Sweeping the month of *November 23*, will follow our leaf sweeping program.

If additional sweepings are necessary, notification will be posted on the Marquee located on Sauk Trail at the corner of Cornell Ave.

Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.

Hydrant Flushing : Hydrants will be flushed in the following sections of town on the specified dates:

<i>April 1</i>	South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
<i>May 6</i>	North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
<i>June 3</i>	Eastern section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
<i>July 2</i>	South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
<i>August 5</i>	North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
<i>September 2</i>	Eastern Section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
<i>October 7</i>	South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek

Actual flushing will begin at 11:00 P.M. of 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 48 hours after flushing.

Tree Limb Pickup

- The first pickup for the 2009 season will begin *Monday, May 4* and end on *Friday, May 15*. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than *Sunday, May 10*.
- The second and final pickup for the 2009 season will begin *Monday, September 7* and end on *Friday, September 18*. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than *Sunday, September 13*.

Remember to bundle small branches and to stack branches neatly in the same direction as this speeds the tree limb pickup. There will be no branches picked up after these dates; *no exceptions*.

RESIDENTS CAN START PUTTING BRANCHES OUT THE WEEK BEFORE PICKUP DATES

Anyone having questions concerning their pickup can call the Village Hall (758-3330) Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Leaf Sweep Program

- The leaf sweep program will begin November 2nd through 6th, skipping the week of 9th through 13th. Residents can still put leaves out up until November 15.
 - Our final sweep will begin November 16 crews will be out to sweep each section on garbage day only.
- Village Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.*

Code Enforcement

With spring/summer just around the corner, the Sauk Village Community Development Department would like to point out a few of our ordinances that we have had numerous complaints on.

We want to make our residents aware that tickets can and will be issued for violating these ordinances.

50.05	Garbage cans cannot be stored in front of your house
72.10	Parking where prohibited - i.e. in front of Wagoner school, on the wrong side of the street and blocking residents driveways
72.11D	Parking in the street on garbage day prohibited from 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.
151.037(A)	Parking on a non-hard surface is prohibited
79.02	Village stickers required
94.50	Grass and weeds over 8" tall prohibited
90.01	Junk auto and parts prohibited
150.34	Failure to maintain pool
151.38	Failure to maintain property



90.01 Junk Auto and Parts Prohibited

In order to help the appearance of our community, please pick up litter that is lying around your property.

Public Works: Pothole News

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 cause the road to settle back down. In most situations the street will not form potholes, but where 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 so 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 the Village Hall (708) 758-3330. We will repair as soon as the weather permits. We also ask the public to *use caution and drive slow* when passing road crews, they are out making the streets safe for you. Thank you for your help and patience.

Sauk Trail, Torrence Ave, RT 30, 394, Burnham Ave and Steger Road are MAINTAINED BY OTHER AGENCIES.

Seniors: Did you know...

Trustee Francine Anderson

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 10, 2009
To: Senior Club membership
From: Trustee Francine Anderson
Re: Senior Center Activities

There has been ongoing discussion and conflicts about the use of space in the New Senior Center. This memo is designed to clarify the concerns that might be held by the citizens of Sauk Village concerning the priority from my perspective. I was not a trustee when the building was designed, planned or developed. But all three clubs shared some input with the previous Trustee Luther. But I'm the current trustee sponsor of senior activities for Sauk Village. It is clear to me that some members of the Clubs are still having a difficult time with the implemented changes.

It is imperative that you remember that it will be expected for everyone to share the space. Your clubs have your scheduled meeting and activity times. If you're going to need additional time for other activities then they must be brought before *the Senior Committee and Trustee Anderson*.

In my speech during the open house, I set a vision for my expectations for the ongoing use of the center. The following priorities will remain the focus of the Senior Committee and senior activities:

- Quarterly senior activities to encourage participation of all citizens that are senior.
- Help with social services and specialized needs similar to AARP, Catholic charities and Bloom Township.
- Help with out-patient health care needs, such as: well care and prevention, immunization, counseling and workshops on different health topics.
- A fitness center where seniors can remain active and experience different types of exercise such as low impact aerobics, Tai chi maybe line or square dancing.
- A Golden Diners Club where seniors can socialize and enjoy delicious meals together.
- Recreational facilities where seniors just relax, become comfortable, just talk and enjoy games or other activities.

All of these services just mentioned are coordinated through a *Senior Center Director*.

If you have any questions I can be contacted at 708-758-3330.

FREE SENIOR CITIZENS MOVIE DAYS

Monday 1:00 p.m.

April 13, 2009

Light refreshments

Co-Sponsored by:

Sauk Village Senior Citizens Committee

and

McConathy Public Library





Fire Department News

What is "honor?" Is it just a word thrown around, given to lip service more than action? Emblazoned on the back of every Sauk Village Firefighter's t-shirt as well as in huge gold leaf lettering on both of our newest vehicles is the phrase "*Duty First - Honor Always.*"

Honor means different things to different people. In this context, it refers to the honor, the privilege that comes with doing our duty - coming to the aid of our citizens and neighbors in their time of need. It's this sense of collective honor that results in the brother/sisterhood that is the Fire Service.

A United States Marine once told me, "There's no such thing as an Ex-Marine. Marines are for life. There are only Marines and Former Marines." And so it is with firefighters. A clear



cut example of this comradeship presented itself during the February 5 house explosion/fire on Talandis Ave. A retired SVFD firefighter of 15 years, *Don Clark* lives just a few houses down from the incident. For just about the entire time we were out there, Don was right there in the freezing

cold, if nothing else, lending his moral support while his wife *Jan* brought out a constant supply of much appreciated hot coffee. To the average reader, this may not seem like much, but the Clarks' actions that night spoke volumes for their character and... well, level of honor.

The Sauk Village Fire Department has been in existence for over 50 years. In that time, there have been many that have come and gone, some moving on to careers in the fire service, some simply deciding this wasn't the life for them. On the other hand, there have been those that served Sauk Village with honor and dedication for many years and have gone on to retirement. For all of the former Retired Firefighters out there who have served this community with commitment and sacrifice over the years - a hearty and sincere THANK YOU! It is with honor that we stand in your shoes today.

For more information on how you can become a part of the unique and rewarding Fire Service brother/sisterhood, call (708) 758-2225 during normal business hours or stop by the fire station at 1804 E. 222nd Street. You can also visit us on the web at www.saukville.org.

APRIL 7, 2009 POLLING INFORMATION

Precinct 7	First Apostolic Church 22709 State Street • Steger, IL
Precinct 16	Candlelight Village 4 Candlelight Drive
Pct. 23, 28 & 93	Paesel Senior Center 2700 Kalvelage Drive
Pct. 26 & 79	Rickover Junior High 22151 Torrence Avenue
Pct. 27	McConathy Public Library 21737 Jeffrey Avenue
Pct. 32	St. James Church 22400 Torrence Avenue
Precinct 89	Sauk Village Fire Station 1804 East 222nd Street

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Sat 9:00am - 5:00 pm

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<i>POLICE & FIRE NON-EMERGENCY</i>	<i>758-1331</i>		
<i>COMMUNITY CENTER</i>	<i>758-4115</i>	<i>SENIOR CENTER</i>	<i>753-5141</i>
<i>BLOOM TOWNSHIP</i>	<i>754-9400</i>	<i>COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</i>	<i>210-4500</i>
<i>RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</i>	<i>755-4357</i>	<i>McCONATHY LIBRARY</i>	<i>757-4771</i>
<i>COMMONWEALTH EDISON</i>	<i>1-800-334-7661</i>	<i>NICOR</i>	<i>1-888-642-6748</i>
<i>SKYLINE DISPOSAL</i>	<i>754-5460</i>		

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Letter from the Editor

Rosie Williams

The results of the April 7th 2009 election for Village Board are as follows:

Mayor: Lewis Towers

Village Clerk: Debbie Williams

Trustee:

Enoch Benson

Ed Myers

Rosie Williams

The individuals listed above were sworn in during the May 12, 2009 board meeting and will now join the existing trustees, Francine Anderson, Derrick Burgess, and David Hanks.

Memorial Day News

On Monday May 25th the VFW/ American Legion will hold a Memorial Day service at 11:00 am at the St. James Cemetery in honor of those who have perished serving their country. There will be a fifty-fifty drawing following the service. This is a time of reflection and thanks to all of our veterans. Please feel free to stop by the new Veterans Memorial located near the Municipal Center.

REMINDER: The Municipal Center will be closed On Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day



News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

Vehicle stickers went on sale May 1st. This year's sticker focuses on recycling. The cost for cars, motorcycles and RVs is \$25 while trucks start at \$43. If purchased after June 30th, the cost doubles. Senior Citizens 62 and older can receive a \$20 discount (one per household), but keep in mind that a Senior Citizen must be registered to the vehicle receiving the discount. Remember, too, that the

Police Department has been known to conduct random, unannounced Safety Checks - where they check seat belts, look for current registration, proof of insurance, and *Village Stickers*. Stickers must be clearly displayed on the lower passenger side of each vehicle's windshield. Please remove old stickers when applying new ones to your vehicle. Tickets for not having a Village sticker on your

vehicle can be expensive, so make sure they are purchased and displayed properly before July 1st. On the topic of recycling, I leave you with a startling fact: if everyone in America recycled one tenth of their newspapers, we could save approximately 25 million trees every year. Have a safe summer!



Code Enforcement News

- We have completed our annual property maintenance. We encourage all residents to participate with this program. It enhances the overall appearance of the community & helps keep property values up.
- Curbside mailboxes must be installed & supported correctly and maintained in good condition. Mailbox post must be positioned 6-8 inches back from the curb.
- Grass/weeds can not be over 8" in height. That includes weeds growing in fences and around the general vicinity. We strictly enforce this & have issued several hundred tickets in the past. 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.
- Parking on a non hard surface is against the Village ordinance. Please make sure you park on concrete or asphalt. Gravel is not allowed for parking.
- Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem & it is prohibited.
- 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. Also, if a pool has a filter system it can not 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.
- To view a particular ordinance go to [Sauk Village.org](http://SaukVillage.org) under Community Development and you will be able to access the municipal code.
- 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.

50th Anniversary

Sauk Village Bible Church 1959 - 2009

We Are Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary In The Lords Service. We have planned a three day celebration, an informal service Friday evening July 3rd, a family picnic on Saturday July 4th and a special morning worship service on Sunday July 5th.

If you have any questions please call the church at 708.758.0425 or send an e-mail to svbc0083@att.net

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Public Relation Committee News

As a reminder the Public Relations Committee is ALWAYS looking for new members with exciting ideas!!! This committee has the responsibility for creating and maintaining the Sauk Village Website, coordinating Student Government Day, planning for the Volunteer and Employee Appreciation Dinner, as well as editing the Sauk Talk every two months.

As a committee, we have decided to open the Sauk Talk to more resident related activities; new business info, "people you should know" and a few other suggestions. We are very excited to be able to introduce new people, places and things to the residents of Sauk Village. If you have any suggestions or ideas for our new segments please contact Trustee Williams at Village Hall, (758-3330), or via email (svprcomm@aol.com) or visit a Board Meeting.



New Business in Sauk Village

The Illiana School of Karate and instructor Mr. Daniel Stephens are pleased to be in Sauk Village. Mr. Stephens is a 3rd degree black belt and has trained since 1985, starting under Instructor Drew Wickham in Sauk Village. In February of 1986 Mr. Stephens started training with the Illiana School of Karate under Hector Garcia Jr. in Schererville Indiana at the Omni 41 Health Club, Mr Stephens has over 15 years of experience and is dedicated to the sport and the youth. Illiana School of Karate is dedicated to our new president Barack Obama's dream that together we can turn our country around one village at a time by giving our youth a positive avenue to help structure their lives. By getting the help of the village of Sauk Village and it's families we can live up to the astounding statement YES WE CAN. Please do your part and help us join together and give our youth Discipline and Respect, and start the Change!

708-758-KICK (5425)
1707 SAUK TRAIL , SAUK VILLAGE IL, 60411

Seniors Do You Know?

Seniors come join the fun at the New Senior Center. We're offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3^d Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.

Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am – 12:00noon

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Senior movie day is the second Monday of the month at 1:00pm at McConathy Library.

Next movie day is June 8th.

Respond Now has a satellite food pantry in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm. As our economy continues to change there is an increased need for assistance. Consider using some of your free time to help other citizens by volunteering.

Sauk Village Senior Committee still has one open seat on our committee. If you're a citizen that likes to be creative in planning activities for other seniors in our community, come join us at our next meeting which is held every second Thursday of the month at 5pm in the Senior Center.

- *The telephone number to the Senior Center is 708-753-5141.*

PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR WINNERS OF THE CHILI COOK OFF IN OUR NEXT EDITION!!!





Fire Department News

Captain Rich Atwood



On March 25, I had the privilege to represent the Fire Service and the Sauk Village Fire Department at Bloom Trail High School's Career Day. I had 25 minutes in four sessions to get a very important message across. I did talk about being a firefighter and what it was like, and how rewarding this field can be. But the one thing I felt was most important was something that the students could take with them no matter what career path they ultimately choose. When I discussed the requirements of becoming a firefighter, I took the opportunity to state that in Sauk Village over the last few years, we have had to turn away SEVERAL applicants who failed the background check. The students were told that "what you did yesterday will haunt you tomorrow." Avoid ANY trouble with the law! Develop positive character traits and be of good moral character- these are things that all employers look for, not just Fire Departments. But in regards to the Fire Service, it is Illinois Law that anyone with a felony conviction or certain misdemeanors involving "moral character" cannot be a firefighter in Illinois. I hope they got the message.

In March and April, the Fire Department swore in two returning members and five brand new members. Returning to the ranks were Doug Luther and Scott Booth. William Lambert, Craig Baikie, Charan Andrews, Zack Newton, and Andre Jackson are new to the organization and are already demonstrating a lot of future potential- welcome aboard!

Spring has finally sprung! As you get ready to start those projects out in the yard, don't forget to call JULIE before you start digging! April was National Safe Digging Month. According to NICOR, failure to call JULIE before digging results in more than one unintentional hit of an underground utility line PER MINUTE nationwide. JULIE stands for "Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators. The call to JULIE and the services provided to locate and mark underground utility lines are free! Plan ahead to call JULIE at 811 before you start digging anything. For more information, check out JULIE's website at www.illinois1call.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS- watch for flyers and signs about the Sauk Village Fire Department's "Junior Fire Academy" coming in July for kids 5 -11 years old. This kid's camp style event is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 27 – 31 with a family day/graduation ceremony on Saturday, August 1. Activities will focus on fire prevention, first aid, and what it's like to be a firefighter. There will be games and fun activities and a snack every day. The hours will be from 9:00 am to Noon and there will be a fee per child with a multiple kid discount for families. Stay tuned for more information and instructions for registering.





Police News

Deputy Chief Rebecca Sailsbery



The Sauk Village Police Department is aggressively applying for grants at the Federal and State level. Some of the grants applied for are the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Tobacco Program, the Illinois Department of Transportation "Highway Safety Project Agreement, Conditions and Certifications Grant, the Federal Recovery, Reinvestment Act (Police Equipment and Personnel), the Federal Recovery, Department of Justice Recovery Act (Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program), the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Click It Or Ticket" Mobilization Participation Verification, the ICJIA Preventing Law Enforcement Officer Suicide, the ICJIA K9 (equipment and training), the Lisa Madigan Illinois Attorney General Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), the ICJIA Focus on in-car cameras grant, and many more. The Sauk Village Police Department intends on aggressively applying for both Federal and State Grants on a continual basis.

As of today's date the Sauk Village Police Department acquired the ICJIA's Preventing Law Enforcement Officer Suicide grant. This grant has provided additional resources to devote to this sensitive issue. The Sauk Village Police Department has acquired the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Tobacco Program Grant. This grant provides funding to conduct underage tobacco enforcement details. In addition, the Sauk Village Police Department has received the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Click it or Ticket" Grant, and the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Highway Safety Project Agreement, Conditions and Certifications Grant to conduct traffic enforcement details. The Sauk Village Police Department will be utilizing these resources to conduct both stationary and mobilized traffic enforcement details throughout the summer months. The Sauk Village Police Department reminds all Village residents to purchase their village stickers and renew all expired license plates stickers.

On April 14, 2009 the Sauk Village Police Department received a complaint about the traffic lights at Interstate 394 (Ford Bishop Expressway) and Sauk Trail not functioning correctly. Although Sauk Trail and I394 are located in Sauk Village, all interstates (including I394) are the responsibility of the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the MEADE traffic control device company, and not the Village of Sauk Village. When a traffic control light is flashing a red light on and off it is by law a stop sign (in all directions). All vehicles are required to make a full and complete stop. This may naturally cause a back up in traffic. For that I am sympathetic to the motorist who is inconvenienced.

The Sauk Village Police Department does not have extra staffing to place the needed 6 to 8 officers, and squad cars, required to direct traffic every time the traffic light at I394 and Sauk Trail is functioning as a legal stop sign. I understand it would be a major convenience to all motorists involved, but it is not financially feasible, and impossible to predict when this will occur. Therefore scheduling this many extra officers is impossible. The Sauk Village Police Department does and will continue to respond to I394 and Sauk Trail each and every time the lights are flashing. The Police Department will continue to utilize ESDA with traffic control when possible.

I hope this cleared up any confusion in regards to the traffic light at I394 and Sauk Trail. If not I am willing to discuss this issue in detail with anyone wishing to do so. I can be reached at (708)758-1331.

The Sauk Village Police Department would like to invite all to view a historic event on Saturday June 20th 2008. A historic military vehicle convoy will drive through Sauk Village on this date. The exact time is not known, and we can only provide an estimated time frame between the hours of 09:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The convoy will be traveling west bound on Sauk Trail and is expected to contain 60 to 100 military vehicles. The convoy will begin in South Bend, Indiana and will be ending in Rochelle, Illinois. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and the family to witness this once in a lifetime event.

The Sauk Village Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone the summer months are approaching and the amount of children playing in or around the streets will be increasing. Please be considerate and drive safely.

Thank you and please have a safe summer.

Human Relations Job Fair



*Sauk Village Human Relations Commission
Invites you to meet with
Over 50 Employers
and community organizations at its
Community Job Fair*

When: June 26, 2009

Time: 12:00 - 3:00 pm

*Location: Ed Paesel Community Center
2700 Kalvelage Drive (behind police station)
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411*

*MEET EMPLOYERS WHO ARE HIRING
GET INFORMATION ON COMMUNITY RESOURCES
GET INFORMATION ON APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS
Dress for success. Bring your resumes and a positive attitude
Please contact Beverly Sterrett for additional information 708/753-5120*





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<i>BLOOM TOWNSHIP</i>	<i>754-9400</i>	<i>COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</i>	<i>210-4500</i>
<i>RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</i>	<i>755-4357</i>	<i>McCONATHY LIBRARY</i>	<i>757-4771</i>
<i>COMMONWEALTH EDISON</i>	<i>1-800-334-7661</i>	<i>NICOR</i>	<i>1-888-642-6748</i>
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News from the Mayor

This is my inaugural column for the *Sauk Talk* newsletter, and I wish to take this opportunity to outline the central goals of my Administration, which at this point, has been in office about two months. In a short period, we have rolled up our sleeves and begun the work on reshaping our Village to be a more effective and efficient municipal body. With my theme being to "promote people, pride, prosperity and purpose" in Sauk Village, our focus is to open up government and make Village business more transparent. Secondly, I will require and expect accountability from Sauk Village staff. Simply put, that means giving a day's work for a day's pay.

Another priority for my Administration is improving Village water quality. Recently, we learned from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that the Village's groundwater in a particular well was found to have a contaminant level that exceeded the Illinois Groundwater Standard. However, it's important to note Village drinking water continues to meet IEPA standards. Additionally, we have hired K-Plus Environmental, an engineering firm specializing in testing public water supply, to advise the Village on strategies to improve water quality. We recognize the Village's water quality challenges have been longstanding, and, as such, will likely take a long-term plan to correct and we have commenced work in that direction. My Administration has worked to develop its first budget, and I am pleased to report that it is highlighted by three elements: no employee layoffs, pay down Village debt, and maintain Village services. This budget process has been open to the public, and we have made copies of it available at the Nancy L. McConathy Library, and the Village Municipal Center.

Lastly, we are also committed to insuring that our youth and senior citizens have programs available to serve a variety of social interests and needs. For example, we have provided a six-week summer camp for 100 youth, and they are served daily lunches. This program was funded by a grant provided by Cong. Jesse Jackson, Jr., and established by Judge Michael Studley, Angela Greene, Javette Jones, and my wife Maxine.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

I would first like to thank the residents of Sauk Village for their support and encouragement during the recent village election. I am both proud and humble to hold this position. I look forward to serving the residents in a positive capacity. Sauk Village is going through a vibrant change. One of my goals is to share resources and information with the community. Residents are encouraged to continue to be part of this change. There are several committees and commissions that you can join. As of July 1st Sauk Village

stickers doubled in price. The cost of Village Stickers are now \$50.00 for cars, motorcycles and RV's and trucks start at \$86.00. Senior citizens 62 and older can receive a \$20.00 discount (one per household) keeping in mind that the senior citizen must be the registered party for that vehicle. The Police Department does conduct random, unannounced Safety Checks - where they check for seat belt compliance, current registration, proof of insurance and *properly displayed Village Stickers*. Stickers must be clearly displayed on the lower

passenger side of each vehicle. Tickets for not having a Village sticker on your vehicle start at \$100.00.

Please enjoy a safe and happy summer with your friends and family. Check on your neighborhood seniors especially during the hotter days and keep a look out for the kids!

Sauk Talk

Code Enforcement News

This year 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" in height. That includes weeds growing in fences and around the general vicinity. 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 clean your gutters- we have several homes with trees growing out of them. This causes gutters to break away from the fascia and water will not drain properly.
- Parking on a non hard surface is against the Village ordinance. Please make sure you park on concrete or asphalt.
- Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem & it is prohibited.
- 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. Also, if a pool has a filter system it can not 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.
- Building Permits are required for most work being done to the home. Please call the Building Department before starting work to see if you need a permit.
- If you experience graffiti on your property there is a program available through the Cook County Sheriff's Department. The phone number is (773) 869-4710. They will give you instructions on what needs to be done for removal.

Water Billing Department News

The Village Hall gets numerous phone calls asking when the water bills are sent out. Not everyone gets their water bill at the same time. Residents that are north of Sauk Trail get billed in February, April, June, August, October and December. Residents that are south of Sauk Trail get billed in January, March, May, July, September and November. The water bills are processed the last business day of the month and mailed out the next day unless it is a weekend or a holiday.

Payments can be cash, money order, personal checks, Mastercard or Visa. We also take Mastercard and Visa payments over the phone.

The Village Hall has a drop-box at the northeast corner of the building by the parking lot. It is not attached to the building – it is a stand alone drop-box. *Please* do not use the drop-box that was at our old location by the Police Department - we will not get your payment.

Sauk Talk is Produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams Trustee/Editor and Staff Members Suzanne Downing, Angela Harris, Javette Jones, Maxine Towers, Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauktalk@saukvillage.org.

Parks and Recreation News



LOOKING for *MISTER* and *MISS SAUK VILLAGE*

Attention all Sauk Village young adults ages 14 to 18. This year we are looking for some young men to represent Sauk Village with Miss Sauk Village.

Contestants must be an outstanding member of Sauk Village and be available to represent the young adults of Sauk Village at various Village events.

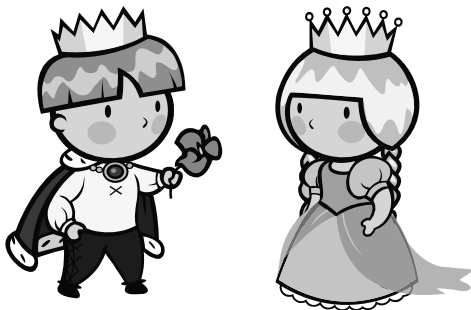
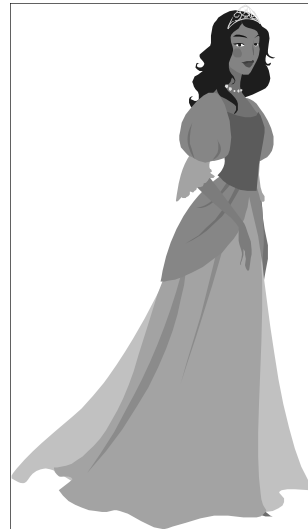
Auditions will take place Friday, August 15, 2009, the crowning will kickoff the Corn & Dog Roast on August 16th. All contestants must be able to attend these events.

Mister Sauk Village Jr.

If you are between the ages of 11 to 13 you may be the next Mr. Sauk Village Jr. and Miss Sauk Village Jr. You would be expected to attend all Village events as you would be representing your age group to all of Sauk Village.

You MUST be available for auditions August 15 and the crowning August 16.

Miss Sauk Village Jr.



Little Mr. Liberty and Little Miss Liberty

Must be 8 to 10 years old.

Available August 15 and 16 .

Responsible for attending Village events and be proud of your community.

Winners of each age group will receive a bundle of gifts. Mr. and Miss Sauk Village will win 4 passes to Great America, a \$50.00 Visa card and Dinner with the Mayor. Mr. and Miss Sauk Village Junior and Mr. and Miss Liberty will win passes to a water park , \$50.00 gift card and Dinner with the Mayor.

Article Approved by Chair/Trustee Benson

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST REGISTER AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

Monday-Friday, 4-8pm, JULY 13-JULY 31. If you have any questions call Sandy at 758-4115.

Community Days... 8/14 – 8/16/2009

WHEN: AUGUST 14-16, 2009
WHERE: BEHIND THE MUNICIPAL CENTER
TIMES- (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED)
FRIDAY 5 PM- 11 PM
SATURDAY 10 AM-11 PM
SUNDAY 12 PM- 8 PM

SAUK VILLAGE COMMUNITY DAYS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF MANY SAUK VILLAGE COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

PARKS & RECREATION-

FRIDAY EVENING FROM 5-8 PM THE PAGEANT FOR MR/MRS SAUK VILLAGE, MR/MRS SAUK VILLAGE JUNIOR AND MR/MRS LIBERTY WILL TAKE PLACE UNDER THE GAZEBO. THE CROWNING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY AT NOON. SEE THE PARKS & REC ARTICLE INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THIS SAUK TALK EDITION.

ALSO ON *SATURDAY*, A NEW AND IMPROVED "CORN AND DOG ROAST" WHICH INCLUDES "DUNK THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD", HORSESHOES, HORSEBACK RIDING, POTATO SACK RACES, LIMBO STICK, DOUBLE DUTCH, HULA HOOPS AND OTHER ASSORTED GAMES COMPLETE WITH PRIZES.

THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL HOST A HEALTH FAIR WITH INFORMATION ON VARIOUS ISSUES FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM 11-4 PM FOLLOWED BY A "YOUTH AWARENESS SUMMIT" IN THE PAESEL COMMUNITY CENTER.

SUNDAY WILL FOCUS PRIMARILY ON "BACK TO SCHOOL" FOR THE KIDS. WE HAVE *SCHOOL DISTRICT 168 AND DISTRICT 168 PTA* AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING BOOK BAGS AND SUPPLIES FROM 12 PM- 4 PM.

THE *Y.E.S. YOUTH GROUP* WILL PERFORM " A MUSICAL TIME LINE" ON SUNDAY FROM 3-5 PM.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE ON HAND THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND. THE NEW AND IMPROVED *CONCERNED CITIZENS OF SAUK VILLAGE* WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AND BEGIN THEIR MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

ALSO, *THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE* WILL ONCE AGAIN PROVIDE GREAT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SPONSORED BY *BEST IN ENTERTAINMENT*. BEST IN ENTERTAINMENT WILL ALSO BE PROVIDING FOOD VENDORS AND MILLER BEER GARDEN. A CARNIVAL WILL ALSO BE FEATURED.

HRC Job Fair Update– 300 + people attended!!!



The Human Relations Commission held its 1st Job Fair on Friday, June 26, 2009 from 12-3p.m., at the Edward Paesel Center. The job fair attracted job seekers from Sauk Village and surrounding cities including: Alsip, Calumet City, Calumet Park, Chicago, Chicago Heights, Hazel Crest, Crete, Country Club Hills, Dolton, Ford Heights, Harvey, Homewood, Lynwood, Markham, Matteson, Park Forest, Richton Park, Riverdale, Robbins, Posen, Steger, South Holland and Tinley Park, IL. Job seekers also traveled from Gary, Hammond, Highland, Miller and Hobart, Indiana in hopes of finding employment.

Our special thanks to the following employers who came out to offer employment opportunities. Employers included:

- BUREAU OF PRISONS ■ CHASE BANK ■ CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ■ COMCAST ■ CRAWFORD BROADCASTING ■ ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY (IDES) ■ INSURE.COM ■ LE BUNNIES DAY CARE
- LOW COST HEALTH BENEFITS ■ MIRACLE CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN
- PRIMERICA ■ TCF BANK ■ THE RESERVE NETWORK ■ WILL STAFF

Our thanks and gratitude also to Mayor Lewis Towers and the Village Board for their support, Trustee Enoch Benson, The Parks and Recreation Committee along with Sauk Village Public Works for their help with labor and set-up and Albert Sancho for his expertise and guidance in organizing this event. The Human Relations Commission decided to organize this event because the group collectively saw a need to help the residents connect with employers as the national unemployment figures continue to rise. It is our primary goal to host events and programs to support the community and residents of Sauk Village.

Demographics from job seekers who attended the Job Fair included:

- # of Males: 51%
- # of Females: 49%
- % of Job Seekers Employed: 27%
- % of Job Seekers Unemployed: 73%
- % of Job Seekers in the following age ranges were:
- Ages: 14-17 – 1%
- Ages: 18-29 – 24%
- Ages 30-38- 29%
- Ages 39-45-21%
- Ages 46-55- 22%
- 56 & Older- 3%



The Human Relations Commission would like to thank all job seekers who attended the Job Fair and for completing our job fair assessment forms. We will take into consideration all suggestions to enhance our events and we wish you the best in your job search!

The Members of the Sauk Village Human Relations Commission:

- Beverly Sterrett, Chair
- Debbie Williams, Vice-President
- Sarah Ridder, Secretary
- Pharoah Halbert, Parliamentarian
- Kimberly Johnson, Member
- Rhoda Sancho, Member
- Levell Baker, Member



Police News

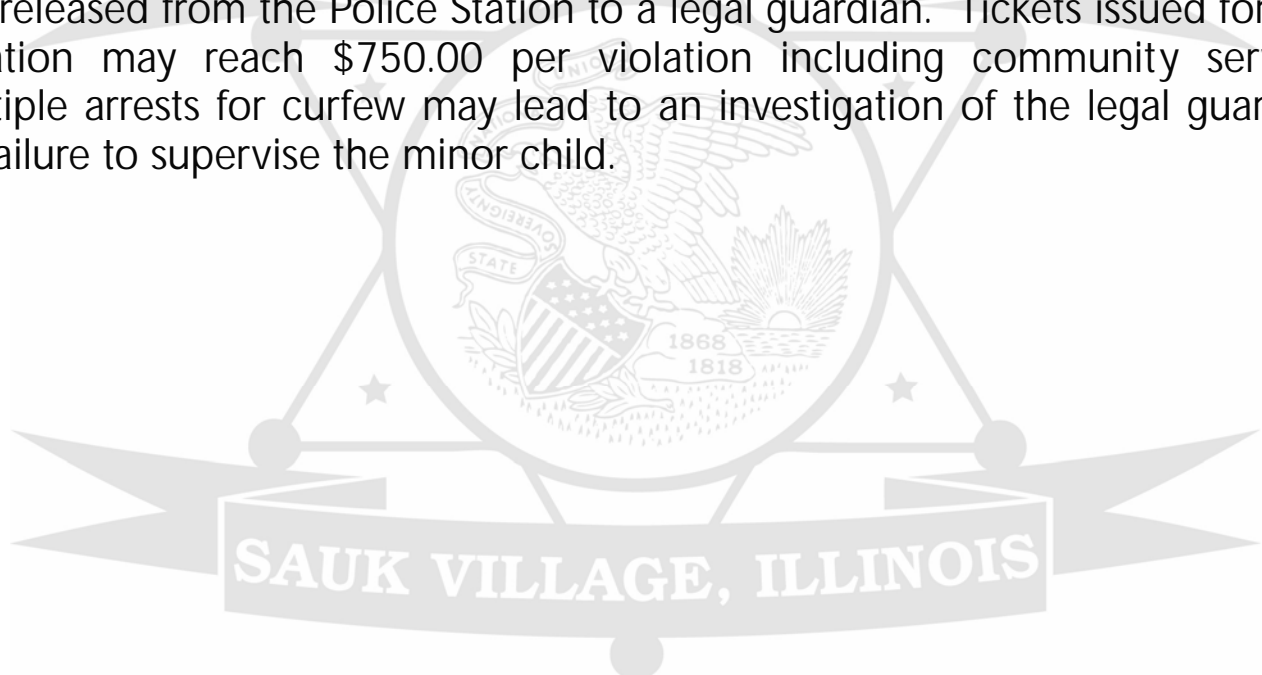


Citizen Police Academy

In September of this year, the Sauk Village Police Department along with the Sauk Village Police Alliance Committee will host the 60 hour Citizen Police Academy, open to persons 18 years of age and older, with the availability for seating going to Sauk Village residents first. This course will cover but not be limited to; Investigations, Patrol Tactics, Major Crimes, Court Testimony, Illinois Laws, Juvenile Laws, Crime Prevention, Crime Scene Investigation, Police Management, Handguns and the use of same and more. More information will be available as soon as the details are made complete.

Curfew

Please make yourself and your children aware of this ordinance and the times of night that it entails. Sunday through Thursday night you must be in at 10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights you must be in by 11p.m. The age for curfew is 17 years of age and younger. In order to be out after curfew you must be with a parent or guardian who takes full responsibility of the minor child. To and from a legitimate place of employment may also be a legal reason for a minor to be out after curfew. Violators of curfew will be taken into custody and released from the Police Station to a legal guardian. Tickets issued for this violation may reach \$750.00 per violation including community service. Multiple arrests for curfew may lead to an investigation of the legal guardian for failure to supervise the minor child.





Police News



Basket Ball Nets

Portable Basketball nets that have popped up all over our community are a great source of exercise, as well as youthful camaraderie and a team building experience. The one consistent complaint that rings true on the phone to the Police Department as well as complaints at the Board Meetings is basketball nets in or near the roadway that obstruct traffic. Basketball nets are NOT to be placed beyond the sidewalk of the property. So, for a clear explanation, if the net is beyond your front grass, which ends on your side of the sidewalk, it's too far out. Nets found on the sidewalk, parkway (the grass between the sidewalk and the street, owned by the Village) or the street, will be confiscated by the police, and taken to Public Works. Proof of ownership will be needed to get property returned as well as a ticket issued to the owner for property being left and or abandoned on Village/Public property, obstructing the Roadway, walking and or playing in the roadway and more. Tickets have been found in court to range from \$50 to \$750. Keep your nets in the driveway, as well as the players. The streets are for cars, not walkers, runners, basketball or people who not in cars!!!! Basketball Players.....Take this as fair warning!!!!!! Don't get your basketball net taken.

Ordinance Review Committee

The ordinance committee has met twice and has so far reviewed the vicious dog ordinance and the curfew ordinance. These two ordinances have been sent on to the chief of staff to be sent on to the attorneys and trustees for final review. We are also currently reviewing ordinances on walking in the streets, truancy, and the residents along 394 have a problem with trucks using jake brakes at early morning hours. The committee will review the state laws concerning this problem and will consider presenting a ordinance to the trustees for approval. If any resident has a question about current ordinances or future ordinances please contact trustee Myers at the village hall. Trustee Myers would like to thank the following people for volunteered to be on the ordinance committee, Jeff Morden, Pat Couch, Nancy Baker, Sherry Jasinski, Mark Galloway, and Carol Myers.

Public Relation Committee News

The Public Relations Committee is looking for more volunteers to help us relate to the residents of Sauk Village. We are responsible for the Sauk Talk, the maintenance of the web site and often the creation and support of the Summer Family Festivals.

We are in the process of redesigning the website and are very hopeful to be bringing the residents a fresher, more informative website very soon!!! If you have not visited the web site please do so. The Public Relations Committee meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Center. Please join us!!!

www.saukvillage.org

Census Committee News

Sauk Village is looking for volunteers to help spread the word about the 2010 Census! Be Counted Day is April 1st 2010, as a resident of Sauk Village, we encourage you to be an active member and make sure you are counted that day.

The Census count is important because it ensures the Village is given the most grant and financial assistance possible to help us provide services for you the resident. It was estimated that the 2000 Census represented that each citizen was worth \$1,000.00 worth of financial assistance from the Federal Government.

We would like your help to get the word out so all of the Citizens of Sauk Village are counted. Please contact Trustee Rosie Williams for more details.

Seniors Do You Know?

Thanks to All those who participated in the first Senior Committee Chili Cook Off which was held on Saturday, May 16, 2009. The Winners and best chili cooks were *First place Delores Randall, Second place was a tie between Melani Hoban & Jim List.*

Special thanks to our volunteers!!! The volunteer judges were Mayor Lewis Towers, Village Clerk, Debbie Williams, Chief of Police Tom Lacheta, Village Director of Finance Beverly Sterrett, Senior guest Joan Klein. Ten volunteers donated the Chili Dorothy Barnes, David Chick, Melani Hoban, Rose Langston, Lauren, Jim List, Nadine Morgan, Delores Randall, Gayle Wonder, and Trustee Francine Anderson. Leon Linder, Claudia and Ken Walker assisted with organizing the event. The fabulous entertainment was provided by '2 FOR THE SHOW' featuring Jake and Cindy, who also volunteered their talents.

Free Movie Monday at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Join us on July 13, 2009 for "Marley & Me" and August 10, 2009 'While You Were Sleeping' is a romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman..

Bloom Township Senior Picnic is scheduled for August 7, 2009 at Veteran Memorial park located at 19101 Halsted Glenwood, Illinois. Tickets are on sale through the senior department and senior citizen clubs for \$3 each. If purchased the day of the picnic, tickets will cost \$4. You can purchase tickets at The Bloom Township Center or from Rose Langston. The Township is also looking for senior residents to participate on their Senior Advisory Council. Contact Cheryl Ford, Senior Director for more information at the township (708) 754-9400 Ext. 244.

Seniors come join the fun at the New Senior Center. We're offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. There will be no Jam session on Sunday July 5, 2009. Come join us at the Independence Day celebration and fire works.

Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am – 12:00noon

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Respond Now still to have a satellite food pantry here in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm. Volunteers are needed.

The telephone number to the Senior Center is 708-753-5141.

**Mayor Lewis Towers
Village of Sauk Village**

Community Days

August 14 -16, 2009



Come Enjoy a Fun Filled Weekend All Are Welcome!

**21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 21801**

**Friday, August 14, 2009 - 5pm - 11pm
Saturday, August 15, 2009 - 12noon - 11pm
Sunday, August 16, 2009 - 12noon - 9pm**

For more information visit the Municipal Center or www.saukvillage.org



Fire Department News



Hurry up and register your kids for our first ever Junior Fire Academy. This “summer camp” style event runs from July 27 to July 31 and is from 9am to noon each day. There will be a graduation/family day on that Saturday, August 1st. Some of the things lined up for the kids are a ride in a fire truck, obstacle courses like the firefighters have to go through, demonstrations by the firefighters, a visit from “Bosco” the police dog, and lots of fun games and activities to teach fire safety and prevention. There is a fee- its \$30 for one child, or \$25 per child if you’re registering more than one kid from the same household. Call the fire station during normal business hours if you have any questions.

There’s no denying that our weather this season has been goofy, to say the least. Regardless, we are well into tornado season. Disaster in general is something nobody likes to think about and your chances of winning the lottery are probably better, but none the less, disaster can strike any of us at any given time. In a disaster situation, like a tornado, there are numerous resources available to us as a fire department and community. But depending on the magnitude of the disaster, it will take time for emergency resources to get to you.

There are things you can do to help yourself. Take a look at these resources-

www.ready.illinois.gov

www.fema.gov

www.alertchicago.org

These websites contain valuable information about preparing and surviving any number of disasters. The key to survival starts with you- take the time to make a family disaster plan and kit. Any of the listed websites can help you with this.

Along these same lines, Sauk Village is notorious for prolonged power outages in certain areas. Again, if you are energy dependant for health reasons, plan ahead. Make arrangements ahead of time for a backup generator or to be moved to another location. As we have learned the hard way over the last couple years, there are significantly more energy dependant residents in town now than in years past and the Fire Department cannot supply generators. Many years ago, that was not the case, but not any more. Like we say here at the Fire Department- plan/prepare for the worst and hope for the best.





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News from the Mayor

Lewis Towers

As Mayor of the Village of Sauk Village I have been in office a little over 100 days. Just as the youth receive report cards from their teachers on the progress that they have made in the classroom, I would like to present the Mayoral report card of my 100 days in office.

As Mayor of the Village of Sauk Village, I have been faced with many challenges. On my first day in office, I found out that the Village budget has a 1.5 million dollar shortfall. As I dig in further, I find that the Village is in need of major infrastructure and water updates.

Not less than a week later, the Village was hit with an IEPA violation of the ground water that flows into Sauk Village. Since that time, the Village has hired an environmentalist, Dan Caplice from K+ Engineering. The firm has gathered data from the city, state, and county agencies about the wells in the surrounding municipalities and Sauk Village that should help locate the source of this ground water contamination. Upon completing

and collecting all of the data a pictorial drawing will be developed that will assist the Village in locating what needs to take place to provide a better quality of water to the Village.

The Village has met with Robinson Engineering to began a long term approach to water improvement. The ultimate goal for the Village would be to connect and receive water from Lake Michigan.

I am proud to say that there have been two successful events since I have been in office. The 5th of July Fireworks display and of course the Back To School Community Days Festival. Both events were a great success. I would like to take this time to thank the Parks and Recreation Committee, School District #168, District #168 PTA, Ken Lena of Best in Entertainment and the many volunteers that assisted with putting this event together. This could not have gone over so well without your assistance.

Sauk Village has been awarded some money from the

Federal Stimulus Package. The money will assist in improving Village Parks as well as some Village streets. Robinson Engineering pursued some stimulus money that will assist in emergency road repairs in the near future. The good news came from the Office of our very own Senator, Toi Hutchinson and our State Representative Anthony DeLuca. I would like to thank the State Representative and the Senator for all of their efforts in helping Sauk Village receive this much needed funding.

Sauk Village is looking forward to beginning emergency road repairs with Robinson Engineering. If all goes as planned, repairs will begin in late October.

The United States 2010 Census is here. I have been in contact with the Director of the Census Program and Sauk Village has received materials that will assist in the count for the 2010 Census..

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News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Village Board meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Center located at 21801 Torrence Avenue. These are public meetings and audience members may address the Mayor and the Board of Trustees on any concerns they have about the Village.

Committee of the Whole meetings are also held on the

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of The month at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Center. Audience members may address the Mayor and the Board of Trustees on agenda items only. Residents are encouraged and always welcomed to attend these meetings.

The Municipal Center hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am-5 pm. Except on the

2nd & 4th Tuesdays when they remain open until 8:00 pm and the last Wednesday of each month the hours are 9 am -5 pm. There are no scheduled Board or Committee meetings on the 5th Tuesday of any month.

There is a night depository located outside the Municipal Center for water bill payments after hours..

Happy Fall!



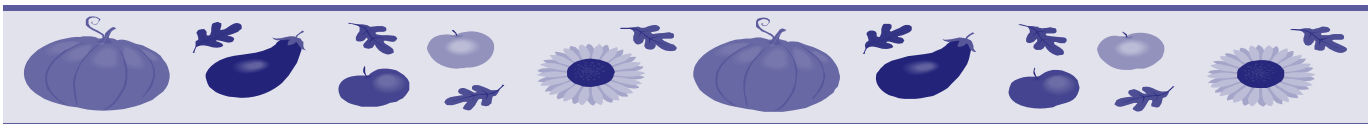
Code Enforcement News – Sherri Jasinski, Director



From the Desk of Community Development

I would like to thank everyone that has completed their property maintenance. We encourage everyone to participate, it enhances the overall appearance of the community. For any resident that has received a property maintenance letter, time is running out for the work to be completed. With fall 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 fall/winter months.
- Please store garbage/containers to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage overflowing in front of houses; it creates a nuisance for surrounding neighbors that have to pick up trash that is blowing into their yards and into the streets. Garbage is not to be placed out on the parkway until after 6:00p.m the night before your pick-up.
- Please be advised there is no parking on a non-hard surface – all vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.



Sauk Talk is compiled by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams, Trustee, and committee members Angela Harris, Javette Jones, Maxine Towers, Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams with special thanks to Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauk-talk@saukville.org.

2nd Annual Community Change 2009: A Family Back to School Picnic

Sauk Village Citizens
Empowerment Organization, Inc.
(SVCEO)
& Right Touch Barber Shop's

On Sunday, August 9, 2009, the volunteer community organizers of Sauk Village Citizens Empowerment Organization, Inc. (SVCEO) & Right Touch Barber Shop partnered up and braced for what had been forecasted to be the hottest day of the summer. At high Noon, residents began to arrive at Plum Creek Forest Preserve on 223rd & Burnham, with their young children in tow. While an array of music made its way across the fields, accompanied by an ever so appreciated pleasant breeze, folks enjoyed complimentary hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soft drinks. Young and old alike rocked to the music – kids romped in the inflatable jumping gym, played ball, ran around and participated in hula hoop contests, until their hearts were content – while seasoned card connoisseurs relished in friendly games of Bid Whist. An added treat for the children was the arrival of the Sauk Village Fire Department who hooked up the hose and allowed them to play in the water and cool off. Kids could be heard giggling a block away -- they had a ball!

SVCEO & Right Touch Barber Shop's goal was to provide free school supplies during these tough economic times to 100 school aged children. Our goal was met. Plus, 30 more book bags were also given away by raffle. In addition, the "Gift of Hope" organization distributed their literature organ donations to families and donated stuffed animals and travel mugs.

As the last book bag had been awarded and the sun began to settle into the backdrop, a total of 229 residents had successfully weathered the heat that day.

SVCEO & Right Touch Barber Shop are looking forward to an even more successful event next year, as we gear up for our 3rd Annual Back to School Picnic, scheduled to be held in August 2010. We hope to see you there!

SVCEO & Right Touch Barber Shop would like to extend their appreciation to the following people/businesses for their donations which helped make the event a success:

Francine Anderson, SV Trustee
Drills Pest Management
The Randall Family
Park National Bank
Calumet Class of 1977 Reunion
Comm.

Lewis Towers, Mayor of Sauk Village
Enoch Benson, SV Trustee
Tiger Distributing Company
Mr. Cecial Tates

Also a special "Thank You" to:

The Sauk Village Fire Department
Mr. Ed Myers, SV Trustee
Mr. Derrick Burgess, SV Trustee
Mr. Ronald Curry, Gift of Hope
Mr. Perry Randall
Ms. Linda Walker
Mrs. Sherry Hardin
Mrs. Angela Minix-Tates
Mr. & Mrs. Sterrett
Ms. Rose Langston on behalf of SV's
Senior Organizations

Library News – Nanette Wargo, Director

Afternoon Movies for Kids

The McConathy Public Library District Summer Reading Program ended on August 12th, 2009. Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the program. Library prize winners were: Jennifer Chandler, Jason Craddock Jr., Chuckie Cutler, Haley Dettloff, Jacob Nichols, Adam Poole, Rachel Schutt and Kayla Smith.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 16th, the library will host Children's movies at 3:00p.m. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by someone fourteen years of age or over.

September 16, 2009	Race to Witch Mountain
September 23, 2009	Scooby-doo
September 30, 2009	Monsters, Inc.
October 7, 2009	The Lion King
October 14, 2009	Monsters vs. Aliens
October 21, 2009	Shrek
October 28, 2009	Shrek 2



Lions Club Outdoor "Flea Market/Craft Show"

Date: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th, 2009 8 AM -2 PM

Location: St James Church 22400 S. Torrence Avenue Sauk Village, IL

Spaces may still be available (\$25.00 for 16 X 34 space)

You will need to provide your own table and chairs.

(Set up will begin at 7 AM)

Contact Pam Scott for further information 708/757-2170

Between 9 am- noon (Mon-Fri)





Human Relations Commission News— Beverly Sterrett

2009 SAUK ARROW AWARD

The Sauk Village Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations for the 2009 Sauk Arrow Award. The HRC annually recognizes individuals for contributions and efforts that improve the quality of life in Sauk Village. Eligible individuals that assist in charitable contributions to our citizens or mentor our youth are candidates for this prestigious award. We want to recognize someone whose philanthropic contributions have aided in the enhancement and/or improved quality of life in Sauk Village.

If you know of a person or organization that has shown exceptional initiative and positively impacted the citizens of Sauk Village or an individual or organization that has a lifetime of contributions to the Village through volunteering or otherwise that is the person or organization HRC wants to recognize.

The 2008 Sauk Arrow Award was presented to Officer Joshua Morris and his wife Stefanie for their tireless contributions to the youth of Sauk Village through their mentoring program for youth.

To make a nomination simply fill in the form below nominations will close at 5:00 pm October 31, 2009 (*include your name and contact information in case we need to get in touch with you*).

I would like to nominate _____ for the 2009 Sauk Arrow Award. I feel this person/organization should be recognized for exceptional _____



Police News



POLICE DEPARTMENT GETS ANOTHER COP!

Earlier this year when the President spoke of an upcoming stimulus package, I sent two of my senior staff members to grant writing school in anticipation of these funds. A month later the work began on multiple grants. Early on, the department was granted a Tobacco Underage Prevention Grant, followed by an electronics grant for the visual capture of sex offenders within our town. In late July 2009, the Department was granted the biggest grant of all!! \$238,000.00 to hire a Police Officer for the next three years with no Village matching funds. The Village's obligation is only to keep this officer after the grant expires in July of 2013. This brings the department's total sworn officers to 27! The department has grown from 19 officers to the current 27 over the past 9 years. Early in the Mayor's campaign he told me that his goal was not to lay off police officers and eventually increase the department's number of officers, we are already well on our way to keeping this important promise to our residents.

Chief Tom Lacheta

BURGLARY ARRESTS ON THE RISE.

Thanks to some wonderful, alert and responsible residents, the police department was able to arrest even more of our burglars. Several anonymous callers have notified police of unusual activities in their neighborhoods. The results have been fantastic, the police were able to arrest many offenders with YOUR help and still stay anonymous. Again, if you see something in or around your home that doesn't look right, call the police and try to stay on the phone and give all the information you can to the 911 operator while police are on their way and even as they arrive on scene.

Chief Lacheta



Police News



Police Citizens Academy

In late September the police department working with the Police Alliance Committee will be offering this academy to anyone interested who are over the age of 18. This class will have openings for 40 students allowing Sauk Village Residents first chance at the seating. Back ground checks will be done on all applicants prior to their acceptance. These classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 7pm to 9 pm and on Sundays from 6 pm to 9 pm. Applications are now available at the Sauk Village Police Department and must be turned in no later than September 20th at 5 pm. Students accepted will be notified as soon as the application has passed. Hope to see you there.

Some items covered: Firearms, detective work, traffic, Illinois law, 911 center, evidence handling, crime scene investigations, budget, community oriented policing and much , much more.

There is no cost for this class. Classes will end in November graduating at an open board meeting if feasible.

Chief Lacheta

Continuation of Mayor's Article

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I am asking for volunteers that wish to serve on this committee. Please contact the Village Hall and inform the Chief of Staff, (Brunetta Hill-Corley) that you would like to join this committee. Notification of the committee meeting will be announced soon.

There is so much that needs to be done. There are times that I wonder how is it all going to get done. I tell myself to have patience, and in time the promotion of prosperity, good will and progress will flourish in the Village of Sauk Village. I look forward to bringing the very best to the Village of Sauk Village. We are moving in

a changed atmosphere, it is happening all around us. I leave you with one closing comment. I cannot do it alone. I need the residents of Sauk Village to continue to work with me in this changed atmosphere. Sauk Village is a good place and will become an even better place for us to live and raise our families.

Public Relation Committee News – Rosie Williams, Chair

The Public Relations Committee is still looking for volunteers. Please contact Trustee Williams at Village Hall if you would like to help out. We are about to enter a busy phase with the beginning of Student Government Day just around the corner.

Also, if you have attended a Board meeting recently you will know that the Sauk Talk has been under much debate. As the chair, I feel obligated to explain some basic policies. All bimonthly articles are written by officials, department heads or their designees and submitted by the last Friday of the month by midnight. The articles are then compiled and arranged. The entire file is then submitted to the publisher. The original deadline is not always met by officials and department heads. If articles are not submitted timely,

the entire process is delayed. This is the reason you may be receiving your Sauk Talk later than you would like.

Also, it is important to point out that the articles, once submitted, are not rechecked for corrections of date, times or information. If you do have any questions regarding a particular article, you can contact me and I can direct you to its original writer.

As always, I encourage the residents to come to a Board meeting. Meetings are every Tuesday, except for any 5th Tuesday, at 7:00 pm. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday is a Committee meeting, discussing specific items. The 2nd and 4th meeting are open to discussion about all concerns. Please join us!!

Rickover Scholars - Cody Garza & David Zachary Fox

Cody and David were both awarded the title of *All American Scholar* by the United States Achievement Academy. Sheri Foreman nominated them both for this amazing award. Along with this prestigious award, both children will be featured in the All American Scholar Yearbook which is published and distributed nationally. This program was designed to allow teachers, coaches and counselors the opportunity to be recognized and sponsor students who excel in school. The USAA requires that all recognized students must earn a 3.3 GPA or higher.

Cody Garza is a resident along with his parents Brandy and Joseph Garza, who are so proud of their son. His grandparents, Laura & Kenneth King and Stella & Abel Garza are equally proud of him.

The parents of David Zachary Fox also acknowledge his success. Parents David & Susan have shared the news with his Grandparents Samuel & Alicia Diaz and Roy & Virginia Fox and they are equally pleased.

Seniors Do You Know?

Join us for *FREE Movie Mondays* at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Refreshments are served. Here's the list of upcoming movies;

September 14, 2009 "Above the Law"

October 5, 2009 "Rumor has it"

November 9, 2009 "What About Bob"

December 8, 2009 "Red Rock West"

October 5, 2009 at 11:00am the Library will be offering a Senior Luncheon with the Sauk Village Police Dept as their guest speaker. Your reservations must be made at the library by September 29, 2009 for the luncheon.

It's Spaghetti Dinner Time. Join the Sauk Village Senior Committee for Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday October 17, 2009 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Great Entertainment provided by the MORGAN Family for the cost of \$5.00.

Save the Date of Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 10:00am -1:00pm. Learn more about HOME HEALTH, the different type of services available and as well as information for Care givers, what is assisted living compared to nursing home care.

The Senior Center offers social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am – 12:00noon

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Volunteers are needed for *Respond Now* the satellite food pantry here in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm.

- *The telephone number to the Senior Center is 708-753-5141.*
- *Francine Anderson, Chair*

Public Works News – Kevin Weller, Director

Storm water runoff entering Lake Michigan Image courtesy Save the Dunes Storm water enters our waterways unfiltered and untreated.

Storm water runoff is all the water that runs off hard surfaces during rainstorms. This water does not seep into the ground during storms; instead it runs straight into streams, rivers, and lakes. Storm sewer drains are installed to carry excess runoff away from the areas where we live. Storm sewers do not carry excess runoff to the sewage treatment plant, as many people believe. The collected runoff is released directly into our waterways untreated.

There are many reasons why storm water runoff can be harmful. Storm water should ideally be absorbed into soil and detoxified by natural processes, including microbial breakdown. In natural systems, rainwater is absorbed by the soil or plants on the ground. However, when soil surfaces are covered with impermeable materials like pavement and housing, the storm water flows along these surfaces, picking up trash, harmful chemicals and sediment along the way and finally dumping them directly into our lakes and streams untreated. This is known as non point pollution. EPA experts believe that the biggest form of pollution today is non-point source. Many of the pollutants in our water come from our everyday activities. This pollution is caused by all of us.

Excessive nutrients released into our lakes and streams promotes unsightly and harmful algae growth. Sediments and garbage can ruin the aesthetic and recreational value of our waterways. Many of our communities rely on Lake Michigan for drinking water; these contaminants must be filtered from the water at great public expense. These same pollutants can also leak into groundwater, harming another important drinking water source in our region.

The actions we take (or don't take) during each day can contribute to the harmful contamination and degradation of our waterways. Fortunately, there are many small steps that everyone can take that will contribute to a better environment.

Do your Part to Protect our Water Resources:

- Dispose of unwanted household cleaners, chemicals and oil properly. Take them to your local hazardous waste center on collection day.
- Take good care of your car; regular checkups will detect any leaks. Take the car to the carwash (most carwashes have water treatment systems) or wash it on your lawn.
- Pick up after your pets! It's not only considerate, but also keeps harmful bacteria out of the water supply. Dispose of the waste in the toilet or trash.
- Lawn care: select a low-P lawn fertilizer and use only the amount recommended by the manufacturer. Avoid application of

lawn care products before heavy rains- you're wasting money and contributing to water pollution!

- Go Native! Consider using native plants in your landscape: once established, their care needs are minimal. Mulching around your plants keeps weeds down and reduces watering needs. You'll end up saving money on fertilizers, water and pesticides AND keep those chemicals out of our water supply, too.
- Install a rain barrel: collect the runoff from your roof and use it to water the lawn and garden during dry spells. One inch of rainfall on 1000 square feet of roof equals 623 gallons of water!
- Put the hose away and pick up a broom! Sweep excess lawn care products, grass clippings and dirt back onto the lawn, rather than washing them into the storm sewer (and our water resources)!

Provided by the Municipal Storm water Community Partnership

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage IN 46368

(219) 763-6060 www.nirpc.org
Contact Mary Beth Wiseman,
Environmental Planner
mwiseman@nirpc.org for more information.



Parks and Recreation News

Trustee Enoch Benson

The 2009 Back to School Community Days Festival was a huge success. The crowning of Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village, Junior Mr. Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty took place on Sunday, August 16th. The winners and runner-ups are as follows:

Miss Sauk Village: Jakia Rush

Runner-up: Chamera Johnson

Mr. Sauk Village Junior: Aarron Davis

Runner-up: Robert Chavez Jr.

Miss Sauk Village Junior: Milissa Morden

Little Miss Liberty: Samantha Rybicki

Runner-up: Kathryn Chavez





Fire Department News— Chris Sewell, Chief



The week of July 27-31 was pretty crazy around the fire station- in a good way! This was the week of our first ever Junior Fire Academy. From 9 am to noon all that week 28 kids from Sauk Village and surrounding communities came to the fire station decked out in their bright orange Academy t-shirts and beige ball caps to learn about fire safety, to see how and why firefighters do what they do, and to have some fun in the process. The week was ended with a graduation ceremony at the fire station. Parents and family were invited and were treated to hotdogs and burgers followed by the kids getting their certificates. Along with the certificates, pictures were provided of each kid sitting in the fire truck as well as a group shot.

The Junior Fire Academy was ultimately a huge success and would not have been possible without the help and support of so many individuals and sponsors. The kids were broke down by age into three teams, or Fire Companies. Each company had an actual firefighter as a team leader and two volunteers as helpers. Their job was simply to get the kids to and from activity stations and maintain order. They all did a great job and we couldn't have done this without them. I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the sponsors who in some way contributed to the success of this program- The Oakwood Group, Lansing; Walt's Foods, Crete; Wonder Bread, Matteson; Moo & Oink, South Holland; Ace Hardware, Sauk Village; Fairway Foods, Sauk Village; Pick-Ups Bar & Grill, Lynwood; Steger Memorial Chapel, Steger; and Mr. William Bishop, Candlelight Village. Once again, thank you all for your support and contributions.

Finally, the week of October 12, 2009 is Fire Prevention Week. As with every year at that time, the Fire Department will be hosting events and visiting the schools to speak to the kids about fire safety. The theme this year is "Don't get Burned." According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there were 399,000 home fires in 2007, most of which were preventable. The drive behind Fire Prevention Week is to stop fires before they start by teaching simple fire safety rules. Stay tuned as October approaches for event dates and times!





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Sauk Talk

News from the Mayor

Lewis Towers

Happy autumn! The trees in the village are changing colors and the leaves are beginning to fall. Public works has set the schedule for leaf pick-up. Leaves may be raked to the curb beginning on November 7th. Leaves will be picked up beginning on November 9th. Pick up will continue through November the 15th.

A lot has been going on in our village over the past three months. After 28 years of service, Police Chief Thomas Lacheta has retired. I would like to thank Chief Lacheta for the services that he has rendered to the Village of Sauk Village in those 28 years. I wish him well, and extend the best of luck to Tom and his family. Congratulations are in order for the Village Interim Chief, Rebecca Sailsbery. The Village of Sauk Village was in receipt of a First Cops Grant in the amount of \$238 thousand dollars. This grant will allow the village to hire an additional full time Police officer for the next three years.

I would also like to thank Jim Griegel for the many years of service that he has rendered to the Village as Treasurer. Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of our community. The newly appointed Treasurer

for the village is Sauk Village resident, Genorise Carmichael. The Village Board of Trustees and I are looking forward to working with you.

Line Dancing has arrived in the village and is being held at the Community Center on Mondays, from 7:00PM-9:00PM. For the past two weeks there has been a full house of residents and people from the surrounding municipalities. We are having a great time and it seems as if everyone is enjoying the fun of line dancing. Come out and join us.

The Youth Group is back up and running as the Youth Arts Program, directed by Sauk Village resident, Yolanda Robinson. Mrs. Robinson is doing a fantastic job with the youth. The Youth Group meets four days a week (Monday –Thursday) at the Community Center from 3:00PM-6:00PM. The Youth Group is currently practicing for the Holiday Play. Other activities include arts and crafts, dancing and a study table. Snacks are being served to the group at the end of each session.

The Boxing program is off to a great start also. Coach Rob Chavez is doing an excellent job with the youth

and this boxing program. The kids are punching away and are having a great time. Thank you Coach Chavez. Keep up the good work.

VISTA (Visiting in Service to America) has arrived in the Village of Sauk Village. VISTA is located in the Community Center and has a variety of community services that are being offered. Please stop by and visit this program. Thanks to the SSDMC and their Executive Director Angela Greene for all of her assistance in the set up of this program.

Respond Now and Panera Bread are still providing a satellite food pantry for our community. This program is in the Community Center on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please stop by and receive necessary assistance from these two groups.

Safety in the Village is important to everyone. As the seasons and the time changes, please be mindful of your comings and goings from your home. Be watchful for your neighbors and be aware of any suspicious activities that may be going on in your neighborhood. (cont'd on page 2).

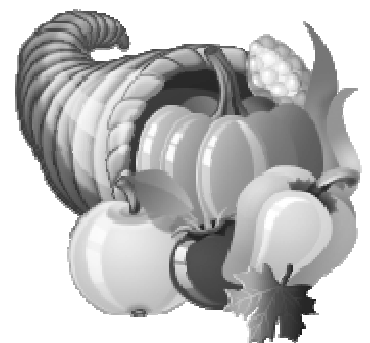
News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Check out the new Clerk's Page on the web at www.saukville.org. Sauk Village Board meeting agendas and minutes are now posted on the site. Local happenings and a link for the Sauk Village Board, Committee and Commission meetings will be available on the new News & Events page.

The Village Hall will be closed on November 26th and 27th, December 24th and 25th and January 1, 2010 in observance of the holidays.

My sincerest wish for you and yours for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous holiday season.



Continued Mayor's Article

Do not be afraid to report any activities that may cause harm and or damage to yourself and your neighborhood. I ask that you call the Village Hall (758-3330) and notify the Police (758-1331) when necessary. As I have always said, an informed Mayor is how the job can and will get done.

The Village is working hard on the financial problems that have been placed upon us. The Chief of Staff, Brunetta Hill-Corley and the Finance Director, Beverly Sterrett are working diligently with our team of Financial Advisors, Kane and McKenna and Village Attorney, Jimmy Vasselli as it relates to securing a loan for the Village of Sauk Village. I am thankful and proud to say that State Representative Anthony DeLuca and Senator Toi Hutchinson's efforts have paid off again for the Village of Sauk Village. Another grant has been awarded to the Village in the amount of \$250 thousand dollars for village streets and road infrastructure repairs. Jim Czarnik of Robinson Engineering has informed the Village that we are in receipt of monies from IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) that will also assist in road repair. The initial CDBG grant is well under way with hope to begin in December repairing 225th Place. I am thanking everyone that has assisted and is assisting the Village with receiving grants and financing that will improve Village streets and neighborhoods.

The Census 2010 committee is up and running. There is quite a bit of Census Count Tokens that are in need of being placed in the residents hands. Throughout the week and on weekends a Census committee member will be visiting your local neighborhood. Stand Up and Be Counted in the Village of Sauk Village. We cannot receive those federal dollars that the Village is in need of, if you do not file the Census 2010 Stand up and be counted profile. If you should have any questions regarding the Census 2010, please feel free to contact the Village Hall and ask for the Chief of Staff, Brunetta Hill-Corley.

I would like to wish you and your family a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Public Relations News

The Public Relations Committee is remaining busy with Student Government Day 2010. This will be the 35th Anniversary of Student Government Day in Sauk Village. We are very excited to be a part of this. This program will be offered to 8th graders in Sauk Village schools.

The topic for this year will be the 2010 Census and just how important it is to be counted. Some of the Village's revenue comes from Government funding. The grants and loans are fundamentally funded by the population of our Village. In order to maximize on this funding we need to ensure that every person is counted!!! It will be curious to see how the 8th graders see themselves on a larger scale, and how they can support this valiant Census mission.

The Public Relations committee is still looking for members. We want to remain an active committee, and to do that we need new ideas and

new people. Please contact Trustee Williams for more details.

The Public Relations committee was sponsoring a line dancing program at the Library on Mondays at 6pm. We were unable to gain permission to use the Community Center, and were forced to go to the Library. Due to the lack of space and the floor material, the Public Relations program at the Library will conclude on Monday, November 30, 2009.

On behalf of myself and my committee, I would like to wish you a joyous and SAFE Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, and New Year. See you in 2010



Sauk Talk is Produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams Trustee/Editor and Staff Members Nanette Wargo Debbie Williams, and contributing editor Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauktalk@saukvillage.org.

Sauk Village Housing Authority

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.

SMOKE DETECTORS / 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. If it has a 9-volt battery, change the battery once a year.

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.

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 tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards.

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.

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.

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



Seniors Do You Know?

Thanks to all of the citizens that participated in the Spaghetti Dinner held on Saturday October 17, 2009. Great Entertainment was provided by the MORGAN Family and Flora Haynes with Line dancing. Extra Special Thanks to the Volunteers, Park National Bank employees, Belinda Dekruiff, Barbara Monk, Tatshia, Kathy, Donna, Helena, Alicia, Frances Fedorenko, Ken & Claudia Walker and Saul Bozeman

Seniors come join the fun at the New Senior Center. We're offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

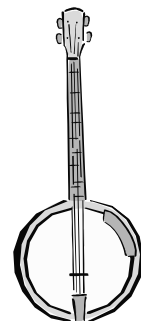
Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am – 12:00noon

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Join us for FREE Movie Mondays at the McConathy Public Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Refreshments are served. The next movie will be **Red Rock West** on December 14, 2009

Respond Now still has a satellite food pantry here in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm. Volunteers are needed.

- **The telephone number to the Senior Center is 708-753-5141.**



Fire Department News

Fire Prevention Week was the week of October 5 this year and as usual it was a pretty busy week around the fire station. Assemblies were held at Wagoner, Strassburg, and Rickover schools. The theme this year was on burn injuries and how not to get burned.

The week was concluded with a coordinated event at the Sauk Village McDonald's. The Fire Department went to McDonald's and set up the fire truck in the parking lot. Sparky and Flashy the fire dogs were out there to meet visitors. Those that came out to see the fire equipment were given coupons for freebies from McDonald's.

Since the September Sauk Talk, there has been a change in leadership at the Sauk Village Fire Department. On September 27, 2009, Christopher Sewell resigned as the fire chief. Chris was offered a position as fire chief with the Village of Flossmoor. This was a tremendous move for Chris and we at the Sauk Village Fire Department wish him all the best. As fire chief, Chris, during his seven year run, accomplished many great things for this department. Among the most noticeable accomplishments were the replacement of two very aged vehicles and the winning of almost a million dollars in grant funds which went toward the new aerial truck, new firefighting gear, new air packs, and a number of other very important and otherwise costly items. Chief Sewell was a fair and reasonable man and only ever wanted what was best for his department and the Village he grew up in. He will be missed.

Immediately following Chief Sewell's resignation, Deputy Fire Chief Alan Stoffregen was asked to fill in as Acting Chief until a more permanent replacement could be named. But on October 13, Stoffregen was officially sworn in as the new Fire Chief. Al brings 40 years of experience with the Sauk Village Fire Department to the table. Over those years, Al has worked his way up through the ranks and has served as Deputy Chief for 17 years. Recognizing Chief Sewell's many accomplishments, Chief Stoffregen's wish is to see this department continue to move forward in a positive direction as we continue to strive to provide the best possible service for the citizens of Sauk Village.

On October 14, 2009, Governor Pat Quinn signed a proclamation that a public health emergency exists in Illinois in regards to the H1N1 virus. For emergency services providers, this means extra care in patient contact and the possibility of assisting with mass vaccinations. For you, this means that the vaccination will be available and that you should likewise be extra cautious of personal hygiene particularly in public places- wash your hands regularly. This is by no means a reason to panic. You are encouraged to visit the Illinois Department of Public Health's website for detailed instructions as well as signs and symptoms to be alert for. The website is www.idph.state.il.



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St. James News

Christmas Craft Show

ST. JAMES CHURCH

22400 S. TORRENCE AVE—

SAUK VILLAGE, IL

SATURDAY—DECEMBER 5

9AM-3PM

COME ON OUT FOR A FUN DAY!

ENJOY BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WITH US

CHECK OUT THE GREAT BARGAINS

THAT OUR CRAFTERS HAVE TO

OFFER

SANTA WILL BE HERE TO FIND

OUT IF YOU'VE BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE!!



Thursday, December 31, 2009

St. James Church—

22400 S. Torrence Ave—

Sauk Village, IL

708-757-2170

DOORS OPEN—7PM

FULL BUFFET DINNER SERVED FROM 7PM-9PM

CASH BAR—PARTY FAVORS

COMPLIMENTARY CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING 8:30PM-1AM

\$25.00 PER PERSON

INTERESTED IN PURCHASING TICKETS?

STOP BY THE NEW YEAR'S EVE TABLE OR

CALL 708-757-2170

Public Works News

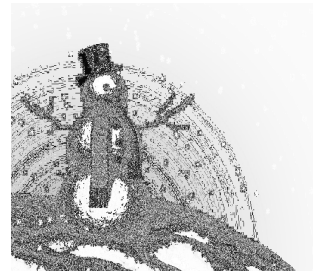
The Public Works Department salts and plows the village streets, village ordinance states **No parking on village streets after 2” snow or until completely removed.** As plows clear the streets, they push the snow toward the curb. Inevitably, the snow will be pushed in front of driveway entrance. Unfortunately, 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 there driveway, **without putting it back into the village street. VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED**

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. As a side note, the salt supplies this year are not what they should be and the demand is up; so the cost is up

Respectively , Sauk Village Public Works



Community Development

Tenants, if you are having issues with your Landlord please feel free to contact our department. We will gladly assist you in getting your problems corrected. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

708-758-3330

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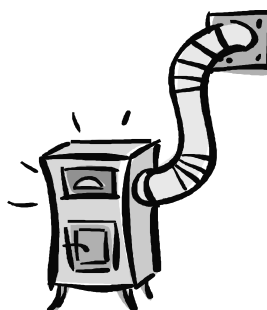
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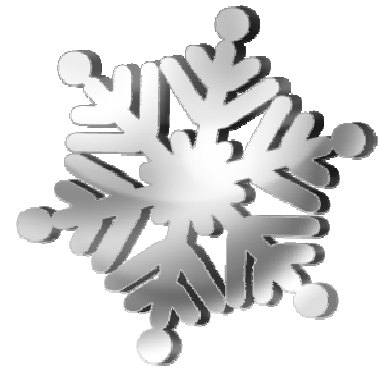
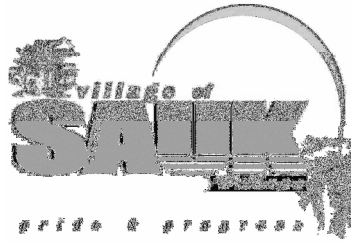
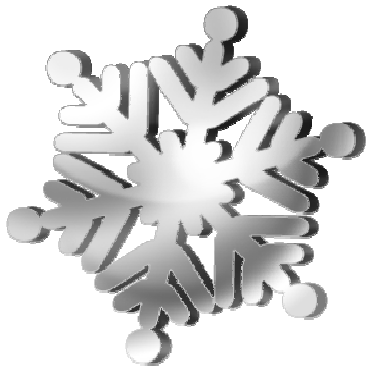
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EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 15TH THROUGH MAY 31ST

If your Landlord is not providing these minimum temperatures,You should call the Cook County Department of Building and Zoning 708-974-0500





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Sauk Village, Illinois 60411

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WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG

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POLICE & FIRE NON-EMERGENCY	758-1331		

COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	753-5141
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BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
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RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	McCONATHY LIBRARY	757-4771
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COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
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