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Sauk Talk

News from the Village Clerk

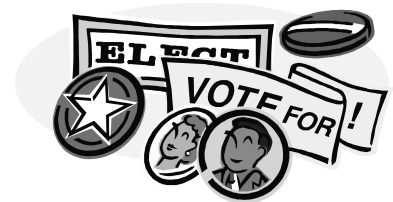
Debbie Williams

Happy New Year! Here's hoping that you and yours had a wonderful holiday season.

Check out the election information for the February 2, 2010 Gubernatorial Election posted on page 2 Changes have occurred to precincts and polling places. To get more information on candidates, polling places and important dates- check out www.voterinfonet.com. Sauk Village is in Bloom Township.

Offices up for election in 2010 include:

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representatives
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- State Comptroller
- State Treasurer
- State Senators (some)
- State Representatives
- Cook County Board President
- Cook County Commissioners
- Cook County Assessor
- Cook County Clerk
- Cook County Treasurer
- Cook County Sheriff
- Cook County Board of Review Commissioner (1st district)
- Appellate and Circuit Court Judges
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners (some)
- Regional Superintendent of Schools
- Democratic, Republican & Green Party Township Committeemen



Public Relations News

Happy New Year!! The Public Relations Committee has been busy over the last few months. We are in the process of preparing for Student Government Day 2010.



Student Government Day is an opportunity for the 8th Graders in Sauk Village to assume the roles of elected officials during an actual board meeting. The winners are chosen based on essays written about a topic chosen by this committee. The students always enjoy the tour of Municipal

facilities, performing at the board meeting, and the dinner held in their honor.

Due to the budgetary constraints of the village, the Public Relations Committee has been working diligently to raise the funds necessary to fund our events. Student Government Day has been a tradition for over 35 years and we would like this event to continue without cutting back in any way. We have held many fundraisers and will continue to do so until we have achieved the funds necessary to hold this and other annual events put on this committee.

Also, the Public Relations committee is still looking for more members. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Center. For more information on these fundraisers, or to join the committee, please contact Trustee Rosie Williams at Rwilliams@saukville.org.

On behalf of the Public Relations committee, may happiness and health be bestowed upon you in 2010!!



Election News from the Village Clerk

February 2, 2010 Primary Election Key Dates

Date	Event
12/24/2009	First day <u>absentee ballot applications</u> are accepted
1/5/2010	Last day to <u>register to vote</u>
1/6/2010	First day of <u>grace period registration and voting</u>
1/11/2010	First day of <u>Early Voting</u>
1/26/2010	Last day of <u>grace period registration and voting</u>
1/28/2010	Last day of <u>Early Voting</u>
1/28/2010	Last day <u>military and overseas voters</u> may request an absentee ballot
1/29/2010	<u>In-person absentee voting</u> begins at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers Last day voted mail-in absentee ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office
2/1/2010	Last day of in-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers

Precinct 7 - First Apostolic Church
22709 State Street Steger IL

Precinct 26 & 55- Rickover Jr High
22151 Torrence Avenue

Precinct 27 - McConathy Library
21737 Jeffery Avenue

Precinct 16- Candlelight Village
4 Candlelight Drive

Precinct 23 & 53- Paesel Center
2700 Kalvelage Drive

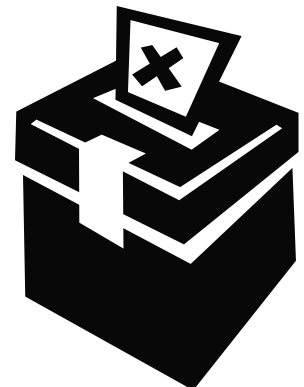
Precinct 32 - St. James Church
22400 S Torrence Avenue

SAUK VILLAGE POLLING PLACES- REVISED 2010

Precinct Changes

Bloom Precinct 28 is now Pct 27
Bloom Precinct 79 is now Pct 55

Bloom Precinct 93 is now Pct 53
Bloom Precinct 89 is now Pct 26



Check out www.saukvillage.org for information or call Village Clerk Debbie Williams at 708/753-5121.

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Seniors Do You Know?



- **It's Chili Cook Off time!!! Volunteers needed.** If you think you make the best Chili in town? Then come and participate in the Senior Chili Cook Off. Monetary prizes will be awarded. For more information contact Trustee Francine Anderson.

- **SENIORS** come sample the best Chili in Town at **The Chili Cook Off** being held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. The cost is \$2:00 for all you can eat.

- **Free Movie Monday** at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. The next Movie Dates are January 11, 2010, February 8, 2010. There will be a speaker preceding the movie, beginning at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served afterward, please contact the Library to make you reservation.



- Seniors come join the fun at the Senior Center.

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

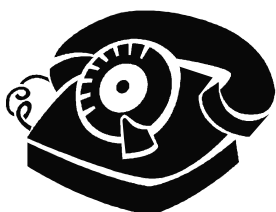
Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

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.

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



Public Works News



PUBLIC WORKS SNOW REMOVAL

The Public Works Department salts and plows the village streets, village ordinance states **No parking on village streets after 2" snow or till completely removed.** As plows clear the streets, they push the snow toward the curb. Inevitably, the snow will be pushed in front of driveway entrance. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid this. Each resident must assume responsibility for clearing enough of this snow to allow them to get in and out of their driveway, **without putting it back into the village street. 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 32 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 seem to be stable but the cost is still up, so purchasing will be slow due to the economic times. When traveling give yourself plenty of time and be courteous to others. Be safe and happy holidays from the Public Works Dept.

Respectfully, Sauk Village Public Works



Calling All Out of District 8th Grade Students

It's time once again to write your essays for the 36th Annual Student Government Day. For those eighth graders who do not attend District #168 Schools you are still welcome to participate. Please come by Village Hall from Tuesday, January 19th through Friday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to pick up the informational packet and register to participate. All participants must register by Friday, January 22nd at 4:30 p.m. Winners of the essay contest will spend March 23rd touring Village operations and preparing for the Board Meeting where they will act on behalf of Village Officials that evening at Village Hall. Winners will also attend a dinner in their honor at Villa De Bruno on Thursday, March 25th.

Fire Department News

We at the Sauk Village Fire Department sincerely hope that you had a safe and pleasant holiday season. Now that we're in to the New Year, and a new decade, it's a time for reflection as well as looking ahead to the future. Looking back over emergency call responses for the last several years, here's a Top 10 list of things that will get you in trouble, hurt, or burn down your house. We know this because it has happened!

1. Fires caused by space heaters- keep space heaters at least three feet from walls or furniture.
2. Candles- never leave lit candles unattended. When you go out- BLOW OUT.
3. Fireplace owners- get your chimney's inspected and/or cleaned annually.
4. If you have an attached garage, do not warm your cars up inside the garage on cold days. Even with the garage door up, the carbon monoxide will get in your house.
5. Bathroom ceiling vent fans need to be vacuumed out occasionally or they will eventually cause a fire.
6. Empty out your clothes dryer lint trap with every load. Boy scouts use lint to start campfires- it only takes one or two little sparks to ignite and static electricity is a spark.
7. Do not transport gas cans in the passenger compartment of your vehicle... especially while smoking.
8. Open burning (leaves, garbage, scrap wood) is NOT allowed in Cook County UNLESS you have one of those nice store bought backyard fire pits with the lid on it.
9. Fireworks are not only illegal in IL, but they will burn down your house as well as your neighbor's house. Nobody wins a bottle rocket war.
10. And finally (drum roll please)... while driving, these are five locations where you want to be on your toes paying close attention.

The five most common places for vehicle accidents are (in order of frequency) 1) the Sauk Trail "S" curves particularly the first curve just west of the Moose Lodge. Just a little rain and for some reason this curve becomes an ice skating rink. And there's Burnham Ave on the east end of the curves- lot's of traffic; 2) Torrence Ave and Steger Rd- there is a blind spot in that little valley on Steger Rd just east of Torrence. If you're turning on to Steger Rd, wait a couple seconds to see if a car comes flying out of that valley; 3) Burnham Ave at Steger Rd- little hills and trees mean you have to pull out from Burnham to see traffic on Steger Rd. Don't pull out too far; 4) Sauk Trail at 394. This intersec-

tion is not the place to try beating that yellow light; and 5) Torrence Ave at Rt. 30- not sure what the problem is, but we get crashes here pretty frequently.

There you have it- these "top ten" represent some of the most frequent calls, and in some cases, not the most frequent, but perhaps some of the most severe calls that the Sauk Village Fire Department has been on in the last ten years. This list is by no means all inclusive. Thinking back, it is amazing some of the predicaments that people get themselves into that require fire department intervention. But that's ok!! That's why we're here.

So looking ahead to the future, January will see the delivery of a new fire engine. This engine will replace our 1989 open cab providing a safer ride for firefighters and a more reliable fire response for you. That will leave just one last white fire engine which will be moved over to the reserve spot.

Also looking ahead to the future, what are YOU doing for your community? Make this the year that you step out and do something positive for Sauk Village. You can be a role model for younger generations and be that knight in shining armor when somebody's having a bad day. The Sauk Village Fire Department is always accepting applications for new firefighters. The pay isn't much, but we don't do this for the pay- we do because we love it. If you are at least 18 years old, a Sauk Village resident, have a high school diploma, and can pass a background check and physical, come to the Sauk Village Fire Department to get an application and to schedule an interview. This could be the start of a new adventure!





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POLICE & FIRE NON-EMERGENCY	758-1331		
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	753-5141
BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	McCONATHY LIBRARY	757-4771
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460	VISIT US ON THE WEB: WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG	

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Public Relations Committee

Many residents at a recent board meeting expressed much confusion about the Sauk Talk. Questions included the frequency of production and why it is no longer in homes. As the committee chair, I did my best to answer them clearly. Their confusion made me realize that many more residents may have the same questions. So below you will find out all you ever wanted to know about the Sauk Talk.

Members of the Public Relations Committee compile the Sauk Talk. The Sauk Talk come out six times a year; January, March, May, July, September, and November. Articles are requested by me on a bi-monthly basis.

Articles are due to be given to me by the last Friday of the month before production. Committee Chairs (Trustees), Department Heads, the Village Clerk and the Mayor are all informed of the due date and are asked to pro-

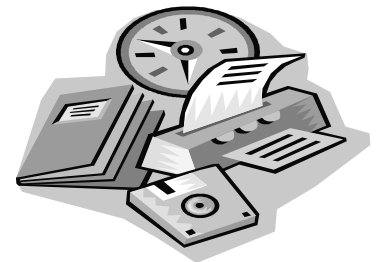
vide an article. All articles received by the due date, or within 24 hrs of the due date, will be placed in the Sauk Talk. A quick overview of the Sauk Talk is conducted in attempts to catch spelling and grammar mistakes from the articles. After this is complete, the Sauk Talk goes into production.

As I am sure you recall, the Sauk Talk used to be mailed to homes after being published. This practice was terminated due to budgetary constraints.

Understanding the importance of this information, the Public Relations Committee still request this information, and still compiles it and prints it in the house. The Sauk Talk is delivered to the Village Hall and McConathy Public Library for distribution, as well as, available online at www.saukville.org. We are in the process of contacting other businesses as well to request placing the Sauk Talk in their

establishments. We hope to be able to provide as many places as possible to pick up a Sauk Talk.

At one time, the Sauk Talk was a wealth of information full of articles and important dates and activities. The best part was that it was hand delivered every two months. We hope to soon restore it's usefulness and continue to request articles from Village Personnel. If you have any suggestions on way to do this, or if you would just like to volunteer on this committee, please contact me, Trustee Rosie Williams at Village Hall..



Sauk Talk

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Have you renewed your pet license yet? 2009 pet licenses expired on April 30th. 2010 pet licenses have been on sale since April 1st. The cost of the pet license is \$15.00. If your pet is spayed or neutered the cost is discounted to \$7.00.

Vehicle stickers go on sale May 1, 2010. All vehicle stickers must be displayed no later than midnight June 30, 2010. Penalties, late fees and doubling of the sticker cost goes in effect on July 1, 2010.

The cost of the village sticker is

\$25.00 for cars- other prices may vary. There is one \$20.00 discount per household for seniors or the disabled.

This year's sticker will reflect the 2010 Census. Sauk Village wants to Stand Up and Be Counted. Census workers will be going door to door soon. Remember to ask for ID, do not give out personal information and do not let them in your home. To report any inappropriate behavior by someone acting as a Census worker, please call the Village Hall 708/758-3330 or the Police Department

708/758-1331 immediately.

Have a great summer! Please watch for the little ones in the street.



Public Works News

The mission of the Public Works Department is fourfold;

- 1) To Provide for the proper maintenance, care and operation of all public facilities, infrastructure and equipment. This is accomplished through the scheduled maintenance or the timely and cost effective repair of the structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems of all publicly owned buildings.
Village owned parks, recreation facilities and open green spaces are also maintained.
- 2) To ensure the safety and convenience of the municipal roadway system. Responsibilities include maintenance and repairs to the storm sewer system to insure proper drainage of all storm water run-off, snow and ice control, street patching and repair, curb and sidewalk repair, tree trimming, pavement marking, traffic control sign installation and maintenance, street lighting, parkway restoration and branch and debris pick up.
- 3) To maintain and repair the sanitary sewer system throughout the Village.
- 4) To assist the Water Department in maintenance and up grades to the water system. (excluding treatment)
Established Infrastructure responsibilities:
28 miles of paved streets, 300,000 feet of curb, 70,000 sidewalk slabs, 400 street lights
28 miles of sanitary sewer, 700 manholes
9 miles of storm sewer, 300 manholes and inlets
7 buildings, 8 recreational parks

We will continue to provide services even in these economic times.



Code Enforcement News

To All Residents

With spring here and 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.

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| 50.05 | Garbage cans cannot be stored in front of your house |
| 72.11D | Parking in the street on garbage day prohibited from 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. |
| 151.037(A) | Parking on non hard surface is prohibited |
| 79.02 | Village stickers required |
| 94.50 | Grass and weeds over 8 inches tall prohibited- When cutting your grass please do not cut into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street |
| 90.01 | Junk auto and parts prohibited |
| 150.34 | Failure to maintain pool |
| 151.38 | Failure to maintain property |

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

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Fire Department News



The first couple of weeks in April were pretty rough, not just for the Sauk Village Fire Department, but for our Fire Service community in general. On Tuesday, March 30, the Homewood Fire Department responded to residential fire with reports of a trapped person. Long story short, things turned bad really quick as Firefighters Brian Carey and Karra Kopas were in the house attempting to find the paralyzed resident. Firefighter Kopas was able to get out suffering severe burn injuries. Firefighter Carey and the resident did not make it out alive.

Brian Carey was the first Line of Duty death in the Homewood Fire Department's 109 year history. He gave his life doing what we are all sworn to do. Brian's wake and funeral were held in Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park. The services were attended by over 2500 firefighters from all over Illinois and beyond- a suitable farewell for a fallen brother.

The exact cause of the inferno has not yet been officially disclosed and may not be for some time as federal investigators wrap up their business and finalize their reports. One speculated cause for the rapid growth of fire conditions was the apparent oxygen bottles that were stored in the house. This possibility was fueled by media coverage and has even spawned an "oxygen awareness" Facebook page. The final reports are being anxiously awaited.

Whether the oxygen tanks stored in this house were at fault or not, gas cylinders (oxygen or otherwise) are extremely dangerous under fire conditions. I myself had a humbling experience several years ago when I discovered an oxygen and acetylene tank for welding in a garage next to the burning electrical outlet/wall that we had just extinguished.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is currently working with the Sauk Village Public Relations committee to develop a way for people to easily notify or register with the Fire Department if you have oxygen, welding equipment, or any other flammable gas cylinders in your home or garage. In the meantime, PLEASE feel free to call the Fire Department at 708-758-2225 to let us know if you have any gas cylinders in your home. This information will aid us in developing a database that can be checked prior to going in a burning structure.

On a lighter note, enjoy this nicer weather and have a safe and pleasant summer!



Library News

REMEMBER

Senior movies are shown at McConathy Public Library the 2nd Monday of every month starting at 1:00 pm. The next movie will be **Mama Mia** on June 14, 2010 at 1:00 pm., and **It's Complicated** will be shown Monday July 12, 2010 at 1:00 pm.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program will start on Tuesday June 1, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Registration will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 pm– 6:00 pm. Children Must be from the age of 3 years old to 5th grade. The Children's movies will be on Thursday's starting at 1:30 pm. Children under the age of 10 years and younger **must be** accompanied by an adult. The first movie will be **G-Force** on Thursday June 17th at 1:30 pm.





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Sauk Talk

News from the Mayor Lewis Towers

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

News from the Village Clerk Debbie Williams

As of July 1 Sauk Village Stickers will double in price. The cost of Village Stickers is now \$50.00 for cars, motorcycles and RV's and trucks start \$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 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!

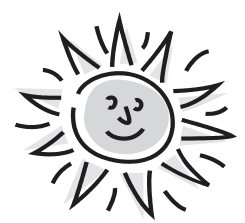
Public Relations Committee Trustee Rosie Williams

The Public Relations committee has been doing some spring cleaning lately. We have been focusing on ways to provide the most information to the greatest number of people with the least amount of cost. We have been doing audits of the website and Sauk Talk to determine where updates are needed. We are hoping to reveal the new and improved website very soon. This website will be more informational and easier than ever to use.

We are also looking for ways to extend our reach into the community. We are discussing the idea of reaching out to combine forces with other committees to make an even larger impact. There are many outreach programs being planned for this summer, so please keep your ears open to learn about all of the great opportunities to see your Village and your neighbors like never before!!!

One last note: please remember to check on the elderly and the youth this season. The hot weather can have adverse effects on people with breathing problems and allergies. Also, school is out and the weather is hot, this means many more children will be in the parks and on the streets. Please watch for them as you make your way through Sauk Village. Remember that it is our responsibility to maintain the appearance, the health and the safety of our Village!! So pitch in and do your part.

As always, if you have any ideas for conveying information or if you would like to be a part of this committee please contact Trustee Rosie Williams for all details!!! Have a safe and wonderful Summer.



Senior Committee News

Trustee Francine Anderson

Seniors Do You Know?

Something New is happening at the Senior Center; a second class for **Ceramics** has been added every Thursday evening 4pm to 6pm.

Free Movie Every second Monday of the month McConathy Library sponsors a movie at 1:00pm. Join us on August 9, 2010 for "Dear John" and September 13, 2010 for "Iron Man". Refreshments are served.

The Sauk Village Senior Center is offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Come join the fun this summer. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

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

Volunteers are needed for **Respond Now** a 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.

- Stay Tuned for our new added feature entitled "A Sauk Village Senior you should know" in the next Sauk Talk.

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Economic Development Committee News

Trustee Derrick Burgess

The Economic Development Committee would like to thank Behr Corporation for the invitation to their Open House on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at their new Logistics Center facility in Sauk Village. Our committee members, Village Clerk Debbie Williams, Carey Pratt, and Juanita Burgess were given a tour of the facility by Distribution Manager, Jim Taylor. Police Chief Tim Holevis, Fire Chief Al Stoffregen, and Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood, Elizabeth Pratt and Frank Williams were also in attendance.

The Economic Development will be hosting two events to showcase our businesses in Sauk Village. The first event titled "Showcasing Sauk Plaza" will be held on Saturday, July 17th from Noon to 4pm. A DJ, outside vendors and Sauk Village's Fire Department will be in attendance.

The second event is planned for July 31st for our businesses located in and near Surreybrook Plaza. More details will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

We encourage everyone to come out, support our local businesses and have a good time.

Should you have any questions, please contact Village Hall at 758-3330.



Parks and Recreation

Trustee Enoch Benson

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

Ordinance Review Committee

Trustee Ed Myers

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

Police Department News

Chief Tim Holevis

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the village residents that came out in support of the police department over the past several months, during some trying times. Hopefully it is all in the past. It does my heart good to see that there are still caring people in Sauk Village. A very heartfelt thanks to all of you. Hopefully we can maintain this relationship.

First of all the Police Department would like to welcome newly appointed Police Officer Mario Tello. Officer Tello was hired under a Federal Stimulus Grant that was awarded to Sauk Village after a thorough application process which was completed by Sergeants from the police department. Thank you for your dedication Officer Tello and welcome aboard.

JUST SOME REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Village stickers are now past due and officers will be conducting random checks for violators. Remember, fines are nearly double the price of a sticker.

Seat belt enforcement also will be increased through the holidays and summer months. Please have your loved ones buckle up for safety.

There have been many complaints from the residents regarding walking in the street, basketball hoops in the streets and dogs running loose. The police department treats these issues with high regard and will not tolerate violations of any village ordinance. Please have courtesy for your neighbor and stay on the sidewalk.

Curfew times are 11:00pm-6:00am Friday – Saturday
11:00pm-6:00am Saturday - Sunday

FROM THE CHIEF’S DESK

A Little Police Humor

Police arrested two kids yesterday; one was drinking battery acid, the other eating Fireworks. The police charged one and let the other one off! Have a good month and be safe.



McConathy Library News

Juell Johnson and Ashley Dettloff

Ronald McDonald came to entertain the summer reading children along with the children from the SSDMC summer camp. There was a very nice turn out for the show and the children enjoyed seeing Ronald McDonald.



Housing Authority Committee News

Trustee David Hanks

Summer Home Security Tips

Most of the over two million home break-ins every year (one every 15 seconds) happen in July and August, when vacationing families leave their houses empty and vulnerable. Summer travel season has arrived, so before you hit the road, make sure to take simple steps to keep criminals out of your home.

No one wants to come home from a relaxing vacation to broken windows and stolen valuables, but in the rush to leave, people often forget to secure their houses. You can rest easy and enjoy your vacation with these smart, simple and affordable ways to keep your home safe.

* **Make your home look lived in**

Ask a friendly neighbor to make sure the lawn is mowed and keep an eye out for unusual activity around your house. Suspend newspaper and mail delivery or have someone collect them for you and make sure the trash cans are put out and brought in on time. The more lived-in your home appears to be, the less inviting it is to thieves.

* **Leave a light on**

Put a few lights and a radio on timers set to go on and off at random times during the day and evening. Leaving one light on the entire time you're away is an obvious sign that no one is around to turn it off. Close most of your window shades, but keep a few open on upper floors for light to shine through and make it look like someone is home. Install motion detector lights by each entry to your home, including the garage. Thieves don't want to be in the spotlight!

* **Don't invite a climber**

Don't leave toys or ladders around your yard, they can easily be used to stand on or climb up to break into your home. Likewise, prune back any tall trees with branches near upper windows.

* **Lock it up**

It sounds obvious, but lock the doors and windows - more than 50 percent of thieves burglarize homes by walking right in. Use deadbolt locks that can only be opened with a key and forget about hiding the key under a doormat. If you must keep a key nearby, purchase a steel lockbox with a combination that is specifically made to store keys.

* **Sound the alarm**

A survey by Temple University found that alarm systems, when used with other precautions; reduce the likelihood of burglary by more than 60 percent.

* **Don't squirrel valuables away**

Thieves aren't dumb; they know people like to stash their goods under the bed, between the pages of books and in the sock drawer. Store your valuables in a safe-deposit box at the bank or in a safe you can bolt to the floor.

Taking a few simple precautions before taking off for vacation can provide the peace of mind you need to relax during your time off and come back to home sweet, secure home.





Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



With all the negative media attention concerning Sauk Village in general, the Sauk Village Fire Department is pleased to say that there still good things going on and coming up in the near future.

The Sauk Village Fire Department would sincerely like to thank the Sauk Village Beautification Committee for their recent efforts around the fire station. The newly planted flowers around the flagpole and the marquee sign were a nice touch.

The June 23 Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! The attendance estimate was right about 145 people. When the doors opened at 8:00, a steady flow continued for about the first two hours. Many regulars stopped in and as always we appreciate their support. Thanks to the "Sauk Village, IL" Facebook page, there were a number of former Sauk Village residents that came by for good food and some reminiscing. At least one former resident came from as far away as Kentucky! The family of former Fire Chief Leroy Hawkins also came in from out of town. Chief Hawkins was the chief from 1966 until he passed away in 1992. In the end, a good time was had by all. A special thank you goes out to everyone that made this successful- the "Sauk Village, IL" and "Sauk Village Fire Department" Facebook groups, our volunteer waitress staff, SVFD Ladies Auxillary members, and all the firefighters and ESDA personnel that pitched in to cook and clean up.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is also gearing up for our second Junior Fire Academy. This year the Academy will be August 9 through the 13th and will be

from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Last year 28 kids aged 5 to 11 participated representing Sauk Village, Crete, Steger, South Chicago Heights, and Dyer. Participants learned fire prevention, why and how firefighters do what they do, first aid/cpr, team work, and in the process had a lot of fun and made new friends. Registration is open now. You can register a child by calling the fire station at 758-2225. There is a small fee of \$20 to help cover t-shirts, snacks, and activity costs.

As a friendly reminder, please take note of these few summer safety hints. Cook County does not allow open burning of any kind. The only permissible burning is in a FULLY contained burn pit like the type you can get at the home improvement stores. Kids are out and about- drive carefully! The last thing worthy of mention is not necessarily seasonal- the Sauk Village Fire Department in the last year has responded to a significant number of fires and potential fires that started with bathroom ceiling fans. If you have an older model fan, you may want to consider having it replaced by a qualified electrician. Don't take your bathroom fans for granted. They do need to be cleaned and maintained.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is very much concerned for the safety and well-being of our citizens. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call during normal business hours, stop by the station, or email richresq1@comcast.net.



Beautification Committee News

Marva Pruitt

Beautification has come to Sauk Village. Do you have a knack for decorating? Tired of driving through your community and thinking, this would look so much better if? Well, the Committee is looking for you. Won't you consider joining us as we embark upon beautifying Sauk Village? Our first task was decorating the Village Hall and the Veteran's Memorial. Since that time we have planted flowers at the entrance of the Village on Sauk Trail and Hwy 394. We're moving on to other areas – Village Hall, Police Station and others. Blow your horn if you see us!

At this time the current members of the committee are as follows: Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chair; Elizabeth Pratt, who was a former member of the committee some time ago; Chet Andrew Grant, Rosie East, Lolita Chambers and Sheryl Thomas. We are still in need of additional members. Maintaining public areas is a time consuming back breaking activity. Did I say that we are **all** volunteers?

Many residents do a great job, of showcasing their homes; either through seasonal displays or general maintenance of their property. The **Hootsie Award** is back. Nominate your neighbor, business, government, religious institution or even yourself. Forms are available at the Village hall. The nomination period ends **August 01, 2010**. The judging will take place from **August 22, 2010- September 04, 2010**.

The Committee is planning other events to **FUND** raise to support our committee; we ask that you lend your support by either attending or working an event. More information coming soon; look for signs posted around the village or in the Sauk Talk.

For more information...Contact Sheryl Thomas, 773-716-4880 or sherylt@prodigy.net

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sherry Jasinski

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. We strictly enforce this & have issued several hundred tickets. When cutting your grass please do not cut it into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street.

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.

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.

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.

Public Works News

Kevin Weller

During severe weather, branches and tree are bound to get damaged. We will do our best to clean up after storms. Village residents are required to have all storm damaged branches pulled to the curb for pickup no later than July 2nd. Also, Public Works has mulch for garden and flower bed cover which is great for keeping weeds under control. The mulch and the delivery is free to Sauk Village residents. Please call the Village Hall and leave a message at 758-3330. In an effort to keep costs down and keep the town clean, we are asking for help from residents. Please help us to keep the streets and water ways clear of debris. Don't cut grass into the streets and please pick up garbage around your property. Street sweeping starts July 19 through July 23rd. Street sections follow the garbage pickup schedule. There is NO PARKING on the street during sweeping days.



JOB FAIR



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF SAUK VILLAGE

PRESENTS

COMMUNITY JOB FAIR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

12:00—3:00 PM

EDWARD PAESEL COMMUNITY CENTER

2700 KALVELAGE DRIVE

(behind the police station located at 21701 Torrence Avenue)

WIDE VARIETY OF EMPLOYERS

SO

DRESS TO IMPRESS

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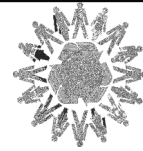
No Article Submission

No articles have been submitted by the deadline:

The Mayor's Corner, Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, Ordinance Review, Housing Authority, and Public Works

Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations job fair
September 10, 2010 has been cancelled.



News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

ATTN: LOCAL CANDIDATES FOR THE APRIL 2011 ELECTION

Ever since the introduction of early voting, voters can cast their ballots as early as 22 days before Election Day. This requires election administrators to have ballots prepared more than a month earlier than before.

Starting with the **2011 elections**, Public Act 96-1008 extends the election calendar, making deadlines earlier. Now, petitions must be filed a number of weeks earlier, providing adequate time for ballot preparation and electoral board proceedings.

For those of you who are seeking local elected offices - it means your filing dates will come a few weeks earlier than before.

For the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election, the new deadline is 106 days before the election, which is five weeks earlier than it was. This will affect just about all non-city offices. The filing period will run from December 13th to Dec 20th of this year. Circulation of nomination papers can start September 21, 2010.

Please note that the State Board has not yet published its official calendar for next year, so the dates relating to the 2011 elections must be regarded as tentative.

The 2011 Candidate's Guide is provided by the Illinois State Board of Elections and will be available on line at www.elections.state.il.us.

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Some of the offices up for election on November 2, 2010 are:

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representatives
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- State Comptroller
- State Treasurer
- State Senators (some)
- State Representatives
- Cook County Board President
- Cook County Commissioners
- Cook County Assessor
- Cook County Clerk
- Cook County Treasurer
- Cook County Sheriff
- Cook County Board of Review Commissioner (1st district)
- Appellate and Circuit Court Judges
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners (some)
- Regional Superintendent of Schools

For the November 2, 2010 General Election, Early Voting will take place from **October 12-28** at dozens of South Suburban locations as well as downtown Chicago. Just remember to bring a government-issued photo ID such as a passport, driver's license, or military ID. All Early Voting is conducted on touch screens.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting by mail is a convenient way to cast your ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place on Election Day or to cast your ballot during Early Voting at a designated Early Voting site.

Any registered suburban Cook County voter may apply for an absentee ballot. It is no longer necessary to provide a reason. Applications are now available at the Village Hall and the Cook County Clerk's office.

Some precincts have been consolidated and reassigned a new precinct number and polling place.

The fire station is no longer a polling place.

Details are listed below. A street index will be available at each polling place and the Village Hall for voters who are unsure where to vote.

SAUK VILLAGE POLLING PLACES- REVISED 2010

Precinct 7 First Apostolic Church
22709 State Street Steger, IL

Precinct 16 Candlelight Village
4 Candlelight Drive

Precinct 26 & 55 Rickover Junior High
22151 Torrence Ave.

Precinct 23 & 53 Paesel Center
2700 Kalvelage Drive

Precinct 27 McConathy Public Library
21737 Jeffery Ave.

Precinct 32 St. James Catholic Church
22400 S. Torrence Ave.

Precinct Changes

Precinct 28 is now Pct 27
Precinct 93 is now Pct 53
Precinct 79 is now Pct 55
Precinct 89 is now Pct 26



Community Involvement

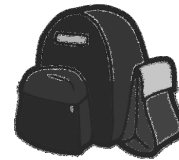
Sauk Village Citizens Empowerment Organization (SVCEO) & Right Touch Barbershop

The Sauk Village Citizens Empowerment Organization and Right Touch Barbershop have done it again and would like to **Thank** everyone for coming out to their 3Rd Annual Back School and Family Picnic. Thanks to Trustee Anderson for being our special guest, Mayor Towers and Trustee Myers along with the Sauk Village Fire Dept. for their support. We look forward to seeing Everyone next year in August 2011.

KUDOS KUDOS!!!

Special Thanks To Darrick (Lil D) Thompson & David Chick

Sauk Village residents that hosted and sponsored A Back to School Giveaway & Concert. These two citizens with the support of their sponsors gave away over 200 book bags for the youth and children but fun and entertainment was provided for all that attended. If you see them feel free to give them a hand up or high five.



Public Relations Commission

Trustee Rosie Williams

We are looking for a few good ideas!!!! As we say good bye to summer and prepare for fall, we are trying to make some changes to our committee. The Public Relations committee is looking for some new ways to reach out to the community. Individually, board members have been hard at work helping other committees *relate to the public* and we would like to reach out even more. The Beautification Committee and the Economic Development Committee have had great functions and we have loved to be a part of them!!! If you can think of a project, event or any other way to reach out to the community please contact Trustee Williams at 708-758-3330. To introduce yourself and your idea to the committee in person you can visit us the first Wednesday of every month at the Municipal Center at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!!!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sherry Jasinski

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 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.

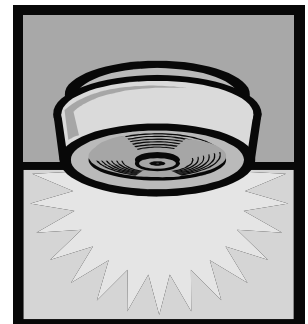
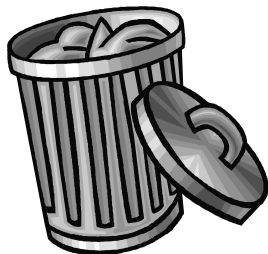
If you have a wood burning fireplace you should have a chimney sweep clean and inspect your fireplace. Storage of wood for fireplaces should be elevated not less than 12" above ground with a clear space underneath to prevent harborage of rats and other animals. All wood is required to be stored only 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 the fall/through winter months.

Please store garbage/containers to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage over-flowing 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.



Senior Committee News

Trustee Francine Anderson

Seniors Do You Know?

It's Spaghetti Dinner Time!!! Join the Sauk Village Senior Committee for Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday October 9, 2010 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Great Entertainment will be provided by the **MORGAN Family & Flora Haynes** with Line dancing all for the cost of \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at The Municipal Center or from our Committee members.

Something New is happening at the Senior Center; its **Ceramics** a second class has been added every Thursday evening 3pm to 6pm.

Free Movie Mondays at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Join us on October 4, 2010 (Please note that this a date change) for "The Gods must be Crazy" a comedy, November 8, 2010 for "Rio Bravo" a western and December 13, 2010 for White Christmas a Christmas classic. Refreshments are served.

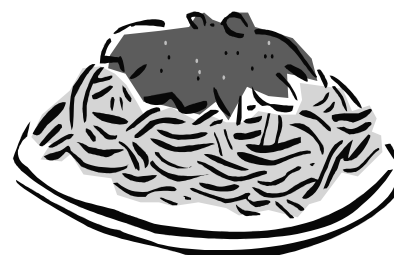
The Sauk Village Senior Center is offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Come join the fun! Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

- Sunday** **Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Line dancing held every Sunday at 1:00pm.**
 Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.
- Monday** **Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.**
- Tuesday** **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm**
- Wednesday** **Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.**
- Wednesday & Thursday** **Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am to 11:00am & every Thursday 4:00pm to 6:00pm.**

Respond Now, a satellite food pantry here in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm. is seeking volunteers.

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

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Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



During the week of August 9, the Sauk Village Fire Department hosted our second annual Junior Fire Academy. The “summer camp” style event was held for kids aged 5 to 11 and ran for three hours a day. There were 32 kids in this year’s Academy representing eight communities: Sauk Village, Steger, Crete, South Chicago Heights, and Beecher, as well as Dyer, Munster, and Highland, IN.

During the course of the week, the kids were taught valuable lessons in fire prevention, what to do if there is a fire in your house, how to call 911 and what to say, and why and how firefighters do what they do. The kids were divided into teams, each with a team name corresponding with a fire department function- rescue squad, engine company, and truck company. Station activities included opportunities to do things that firefighters working on a squad, engine, or truck would do. For example, a squad company focuses on rescue. The kids got to crawl through a maze to find and rescue a baby (doll). The engine company is all about putting water on the fire. An entire day was dedicated to playing games with fire hoses ensuring that everybody, including the helpers were good and soaked.

On the last day of the Academy, parents and family were invited to come back to the fire station a little earlier for a graduation ceremony. At that time three special Academy participants were recognized. About five years ago, Brandon Beddigs (now 10) discovered that his grandmother’s oven was on fire. Brandon calmly went to his grandmother in the basement of her unincorporated Chicago Heights home and told her about the fire. Brandon then calmly got his coat and went outside. He told Sauk Village Fire Department firefighters that he learned what to do from the firemen that came to his school. At the time, Brandon was honored with a plaque and FD t-shirt at a Village Board meeting.

In April of this year, I received a letter from the grandparents of Kaitlyn Foutz (age 8). Kaitlyn was at their house when a lamp caught fire. Kaitlyn calmly went outside and stood on the sidewalk, not worrying about getting a coat or shoes despite the chilly weather. Kaitlyn, when asked, likewise said she learned what to do from the firemen that came to her school. Through a series of connections, two paid on call members of the Sauk Village Fire Department were asked to work at a private school in Highland, IN as fire watch while their fire alarm

system was being overhauled early last year. That led to an invitation to come do a fire prevention presentation for the kids, one of whom was Kaitlyn.

And finally, Tabbitha Myers was recognized at a Village Board meeting earlier this year for her efforts in noticing that her neighbor’s house was on fire. At first she wasn’t sure what she was seeing, so 12 year old Tabbi, went and got her mother, New Lenox 911 Dispatcher Kandi Myers, who confirmed that they were seeing fire in a bedroom window. Together, their quick actions led to a quick fire department response, keeping the fire contained to a bedroom. Tabbi has worked as a team helper for the Junior Fire Academy and her dad and grandfather are Paul and Ed Myers (respectively) of the Sauk Village Fire Department.

After recognizing these special guests, Academy graduates were presented with certificates, group portraits, and a very nice chicken lunch courtesy of Popeyes- which reminds me. The Junior Fire Academy would not be possible without support and donations from so many. All the team leaders and helpers are strictly volunteer. Many local and not so local businesses also made contributions- Behr Paint Corporation, The Oakwood Group, Ray and Wally’s Towing, Rich Construction, and Walt’s Foods to name just a few.

So, the 2010 Junior Fire Academy was a huge success to say the least. Plans are already in the works for the 2011 Academy. If you’re on Facebook, look up the Sauk Village Fire Department. There you will find the 2010 Junior Fire Academy photo album as well as other news and information about us.





Police Department News

Chief Tim Holevis



I would like to take some time to mention that several arrests have taken place over the past few weeks, especially over the last several days. These arrests were made for the offense of residential burglary. We have been experiencing a rash of burglaries over the past several weeks and I would like to mention the excellent work being done by both the patrol officers and the detectives that have worked on these cases. Keep up the good work.

JUST SOME REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sauk Village Police Officers have been and will continue to conduct village sticker enforcement throughout the village. Please purchase your vehicle stickers if you have not done so.

Officers will also be conducting DUI checkpoints beginning now through the Labor Day Weekend at various locations. These checkpoints are being conducted in conjunction with the State of Illinois "Labor Day Crackdown" program, along with hundreds of other departments across the state. This detail will be of no financial burden to the village since a grant was secured by police department personnel for the entire cost of the detail. I would also like to thank these Sergeants for their hard work.

School is back in session and I would like all citizens to please be mindful of our children in the school zones and also please pay attention to the crossing guards. They are in place for your children's protection.

I would also like to remind citizens to please be alert to strangers that may be frequenting your neighborhood. Please report any suspicious activity that may be occurring in your particular neighborhood or area.

A Little Police Humor

A policeman stops a lady and asks for her license. He says "Lady, it says here that you should be wearing glasses."

The woman answered "Well, I have contacts."

The policeman replied "I don't care who you know! You're getting a ticket!"





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Sauk Talk

News from the Mayor

Lewis Towers

To the Board of Trustees and Residents of the Village of Sauk Village, it is a great privilege and an honor to address you regarding this important issue – the presentation of the 2010/11 Budget. In Sauk Village, we see the budget as an instrument through which we manage public funds in a way that ensures that we improve the quality of life of our community. We see the budget as a tool of development and we do this through planning, allocation, control and proper accounting for every dollar entrusted to this government. It is our goal to restore the confidence of the residents of our Village. We seek to ensure a functional, responsive, accountable, effective and efficient developmental government. We have identified four strategic objectives that I am hopeful you will agree with me on:

- Ensure that the Village of Sauk Village

- meets the service needs of our residents;
- Build clean, effective, efficient, responsive and accountable government;
- Improve the performance and professionalism in our community;
- Strengthen partnerships between Federal, State, County and Local governments

We are working toward a Village that is dynamic...that works...is livable...safe...well-managed...welcoming...people-centered...accessible...a Village that celebrates its cultural diversity...a Village for residents, workers, tourists and entrepreneurs...focused on the 21st century – A Village of the future.

One of our key responsibilities is to ensure that we have a clean and safe Village.

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News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

NEW MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS:

Due to recent employee layoffs the Municipal Center will be closed on Wednesdays starting December 1, 2010. We are very sorry for the inconvenience and hope to restore full services soon. We are trying to keep operations flowing with as little inconvenience to the residents as possible. Future information regarding Municipal Center hours will be updated in the

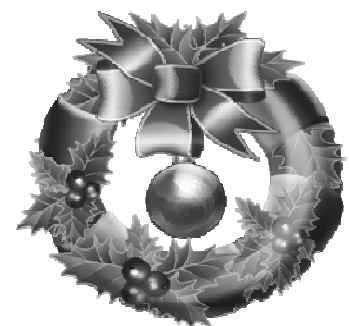
January Sauk Talk and www.saukvillage.org.

HOLIDAY MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS:

The Municipal Center will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and 26 and December 23rd, 24th and 31st in observance of the holidays.

Bill payments and other communications can be placed in the drop box located at the northeast corner of the

building. Don't forget to check on friends and neighbors during inclement weather. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.



News from the Mayor

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It is no secret that the global economy is just emerging from the most severe recession since the early 1930s. Some of the effects of the recession have been a severe downturn in regional economic activity occasioned by massive job losses. Needless to say, this has imposed severe hardships and untold suffering on our community. It is however not all doom and gloom. The dreaded spectrum of a depression, evidenced on the ground suggests that the global economy, including Sauk Village, is slowly moving back into positive economic territory.

Let me briefly share with you some of the key assumptions that support the budget being presented today. The municipal fiscal environment is influenced by a variety of macro economic conditions. The slow economy has an impact on the ability of customers to pay their bills and in turn the revenue to be collected is affected. These factors have been considered in the preparation of the Budget.

This year, the Village presents a Proposed Estimated total budget of \$18,783,013.00 for the 2010/11 financial year, a Proposed Estimated operating budget of \$17,873,860.00.

The operating budget outlines the activities, services and functions carried out within the Village. Each Department's budget is characterized by program activities and includes both financial and personnel resources necessary to carry out the functions as outlined in the Proposed Estimated Budget. Preparing this budget has not been an easy task, the past 18 months presented financial challenges to the Village as a result of the global economic meltdown. Mindful of the soon to come slow economic recovery, the Village developed a financial strategy to ease the financial pressures. The strategy aims at maximization of revenue and curtailing of expenditure.

These challenges include increasing demand for services with limited financial resources. When putting this budget together, the easy thing would have been to use the financial challenges as an excuse to stop doing some services. However, the Village of Sauk will ensure that service delivery is maintained and at the same time ensuring that the Village is financially sustainable.

The Village proposes to adopt the 2010/11 operating budget.

The projected revenue for the 2010/11 is approximately \$18,783,013.00 (Eighteen Million Seven Hundred and Eighty Three Thousand and Thirteen dollars), the major sources of funding are; Taxes totaling (\$5,972,274.00), Special Revenue, totaling (\$1,235,612.00) Capitol Projects totaling (\$3,832,763.00), Debt Service, (\$3,685,224.00), Enterprise (\$3,762,500) and Fiduciary being (\$294,700.00).

Sauk Village will continue to strive toward higher quality of service delivery. I think you will agree with me when I say that the roadmap is clear. This budget is in line with our vision and the commitments that we have made to the citizens of Sauk Village.

We have demonstrated that the path to the attainment of a World Class Village for all remains within reach. Residents, please let me reiterate that Sauk Village is more than ready to Grow!



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Public Relations Commission

Trustee Rosie Williams

Happy Holidays!!!

The Public Relations Committee has been very busy in the past few months. We are working on new ways to introduce information to the public. We are FINALLY unveiling the new Sauk Village website in mid to late November. We have worked tirelessly with our technicians to make it more user friendly and much more informative. We encourage you to check out the new features at www.saukville.org.

Also, Student Government Day is soon approaching. The Public Relations Committee will soon begin choosing the essay topics, setting the schedule and begin fundraising for next year's festivities. Last year was a great success and a good time was had by all. As always, we like to make each Student Government Day bigger and better than the last. January's Sauk Talk will include the essay topic, schedule of events and ways you can support the 8th grade winners of Sauk Village.

If you or anyone you know would like to join us in discovering new ways to connect to the community please join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm at the Village Hall. From our families to yours, may the 2010 holiday season be one of joy, fellowship, happiness and thanksgiving. Please take the time to enjoy your loved ones, be grateful for what you have and to remember the less fortunate. Sharing what you are lucky enough to have is one of life's greatest pleasures. Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Ramadan, Happy Chanukah, Feliz Navidad, Happy Kwanza, Merry Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year!!!

Economic Development

Trustee Derrick Burgess

After the Economic Development Committee toured Behr Paint's new facility at Logistic Center last June, we have spent the summer getting acquainted with the other local businesses in town. The Committee hosted two events designed to 1) showcase the Village's businesses and 2) re-familiarize residents with what these businesses have to offer. On July 17th and July 31st from Noon to 4pm on July 17th and July 31st, Sauk Plaza and Surreybrook Plaza businesses enticed patrons with discounts on various items while the Economic Development Committee complimented each

event with music and several outside vendors that had a wide range of products for sale.

The Economic Development Committee continues its research and calling on potential new businesses. This has proved to be very challenging for various reasons; however, the members are dedicated to the cause.

I would like to thank Committee members Kerry Pratt, Larry Stewart, Carl Rylander, Village Clerk Debbie Williams and Juanita Burgess for their hard work and dedication.

Library News



McConathy Public Library will be showing the movie *White Christmas* on December 13, 2010 for the Senior Citizens. The movie starts at 1:00pm and there will be light refreshments served.

Movies are shown every Wednesday starting at 3:00pm for children of all ages. Any child under the age of 8 yrs old **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for the entire movie. The movies selected are: November 17, 2010– Alvin's Thanksgiving Celebration

November 24, 2010– Toy Story 3

December 1, 2010– Ice Age

December 8, 2010– Snow Dogs

December 15, 2010–Beauty and the Beast: Enchanted Christmas

The Read to Succeed Program started on November 1, 2010 and will end on December 20, 2010. Come to the library and register for the program and enter in the raffle for a chance to win Wolves tickets and other great prizes. Registration is from November 1st thru November 16, 2010.

Public Works Department

Kevin Weller

2010 LEAF SWEEP

Leaf Sweep Program

The leaf pickup program will begin November 1, through 14. To ensure that all residents have a chance to participate all leaves must be raked down to the curb and placed in the street, no piles will be raked from yards there will be no exception. Due to the layoffs and the possible emergencies that could arise this is the only way to assure each section is gone through. The goal of this program is to clear all leaf debris from the streets to save on overtime due to clogged storm grates and

possible flooding. This will also help in property maintenance to keep the town looking clean and lessen the debris going into the waterways which will only affect the future condition of all the water we drink. If you have more leaf debris after we have been through each section you should collect and place in yard bags with a sticker to be picked by skyline disposal. After the collection dates are completed no leaf debris will be allowed to be raked into the street **Tickets will be**

issued. *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.*



SNOW REMOVAL

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

putting it back into the village streets. VIOLATORS CAN 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 residents to come and go 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 and six village facilities that the plows must keep clear and salted. Due to the layoffs and safety concerns we will work to this goal. While we regret any inconvenience we trust you will understand. For all questions and concerns please call village hall at 758-3330.



Senior Committee News

Trustee Francine Anderson

Seniors Do You Know?



Trustee Anderson, Delores Randall, Committee member and Volunteers from US Bank at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Thanks to all of the citizens that participated in the Spaghetti Dinner held on Saturday October 9, 2010. Great Entertainment was provided by the MORGAN Family and Flora Haynes with Line Dancing. ***Extra Special Thanks***, US Bank employees, who volunteered their time, Belinda Deruiff, Barbara Monk, Tatshia, Roberta, Donna, Helena, Alicia, Delores, Stephanie and Frances Fedorenko, Eddie Randall, Saul Bozeman, Jim Embry and Pat Scott. Donations were provided by **Bloom Township, Steger Memorial Chapel.**

The Sauk Village Senior Center is offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Come join the fun this summer. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

- Sunday** **Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Line dancing held every Sunday at 1:00pm.**
 Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.
- Monday** **Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.**
- Tuesday** **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm**
- Wednesday** **Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.**
- Wednesday & Thursday** **Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am to 11:00am & every Thursday 4:00pm to 6:00pm.**

On behalf of the Sauk Village Senior Committee members; John'Bob'Barnes, Noella 'Noel' Dahlman, Robert Fallon, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterret and Trustee Francine Anderson wishes you and your family a Blessed Holiday Season. We hope that you will join us in 2011 for great senior activities and growth.



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Fire Prevention Week 2010 was a success once again thanks to the hard work of Acting Lieutenant Paul Myers and the firefighters that jumped in to help out. There were multiple assemblies at Wagoner, Strassburg, and Rickover schools and for the second year in a row, in lieu of an open house at the fire station, the Sauk Village Fire Department partnered with the Sauk Village McDonalds for a fun afternoon in their parking lot. Kid's were able to meet Sparky the fire dog, tour fire department vehicles, and get educational (but fun) fire prevention materials. Just as important, for coming to visit the firefighters, kids were treated with free ice cream and fries!

By the time you're reading this, you've probably already changed your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. **CHANGE YOUR CLOCK- CHANGE YOUR BATTERY.** Those are words of wisdom that will never get old. Your smoke or carbon monoxide detectors may very well save your life some day- don't take them for granted. It's not just about the batteries either. Smoke and CO detectors do have a life span. They're typically only good for about five years. Check the back of the detector, there might be a date on it. Also on the back of the detector will be a guide on what the few different warning signals mean. A single "beep" every thirty seconds is a low battery alarm- NOT a carbon monoxide warning. When in doubt, call 911, but keep in mind a couple things- the fire department cannot for financial reasons provide batteries or detectors. That would be nice, but we don't get them

for free either.

As the weather changes and we settle back into winter mode, please keep in mind these few common cold weather fire and health hazards:

- If you use a space heater, keep the heater **AT LEAST 3** feet away from anything- furniture, walls, piles of clothes, etc.
- If you use a fire place, make sure the chimney is clean.

Don't warm your car up in an attached garage. Even with the garage door open, if the wind is right, all that exhaust full of carbon monoxide is coming in your house.

Specific hazards related to the holidays:

- Electrical cords- use a power strip with a circuit breaker to power all those holiday lights.
- Avoid running extension cords in traffic areas where they can get damaged.
- Keep your tree watered and fresh.

Don't leave lit candles unattended- if you go out, blow out.

With that said, on behalf of the men and women of the Sauk Village Fire Department, we wish you all a happy, joyous, and SAFE holiday season.



Winter tips from ESDA

Sauk Village Residents,

It's that time of year to prepare for the upcoming winter months. We need to prepare ourselves by making sure our vehicles are ready for the roads. We must always be aware of wet and icy roads. To help make your holidays safe and enjoyable, please prepare yourself by following a few good practices. Dress warm for the weather. Also keep a blanket, ice scraper, gloves, hat and jumper cables in your trunk for any trip you make during the winter months. Make sure you check all fluids in your vehicle before leaving on a trip. Always make sure you have at least a half tank of fuel during the winter months. Be aware of your surroundings. Keep your eyes open for any animals crossing the road. Please also allow more space between you and the vehicle in front of you and slow down when you come upon an accident while emergency personnel are helping the injured. This will help keep us all safe. The members of Sauk Village ESDA want to wish the residents of Sauk Village a safe and happy holidays.

Thank you,

Coordinator, Arthur Johnson

Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt



Winners of the Community Beautification Awards "The HOOTSIE AWARD is Back"

Many residents take pride in their homes and in showcasing them either through seasonal displays or through general maintenance of their property. With this in mind the Village's Beautification Committee of Sauk Village conducted a Community Beautification Awards Program, "The **Hootsie Award** is back." Nominations came from neighbors and self-report.

Mayor Lewis Towers and the Beautification Committee were pleased to present Certificate of Excellence Awards to the 2010 winners of the Community Beautification Awards, fondly called The Hootsies, at the September 28th Village Board Meeting. Yard Signs were placed on the lawns of all nine winners.

Winners of the 2010 Beautifications Awards are:

Single Family Residences Category:

- 1st Place Winner - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin and Hazel Neal
- 2nd Place Winner - Trustee & Mrs. Derrick and Juanita Burgess
- 3rd Place Winner - Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Sue Phillips

Honorable Mentions in the Single Family Residences Category:

- Frank Kristina
- Mr. & Mrs. Reynold & Victoria Roberts
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Rosemary Ketcham
- Katherine Newton
- Doris Wojcicki

Multi-Family Residence Category:

- Crossroads Apartments

The Committee consisting of Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chairman; Lolita Chambers; Sharon Dangerfield; Rosie East; Elizabeth Pratt; Sheryl Thomas; and Rosie Williams extends gratitude to all who submitted nominations and invite all residents to join them in future efforts to promote single and multi - family dwellings, business/commercial and Government/Institution/Religious entities. They say, "We look forward to heralding those who are doing great things to improve our community and helping our town show its **"Pride and Progress."** We'll be back in 2011."





Police Department News

Chief Tim Holevis



Sauk Village Police arrested a suspect in connection with a home invasion that occurred recently. A suspect was also charged in connection with a rash of copper pipe burglaries that have taken place throughout the village. Don't forget to keep an eye your neighbor's house. Citizens can play an important part in helping the police apprehend the suspects. The police department has recently received a grant for the purchase of in-car video cameras for the police cars. These cameras will increase officer safety and reduce civil litigations. Remember buckle up. Officers will be stepping up seatbelt enforcement during November. Village stickers are required by law and officers will be on the lookout for violators. Please remember to be alert in the school zones and watch for children exiting the school buses.

**Curfew is 10:00pm Sunday through Thursday and Saturday and Sunday, 11:00pm.
Curfew age is 17 years and younger.**

On Tuesday, October 26, 2010, a young man by the name of Joshua Witt gave a great presentation to the village board on how he is going to complete some much needed work around the police department in order to earn his Eagle Scout badge. He will completely fund the project through donations and fundraising. Joshua must complete 125 man hours in order to attain his Eagle status. Thanks again to Joshua and all his supporters.

FROM THE CHIEFS DESK

Can You Speak Up a Little

On a rural road a state trooper pulled this farmer over and said: "Sir, do you realize your wife fell out of the car several miles back?"

To which the farmer replied: "Thank God, I thought I had gone deaf!"



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Housing Authority Committee
Trustee David Hanks



KEEP YOUR HOME

Apply for President Obama's Loan Modification Program

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Saturday, December 4, 2010
9 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
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Find out how the new federal foreclosure prevention program can **HELP YOU STAY IN YOUR HOME.**

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YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LOAN MODIFICATION IF YOU:

- Are behind on your mortgage or at risk of falling behind due to a hardship;
- Are an owner-occupant of a 1 to 4 unit property;
- Have a loan that was originated before January 1, 2009; and
- Have income that will support monthly mortgage payments.

For more information contact **Laurentino Ramirez** at **(773) 933-7575**.

Please bring the following documents with you:

- ✓ Proof of Income for all borrowers listed on the mortgage, including two most recent pay stubs
- ✓ Most recent tax returns (2008 and 2009 tax returns with all schedules and W-2's)
- ✓ Most recent mortgage statements for both first and second mortgage, if applicable
- ✓ Two most recent bank statements
- ✓ Account balances and monthly payments on all other debts including: property, taxes, homeowner association/condo fees, credit cards, student or car loans, child support and alimony
- ✓ Proof/documentation of income from any other sources such as alimony, child support (judgment letter) Social Security income (award letter); profit-loss statements if you are self employed
- ✓ Proof of Homeowners Insurance
- ✓ Most recent utility bill

"Happy Holiday's from our families to yours. Trustee David Hanks and the Sauk Village Housing Authority"

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS										
DATE	FEE \$ 50.00									
Applicant Name, Address & Phone Number	Property Owner Name, Address & Phone Number (where temporary use is to be located)									
Address of Subject Property	Zoning District Current Use of Property									
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Temporary uses not specifically listed above shall require the specific approval of the Village Board. Such uses may be allowed in any zoning district, provided that such temporary use is consistent with the purpose and intent of this Code and the zoning district in which it is located.										
Description of Proposed Temporary Use (Attach sheet if additional space is necessary)										
<i>The minimum application requirements required by the Code must accompany the application.</i>										
I, the undersigned applicant, do hereby certify that the above statements and attached documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.										
_____ Applicant Signature	Applicant Mailing Address									

House, Apartment, Garage and Yard Sales

Such sales are allowed in any residential district, but only when limited to personal possessions of, or arts and crafts made by, the owner or occupant of the dwelling unit where the sale is being conducted. Such use shall be limited to a period not to exceed three (3) consecutive days and no more than two (2) such sales shall be conducted from the same residence in any twelve (12) month period.

* No signs can be placed in any public way. Signs will be removed and tickets will be issued.



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE NON-EMERGENCY	758-1331		
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	753-5141
BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	McCONATHY LIBRARY	757-4771
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