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**SAUK VILLAGE ADDRESSES THE WATER ISSUE**

**Sauk Talk**

The Village of Sauk Village continues to work with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the Illinois Attorney General’s Office regarding implementing a corrective action plan to remove all contaminants from the Village’s water supply. The Village’s engineering firm, Robinson Engineering, has developed an action plan that was submitted to the Village of Sauk Village and the IEPA at the end of October. In the interim, the Village is continuing to monitor and test its water supply to ensure that its residents are provided with water that is safe for consumption. The water supply provided by Wells 1 and 2 is sampled and tested four times per year. The finished sampling results for Wells 1 and 2 have been significantly below the IEPA’s permissible maximum contamination level. The most recent sampling results showed a decrease in the level of contamination. These sampling results are encouraging and confirm that the water supplied by Wells 1 and 2 is safe for consumption. However, these positive results have not deterred the Village from diligently working with Robinson Engineering and the IEPA to implement a corrective action plan that will remove all contaminants from the Village’s water supply. The Village’s ultimate goal is to implement a plan that will ensure the highest quality of water for its residents for the foreseeable future.

A Special Meeting was held on November 5, 2011 to provide residents with an update on the Sauk Village water system and the action plan for treating the wells or obtaining Lake Michigan water. Robinson Engineering provided a water improvement plan at the request of the Sauk Village board. Village Engineer Jim Czarnik stated that in addition to common problems with the well water, such as bad odor, taste, scaling and corrosion, there was vinyl chloride detected in well number three in 2009. As a result, well number three was shut down in 2009 leaving the Village to rely on wells one and two. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Attorney General’s office are requiring that Sauk Village come up with a solution. Wells one and two recently had vinyl chloride detected in them but the levels were not unsafe.

Mr. Czarnik provided several options including air stripping, a new treatment plant with reverse osmosis, and obtaining Lake Michigan water. The costs, operations and time frames of each were explained in detail including the costs of receiving Lake Michigan water from an adjacent community such as Hammond, Chicago Heights, Lynwood, South Chicago Heights or Dyer.

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***News from the Village Clerk***

***Debbie Williams***

Happy New Year! There are a lot of new and exciting things on the horizon for the New Year! In this month’s edition of the Sauk Talk there is information about how residents can pay their water bill on line or by phone with a small convenience fee paid to the servicer. Other projects under consideration are updating the Sauk Village

Municipal Code book, Safeguard Property Maintenance to help identify and work with banks or owners of vacant properties and updated Village calendars, agendas, minutes and ordinances on the village website. The March 20<sup>th</sup> election will include a binding referendum question. If a majority of the voters vote in favor of the referendum the Village must

pursue Lake Michigan as a permanent solution and the Village wells will be capped. Check out [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org) for additional information as it becomes available. Voter’s registration and polling place information is available at the Village Clerk’s office and the McConathy Public Library.



## Sauk Village Water Issue Continued from page 1

The Village of Sauk Village will chose between one of the two options listed below.

**Option # 1-** Safe and sufficient water supply with the same water quality. Construct vinyl chloride treatment plants at both well sites. Low interest loan funding can be secured. Completion Summer 2014. **Cost: \$ 4.6 million**

**Option #2-** Safe and sufficient water supply with improved water quality.

**Phase 1-** Need a stop gap measure- An emergency connection from South Chicago Heights is needed to temporarily receive Lake Michigan water to eliminate water shortage; funding to be provided by the village. Completion Spring 2013. **Cost: \$400,000.00**

**Phase 2-** Move forward to establish a permanent connection with Chicago Heights. Low interest loan funding can be secured. Completion Winter 2016. **Cost: \$19.7 million**

The IEPA is expecting a quick decision from the board regarding steps being taken towards compliance. IEPA low interest loan funding is available at 2.5% for the first 10 million dollars. The remaining funds will have to come from the bond market at approximately 5% interest.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) mandates the cost comparison as a first step to apply for an allocation of Lake Michigan water. The IDNR will only approve a Lake Michigan water allocation if the cost of delivering Lake Michigan water is less than the cost of treatment of the locally sourced water.

Mayor Towers stated that in order to bring Lake Michigan water to Sauk Village it would have to appear as a referendum on the March 2012 ballot for residents to make the decision by a majority vote.

**A binding public question shall be submitted to the voters of the Village of Sauk Village, Cook and Will Counties, State of Illinois at the March 20, 2012 general primary election as follows:**

<p><b>Shall the Village of Sauk Village upgrade its municipal water system to provide Lake Michigan water and abandon all current wells for an estimated cost of Nineteen Million Seven Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$19,700,000), which will increase your water rate by an estimated \$6.87 per 1,000 gallons of water use and will increase your monthly water bill by approximately \$73.00 per month for an average household?</b></p>	<p><b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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**To be included on the ballot: For example, a current water bill of \$141 every other month will now be \$287 (\$141 + \$146 = \$287). The project is expected to be completed by December 2016.**

(Sauk Village water bills are bi-monthly.)

The date of the next Special Meeting to discuss the water issue has not yet been determined. Check out the website, village marquee and postings at the Municipal Center and the Mc Conathy Public Library for future information. **The entire water quality report is available on the Sauk Village web site [www.saukvillege.org](http://www.saukvillege.org).**

**IF THE REFERENDUM QUESTION IS NOT APPROVED BY THE VOTERS THE VILLAGE WILL PROCEED WITH OPTION #1 AT COST OF \$4.6 MILLIONS DOLLARS.**

### Public Relations— Trustee Rosie Williams

We are doing many fun and exciting things in the Public Relations committee. Every year at this time, we begin planning for our annual Student Government Day event. Letters have been distributed to schools in order to inform them of this year's topic "What improvements would you make to Sauk Village?" All 8th grade students are encouraged to participate even if they are not enrolled in Sauk Village schools. Packets can be picked up at the Village Hall by January 20th to be returned by February 24th. As a committee, we are very much looking forward to hearing the responses. We have also started to fund-raise for this and other events. Our first fundraising event of the season will be a casino trip to Four Winds. Please refer to the details below and we hope to see you there!!!

Four Winds Casino - February 20, 2012

Bus leaves promptly from the Village Hall at 9:30 am and returns to the Village Hall at approximately at 3:30 pm  
**The cost of \$35.00 includes a \$10.00 lunch credit, \$15.00 in slot play and roundtrip bus transportation.)**

For more information and registration please contact Trustee Williams at 708/753-5121

**Due to budgetary restraints the Sauk Talk is no longer mailed to residents. The Sauk Village Public Relations Committee continues to produce a bi-monthly Sauk Talk that is available at the Village Hall, Library, Village website and a limited amount of businesses. An exemption has been made in this case due to the content.**



## Senior Committee

Rose Langston



The three Senior Citizens organizations meet (SV Fun Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:00 p.m., Senior Citizens of SV on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Leisure Timers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.) in the Senior Center. Seniors, age 50 years plus are welcome to join. Seniors may visit two times prior to joining. Annual dues vary from \$10.00, \$13.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

Seniors are welcome to join in other activities/events held in the Senior Center. Every Sunday evening from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., the SV Blue Grass provides blue grass, country western and gospel music for your dancing and/or listening pleasure. Pickers with acoustic instrument are welcome to the jam sessions. A free will donation is accepted to cover the cost of beverages and supplies. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, the SV Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 8:00 p.m. For motorcyclists the BMW Cross Roads No. 55 meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.. the Ceramics Group meets.

### The SV Senior committee's agenda to date for 2012:

Monday 1:00 p.m. movies co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library;

January 9th Morning Glory, February 13th Raising Arizona,

March 12th 'Quite Man' following 12:00 p.m. luncheon requiring reservations - call 708-757-4771

April 9th African King, Saturday

### Quarterly events:

March 24th Chili Cook-off, May 12th Senior Craft Show, October 13th 9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner



FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. held in the Senior Center office (use east entrance) on Wednesdays January 11th, 25th, February 8th and 22nd. Additional screenings are also held preceding the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. This FREE program is open to all Sauk Village residents (not just seniors) and employees.

The Paperback exchange program is going well. Thank you Nancy Baker for your recent donations. We are working on securing a bookcase to accommodate all the paperbacks on hand.

We are working on providing a very basic computer program for awareness and to introduce seniors who need some assistance. The committee would greatly appreciate responses to our survey to provide additional activities/programs you (seniors) are interested in participating. For concerns and/or questions, you may call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits.

### EMMANUEL COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE

Proceeds to benefit *Our Daily Bread Food Pantry*

Available items include: Gently used Clothing – Household items – Furniture

Open to the Public

Thursday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Friday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – 3:00 to 5:30 PM

Donations of gently used items, during hours of operation, will be greatly appreciated. We will pick-up large items (furniture) by appointment only.

**For information, Contact: Earlene – 708-510-5867 Pat – 708-476-9444**

**For furniture pick-up, Contact: Rich – 708-205-8624 John-Paul – 708-328-0735**

**EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**

**22515 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois 60411**



## Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Hopefully it was a safe and happy holiday season for all. To end out the year, the Sauk Village Fire Department once again hosted "Pancakes with Santa" on December 4. Well over 100 people attended to enjoy all you can eat pancakes and to get their picture taken with the jolly man himself.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, before the end of the year, SVFD responded to TWO house fires that resulted in thousands of dollars in damage- each. Both fires came as weather was turning cold, and were a direct result of space heaters being used improperly. The first one was a kerosene heater that wasn't even supposed to be used in the house. These small kerosene heaters emit fumes and put out an intensely hot plume- hence the term "torpedo heater". They're great in the garage when used safely, but not in the house!

The second fire resulted from an electric space heater that was placed within two feet of a bed. The rule of thumb is three feet, and for good reason. The space heater was also left unattended. If you're not going to be home, turn your heaters off. Fortunately, in either case nobody was hurt. Please, if you must use space heaters, follow the manufacturer's recommendations and use them appropriately.

In other news, the marquee in front of the fire station recently posted "Hug your kids at home, but belt them in the car." We did get a lot of positive feedback from that catchy jingle. As a reminder, at this time, the Sauk Village Fire Department and Police Department DO NOT have certified car seat technicians- meaning, we cannot legally be liable to help you install your child's safety car seat, nor check it for proper installation. As a father myself, I know those car seat instructions look like a manual on building a space shuttle, but really- the manufacturer's instructions are your best resource. Do take the time to read them and make sure your children are safe in the car.

In the last edition of the Sauk Talk, I mentioned that SVFD was able to bring on four new members thanks to a federal FEMA grant. This grant covers the costly pre-employment physical and will be used to send our recruits to a Fire Training Academy. These new recruits are Aaron Anderson, Shannon Clark, Quinnest Daniels, and Cameron Luther. Yes- another Luther!

Cameron is following in the footsteps of his father Doug, Uncle Dave, and Grandfather Zeke. Welcome aboard recruits!

I always warn any new recruit that the first year is the most intense. Training starts immediately with learning the ropes around the fire station, figuring out all the tools and equipment, and then starting the Fire Academy. SVFD uses the Prairie State College Fire Science Program's Basic Firefighter course. This course is sanctioned by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and does qualify the student for state certification as a Basic Firefighter. The course is a full 16 week semester and meets two nights a week and every Saturday. The course is comprised of much classroom to prepare students for the state exams, as well as much hands on learning that prepares the students for the "real world." The Academy instructors are advanced firefighters and fire officers from many of our surrounding communities - including Sauk Village.

As you can see, our new recruits will have their hands full. If this is something that sounds interesting to you, please contact me at the fire station Monday through Friday. SVFD does not require previous fire experience. We simply ask that you be a Sauk Village resident, have a valid IL drivers license, have a high school diploma or GED, and have a clean criminal background. You will have to pass an extensive medical physical assuming you made it through the application process. Our firefighters are Paid on Call- meaning you go on about your life of work and family. When your department issued pager goes off- come to the station and be prepared for anything. We train as a department every Tuesday night from 7-10 pm. That's an important part of being a firefighter too. Your training never really ends.

So, call me at 708-758-2225, or stop by the fire station at 1804 222<sup>nd</sup> Street. If you have it in your heart to do something great for your community, this is a good place to start.

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## Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

The Beautification Committee has our full year planned. We are sharing our calendar with you so that you will know just what we have planned with hopes that you will come out and participate or volunteer. Take special note of the Service Day in the Parks, the Annual Clean, Green, and Preen Week and the Hootsie Awards Nominations and Judging dates.

## 2012 Calendar and Work Plan

January		February	
3	Christmas Decorations	13	Beautification Committee Mtg.
9	Beautification Committee Mtg. (Discuss Fundraising Plan, Adopt-A-Spot Campaign)	20	Community Garden Mtg.
23	Community Garden Mtg.		
March		April	
12	Beautification Committee Mtg.	9	Beautification Committee (Discuss Hootsie Awards)
19	Community Garden Mtg.	16	Community Garden Mtg.

## Police Alliance Committee

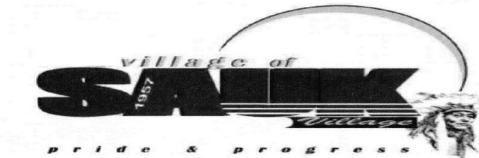
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SAUK VILLAGE POLICE ALLIANCE COMMITTEE IS SPONSORING A TOWN HALL MEETING TO GET SOME ANSWERS CONCERNING OUR VILLAGE WIDE SITUATION OF HOME INVASIONS, BREAK-INS AND OTHER CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE.

DATE: **Saturday January 21, 2012**

TIME: 10:00am – 12:00pm (Refreshment served at 9:30am)

LOCATION: VILLAGE HALL MUNICIPAL CENTER  
21801 Torrence Ave.  
Sauk Village, IL 60411



***WE NEED EVERYONE INVOLVED TO CONTINUE TO BE A VILLAGE WE ALL CAN BE PROUD TO CALL HOME***

***SERVING THE COMMUNITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY***

## PAY YOUR WATER BILL ONLINE STARTING JANUARY, 2012

Payments can be made by credit card (MasterCard, VISA or Discover) or eCheck (payment from your checking or savings account). It is simple, fast and secure.

Pay online- Go to [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org) and click on "Pay Bill Online"

Pay by phone at 877/885-7968 (7 days a week, 24 hours a day or by live customer service person 7 am – 6pm, Monday- Friday)

Make an immediate payment, schedule a payment or set up Auto Pay for the amount of your bill (you will receive an email reminders three days before your payment)

Note: A convenience fee of \$2.99 will be added to your payment

**Payments made after 5 pm will be posted the next business day.**

# Human Relations Commission

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

## About the Human Relations Commission

The purpose of the Commission is to promote an open community with long term population diversity and integration. The commission was established to stimulate the improvement of human relations among all persons, so as to provide all citizens with an equal opportunity to grow, participate in and share to the best of their ability in the economic, educational, political and social benefits of the community. To that end, the Human Relations Commission proposes to conduct the following activities in 2012:

Host a Voter Registration Drive

Host a Mothers' Day Tea

Host Diversity Dinners

Conduct a symposium on Race Relations

Organize an International Festival

Facilitate Training and Collaboration Between Village Officials

Update the Community Resource Booklet

Establish a Youth Council

Host a Barbecue Cook-off

**Commissioners:** Steve Blom, Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Kimberly Johnson-Evans, David Hanks, Evelyn Sterling, Linda Todd and Frank Williams



**Special Note:** A Deputy Registrars Training is being planned for those interested in becoming certified to conduct Voter Registration. The training will be scheduled during the first week of February. The Cook County Clerk's office must verify the voter registration of anyone planning to become a deputy registrar. Interested??? Send a note to [HRCommission@yahoo.com](mailto:HRCommission@yahoo.com) with your name and address.

*We Salute Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has been deceased longer than he had a chance to live. But what an extraordinary life he had.

January 16, 2012

At 33, he was pushing the case for civil rights with President Kennedy. At 34, he galvanized the nation with his, much renowned, I Have a Dream speech. At 35, he won the Nobel Peace Prize. At 39, he was assassinated, but he left a legacy of hope and inspiration that continues today.

## Blossoms Program

Mary Beth Peach

The BLOSSOMS Family Enrichment Program at Wagoner school will provide screenings for infants and toddlers on Thursday, January 26. The screenings will cover hearing, vision, and social/emotional development for children between birth and three years old. Call 758-0319 for an appointment.

# Parks and Recreation

Trustee Robert Chavez

Community Center membership cards are on sale until January 30, 2012. Membership prices are age 17 and under \$10.00, 18 and over \$20.00 for one full year. For non-residents there is an extra \$5.00 fee. A \$3.00 late fee will be charged after January 30th for memberships.

Registration for boxing lessons at the Community Center starts on January 11, 2012. The fee is \$30.00 per month or \$75.00 for 3 months if paid in advance.

Basketball season is starting up soon. Registration starts on February 1, 2012 at the Community Center gym after 5:00pm.

If you would like to try the gym or boxing there is a \$3.00 per day fee.

For more information on the activities listed or if any business or individuals are interested in sponsoring please call 708-932-9900.



## PUBLIC WORKS SNOW REMOVAL

Kevin Weller

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 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.

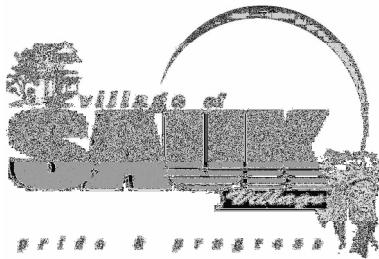
The highest priority of the Public Works plow drivers must be to make the streets as safe as possible for vehicle traffic and for the passage of emergency vehicles in the event they need to get to your home.

There are 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 your self plenty of time and be courteous to others. Best wishes for a Happy and Safe New Year from the Public Works Dept.



Just a reminder, during the holidays residents tend to have more sewer complaints, so before you spend any money on a plumber call the village to check the sanitary mains on your street . Business hours 708 758-3330—Weekends or Evenings call 708 758 1331 and someone will be dispatched.

Respectively, Sauk Village Public Works



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**Permit No. 346**

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**SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411**

**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
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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Village Stickers

Independence Day Celebration

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Sauk Talk

Student Government Day 2012



The winners for the 2012 Student Government Day and their respective positions are: Mayor- Jo'Anne Wagner; Village Clerk - Chelsea Neal; Trustees: Denzel Stevenson; Robert Chavez Jr. ; Mariah Turner; Quinshawn Bolden; Adriana Gnaster; Ebone' Camp; Village Manager - Destiny Shaw; Treasurer - Blake Evans; Police Chief - Darrion Moore; Fire Chief - Tayonna Marion; Public Works - Diante Felton; Finance Director - Kai Coldman; Administrative Services - Julian White; ESDA - Yesenia May; Engineer - Ana Castro; Village Attorney- Cartiara Merrit; Beautification Committee - Roosevelt Smith; Human Relations - Destiny Dorsey ; Senior Committee - Alex Fuentes; Police Alliance - Kayla Davis. Also pictured is Trustee Rosie Williams.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Village stickers are now on sale. The Lincoln Highway mural and the Village's 55th Anniversary are the themes of this year's sticker. All stickers must be displayed by midnight June 30th. Late fees will be assessed and tickets will be issued after the June 30th deadline.

**Village sticker prices are as follows:**

**Motorcycles, passenger cars and RV's \$30.00**

**Motor buses and trucks - Starting at \$45.00**

Additional news you can use: The Village Hall will be closed

on Memorial Day- Monday, May 28th. There will also be no Skyline Disposal pickup on that day. The Memorial Day celebration will take place promptly at 11:00 am at St. James Cemetery located behind Round the Clock. Code Enforcement is returning at the end of May. All grass must be maintained at no more than 8" high. Tickets will be issued and enforced. Warnings tickets may be issued for any other code violations. Look in this issue for more information on the Independence Day

Parade and Vendor Fair, The Father's Day Weekend Rib Cook Off and Community Garage Sale, Community Garden and Clean, Green and Preen Week. Check out the Sauk Village calendar at [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org) to learn more about the activities taking place in the community including Parks and Recreation Community Center hours and events. School is out soon. Please be careful and have a safe, enjoyable summer!

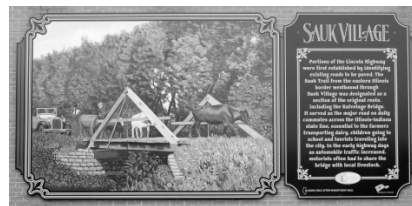


## Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

The Beautification Committee has been busy, but not as busy as we will become over the next few months!

Now that the lovely Lincoln Highway Mural has been installed at 1 Sauk Plaza, and our Village has another historical landmark; we are off to other initiatives.

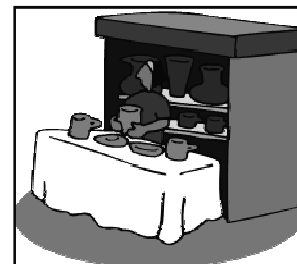


We are excited about the Community Garden that should be installed in May. We will make available five (5) individual plots for \$25.00. With these plots, you can plant vegetables for you and your family. There will also be General Crop & Flower Planting where members of the committee and community can tend. Details forthcoming!

Get ready for our Second Annual Clean, Green & Preen Week. Mark your calendars for June 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. During the week of June 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, residents focus on cleaning out & beautifying their homes and surrounding areas, then on June 9<sup>th</sup> we host the Village-Wide Community Service Day, where volunteers form teams and assist with beautifying identified areas throughout the village. Lunch will be provided.

It's the pile of stuff underneath the stairs, in the garage, or tucked in the back of the closet! It is out of sight but not out of mind. The time has come to be set free from the physical and mental clutter!! Mark your calendars: Saturday, June 16, 9:00am to 5:00pm for the first Father's Day BBQ Cook-off and Community-wide Yard Sale hosted by the Human Relations Commission and Beautification Committee of Sauk Village. If you'd like to enter your world famous ribs into the competition please contact: Marva Campbell-Pruitt at [SVBEAUTIFICATION@yahoo.com](mailto:SVBEAUTIFICATION@yahoo.com). If you'd like to reserve a booth at the Yard Sale for \$10 please contact: Linda Todd at [jaclin@ameritech.net](mailto:jaclin@ameritech.net) at 708-758-9505.

# COOK-OFF



**VILLAGE  
WIDE  
GARAGE  
SALE**

We make a special plea for new members and volunteers. Drop a note to [SVBEAUTIFICATION@yahoo.com](mailto:SVBEAUTIFICATION@yahoo.com)  
More information is available, including Cook-Off and Garage Sale Applications at the Village Hall and at [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org)

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## Senior Committee

Rose Langston

The Sauk Village Senior Citizen Committee would like to thank all the participants who helped make our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off a success. Many, many thank you to our chili chefs (in table placement order) - [A] - Nadine Morgan [B] - Bill Morgan [C] - Shirley Rowley [D] - Jean Long [E] - Peggy Nick [F] - Lanny Toomes [G] - Heidi Parker [H] - Jesse Boswell [I] - Gigi Austin [J] - Jim Olesky for their delicious entries. The volunteer judges (Barb Dorman, George Carter, Lauren Seeley, Yvonne Stewart and Pat Weatherford) had a very difficult time judging. Congratulations to all our winners: Chili - first place (second year in a row) Jesse Boswell, second place Shirley Rowley and third place Peggy Nick; the many, many door prizes (donated by Barb Dorman, Rose Langston, Nadine Morgan and Delores Randall); 50/50 and twelve packages of Rosebud frozen chicken breasts (donated by Jim Embry). Thank you to our line dance instructor Flora Haynes and our musical entertainers The Morgan Family (Floyd, Nadine, Bill, Dennis and Les) for rounding out the afternoon. We greatly appreciate our other volunteers - Tasha Bell, Dolores Carvajac, Lanell Cox and Marva Campbee-Pruitt. Thank you committee members especially Gay Holcomb for video taping the event, it was a very nice gesture.

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## Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Spring is in the air and our kids are restless from being cooped up all winter! Please, drive with caution and be alert to kids on or near the street. Spring cleaning comes to mind as well. A little precaution goes a long way toward avoiding long term injury. If cleaning out your gutters is on that “honey do” list, take a moment and inspect your ladder. Look for weak or broken rungs and if using an extension ladder, check the pawls for safe and smooth operation. Remember to place the ladder at a minimum 15 degree angle to the building and when possible, have someone hold the ladder for you. At a minimum, make sure the ladder feet are firmly planted on the ground and avoid smooth, flat surfaces.

April was Safe Digging month, but it doesn't have to be April to practice safe digging- this applies all year 'round. What you consider to be a quick and easy digging job- a shrub, flowers, even simple gardening, can be enough to cause you heartburn. Remember many Sauk Village homes were built in the late 50's- early 60's. The existing gas and water lines may not be as far under ground as you think they should be. Plan your job, call JULIE at 811 at least a week ahead of time, and dig with peace of mind.

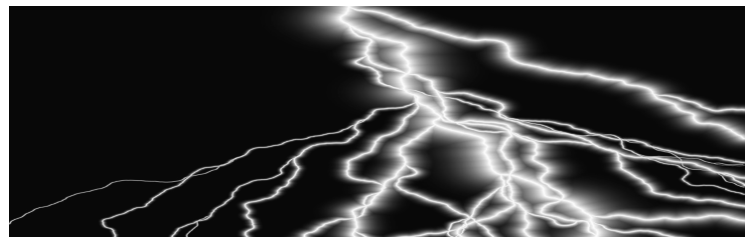
Also with Spring comes the chance of severe weather. Are you prepared? What does it mean to be prepared? Sauk Village is vulnerable, just as any of our neighboring communities are, to natural disaster. Flash flooding and tornadoes of course are our biggest threats, but as you read in a recent Sauk Talk article from me, earthquakes cannot be ruled out either. A disaster of any real magnitude will immediately tax all available emergency services. Any given citizen should be prepared to sustain themselves and those in their household for up to 3 days. This includes food, water, shelter, medication- anything you may need to survive for 72 hours. For more information, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

You or someone in your household may also be reliant on electricity for health reasons, like oxygen equipment, ventilators, or cardiac monitors. If this is you, please take a moment to contact the Sauk Village Fire Department during normal business hours to register your household on our confidential disaster registry. In a disaster event, our resources will be sorely taxed and priorities will need to be made. This list will help us in making priorities. Keep in mind though that it will still take time to get to you and in any case, the Fire Department cannot supply you with power. This is a common misconception. Include this in your household plan. Perhaps consider getting a portable generator.

It's so much easier to sit back and think “why bother- it'll never happen here, and so what if it does- that's what the Emergency Services are for.” That train of thought is a certain recipe for misery and heartache. I never thought I'd be driving a trailer full of disaster relief supplies to southern Illinois in the wake of a tornado, and I certainly never thought I would be deployed to Louisiana for a hurricane disaster- twice- 3 years apart. These are unique times we are living in. Take the time to educate yourself and get prepared. Once again, take a look at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

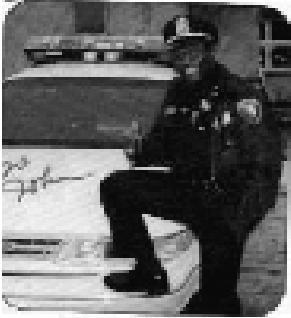
### UPCOMING EVENTS-

**PANCAKES!!!** There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Sauk Village Fire Department on Sunday June 3 from 8am to noon.



## Police Alliance Committee

LeNarge Booker



Clarence Johns  
Sauk Village Police Department

The Police Alliance was proud to salute to retired Officer Clarence Johns on February 28, 2012. Officer Johns was saluted in honor of the Nation’s observance of Black History Month. Officer Clarence Johns was the village’s first African-American Police Officer. Officer Johns was born in Shelby, MS one of nine children. He moved to IL in 1966 where he met and married Terri his wife of 42yrs. This union produced 5 children: Robert, Alisa, Theresa, Maria, and Brandon, as well as, 11 Grandchildren. Many of his family member were present for this honor.

Officer Johns worked in law enforcement since 1986 serving the Village of Sauk Village from 1989-2001. During his tenure he received many levels of responsibility serving as an Auxiliary Officer from 1989 – 1993, being acknowledged with several fellow Officers in the January 29, 1994 Community News. He served as a Reserve Officer from 1993 – 1997 where he continued to enhance his skills to better serve our great village, receiving Certificates of Award and Achievement in many training programs. Officer Johns also served as Code Enforcement and Community Service Officer. While working all phases of law enforcement and meeting the challenges face to face of the community he also received multiple Awards and Commendations from: The Village of Sauk Village Fire Department Captain Jim Couch, Community Consolidated Schools District #168 Superintendent Dr. Thomas E. Ryan, Deputy Sheriff Keith Paprocki Cook County Sheriff’s Office D.C.S.I/S.W.A.P, Sauk Village Baptist Church Pastor Dr. John Hanks, as well as receiving The Village of Sauk Village “Full Time Employee of the Year Award”. Officer Johns truly lives by his motto: “There is no substitute for hard work”. In honor of his historical service we expressed our gratitude with a plaque presented to him by his Sister Mrs. Julia Johns Marshall that came to visit Sauk Village from Memphis, TN; Officer Johns was so happy he had tears of joy in his eyes.

Thank You Officer Johns for all of your hard work for our Village

*SERVING THE COMMUNITY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY*

## Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Sauk Village Public Relations Committee would like to thank everyone who made this year's Student Government Day such a huge success. Special thanks to our sponsors- Comcast Cable, Odelson & Sterk, LLC, Robinson Engineering, Community Consolidated School District 168, the Sauk Village Senior Committee and all residents and staff that were on hand to chaperone and participated in our fundraisers. Special thanks to Gary Holcomb and Joe Wiszowaty for videotaping and taking pictures during the entire day's event and for providing copies of the videos and pictures to the students. The 8th grade Rickover students participated in a mock Board meeting where they assumed the roles of all Village elected officials, department heads and consultants on April 26th. The students were then treated to a special day in their honor on May 9th with a bowling outing at Classic Lanes followed by lunch at Hometown Gyros. Check out the photos below which include a special visitor, Mike Paulos, from Comcast who spent the day with the students and the bowling winners and their prizes.



# Public Works Department

Kevin Weller

## Street Sweeping

The street sweeping schedule for the 2012 season will be as follows:

The week beginning- **April 16, May 14, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15.** Sweeping the month of **November** , will follow our leaf pickup 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.

- April 17** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- May 1** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- June 5** - Eastern section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- July 3** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- August 7** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- September 4** - Eastern Section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- October 2** - 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 2012 season will begin **Monday May 1** and end on **Friday May 11**. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday May 6**.

The second and final pickup for the 2012 season will begin **Monday September 3** and end on **Friday September 14**. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday September 9**.

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

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 pickup program will begin November 5 through 9, skipping the week of 12 through 16 ,residents can still put leaves out up until November 18. Our final pickup will begin November 19 , crews will be out to pickup each section on garbage day, **THEY WILL NOT COME BACK AFTER THIS PASS.** . *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.*

# Sauk Village Independence Day Parade June 30th 2012

*The parade will kickoff at  
1 PM from behind*

*Popeye's and end at the  
Village Hall parking lot.  
Come on out and enjoy the  
festivities with the whole  
family*



For more information go to: [WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG](http://WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG)



21801 Torrence Avenue  
Sauk Village, IL 60411

## 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
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460		

VISIT US ON THE WEB:  
[WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG](http://WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG)



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July 19, 2012

Sauk Village

Dear Resident:

Sauk Village has been working with the Illinois EPA since 2009 to assist the Village with providing safe drinking water to the citizens of Sauk Village. The Village has already taken steps and is working with the Illinois EPA to ensure that the required drinking standards are being met.

However, the Village was notified that the drinking water in the community water supply has reached the maximum contaminant level (MCL) prevention standard of 1 part per billion (ppb) for vinyl chloride according to the Illinois EPA. Vinyl chloride was detected and confirmed most recently in finished water from Treatment Application Point 01 at a level of 1.68 ppb.

Exposure to vinyl chloride in excess of the federal safe drinking water standard of 2 parts per billion over many years poses a health risk. The Village water supply is currently below the federal MCL.

The Village believes the federal MCL could be reached in the near future, so the Village will offer Village residents bottled water for drinking and cooking. The Village is currently working to obtain bottled water for its residents.

The notice is required under Section 25d-3(a) of the Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/25d-3(a)] that there has been a confirmed detection of groundwater contamination that poses a threat of exposure to the public above the Class I groundwater quality standards.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Illinois EPA News Release. I encourage you to read the enclosed notice in regards to the Drinking Water Supply.

**POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECT INFORMATION**

The possible human health effects associated with vinyl chloride are summarized below from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) drinking water contaminant factsheet for vinyl chloride:

*What are vinyl chloride's health effects?*

Some people who drink water containing vinyl chloride well in excess of the maximum contaminant level (MCL), set at 2 ppb, for many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

This health effects language is not intended to catalog all possible health effects for vinyl chloride. Rather, it is intended to inform consumers of some of the possible health effects associated with vinyl chloride in drinking water when the rule was finalized.

*How is vinyl chloride regulated?*

In 1974, Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act. This law requires U.S. EPA to determine safe levels of contaminants in drinking water which do or may cause health problems. These non-enforceable health goals, based solely on possible health risks and exposure over a lifetime, are called maximum contaminant level goals (MCLG). The MCLG for vinyl chloride is zero. U.S. EPA has set this level of protection based on the best available science to prevent potential health problems.

In Illinois, the drinking water standard is two-tiered. The MCL prevention standard is 1 ppb. Accordingly, the groundwater standard is 2 ppb.

The complete contaminant factsheet for vinyl chloride can be found on U.S. EPA's Website at:

<http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/vinyl-chloride.cfm>

Another fact sheet on vinyl chloride by the Illinois Department of Public Health can be found at:

<http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/vinyl-chloride.htm>

Illinois EPA's March 2012 fact sheet, "Sauk Village Water Supply Contamination Issue" can be found at:

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/community-relations/fact-sheets/sauk-village/index.html>

*Mayor Lewis Towers and Sauk Village Board of Trustees*



## ***NEWS RELEASE***

### **Illinois Environmental Protection Agency**

1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276

Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Phone: 217/782-3397

***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

July 16, 2012

**CONTACT:** Maggie Carson 217/558-1536

Cell: 217/725-0589

[Maggie.Carson@Illinois.gov](mailto:Maggie.Carson@Illinois.gov)

## **Illinois EPA Notifies Sauk Village Public Drinking Water Supply of Right to Know Requirements**

***Agency confirms vinyl chloride contamination and requires customers to be notified***

**Springfield, IL** – The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) has notified the Sauk **Village public drinking water supply** that there has been a confirmed detection of groundwater contamination that poses a threat of exposure to the public and is above the Illinois maximum contaminant level (MCL) prevention standard.

Sauk Village also provides finished drinking water to Candlelight Village Mobile Home Park and Weatherstone Lakes Mobile Home Park, which are secondary users.

Vinyl chloride (VC) has been detected and confirmed in **finished** (distributed) water at 1.68 parts per billion (ppb). This level exceeds the MCL prevention standard for vinyl chloride of 1.0 ppb. Illinois' MCL prevention law requires treatment below 1.0 ppb.

The Environmental Protection Act requires the water supply, and any secondary users, to provide notification to its customers of this contamination by mail, email, post card, text message or telephone, within five business days of official receipt of the Illinois EPA's notice. The public drinking water supply must provide the Illinois EPA with written proof of the notifications within seven calendar days after they are sent.

The Illinois EPA will post this press release and other appropriate notifications on its web site at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/drinking-water-watch/pws-well-contamination/index.html>.

U.S. EPA has indicated that there is no safe level of VC. Some people who ingest water contaminated with VC over long periods of time can experience adverse health effects. The factsheet containing complete health information for VC can be found on U.S. EPA's website at: <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants/basicinformation/vinyl-chloride.cfm>.

The Illinois Department of Public Health also provides information on vinyl chloride at: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/vinyl-chloride.htm>

## Water Distribution and Hotline

The Village of Sauk Village will distribute water as follows:

Friday July 20, 2012 from Ed Paesel Community Center between the hours of 10am to 2pm

Saturday July 21, 2012 from the Ed Paesel Community Center between the hours of 10 am to 2pm

Sunday July 22, 2012 from the Ed Paesel Community Center between the hours of 10 am to 2pm

The schedule of distribution (*subject to change*) will be as follows:

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Friday 10am to 2 pm - Ed Paesel Community Center

Mondays and Wednesday 4pm to 8 pm- Ed Paesel Community Center

Saturday and Sunday 10 to 2 pm -Ed Paesel Community Center

Proof of Residency will be required. A maximum of 3 gals per household per day as requested.

Check the Sauk Village web site for updates at [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org). Notices will be posted at the Village Hall, Sauk Village Police and Fire Departments and the McConathy Public Library.

Henrietta Turner

Village of Sauk Village

Village Manager

21801 Torrence Ave

Sauk Village, IL 60411

Office: 708 758-3330

### **EMERGENCY WATER PROJECT HOTLINE**

**708/753-5140**

A hotline has been established in order to provide residents with current information and direction.

The hours are:

Friday, July 20, 2012 12pm- 5 pm

Monday through Friday 8 am -5pm

These times are subject to change.

All updates on the Sauk Village water system will be provided by public notices posted at the Village Hall, Police Department, Fire Department and McConathy Public Library. Check out [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org) for up to the minute updates.

Village Clerk Debbie Williams

**Revised 7-20-12 1:30 pm**

Note: The current proposal that was approved by the Village Board and is currently under review by the IEPA includes a temporary air stripping process that could be installed as early as August 28, 2012 and a permanent air stripping process that could be installed as early as December 15, 2012.

***Sauk Talk*** is Produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams Trustee/Composer and Staff Members Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams. With special appreciation to and technical support from Deputy Village Clerk Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to [sauktalk@saukville.org](mailto:sauktalk@saukville.org).

# ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

1021 NORTH GRAND AVENUE EAST, P.O. Box 19276, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62794-9276 • (217) 782-2829

**PAT QUINN**, GOVERNOR

**JOHN J. KIM**, INTERIM DIRECTOR

July 19,2012

To: Honorable Lewis Towers, Sauk Village Mayor  
Ms. Henrietta Turner, Sauk Village Manager

From: Interim Director John J. Kim, Illinois EPA

Regarding the July 16,2012 notice letter to Sauk Village about vinyl chloride levels in the finished water for the Sank Village community water supply system, and to clarify the current situation, the Illinois EP A offers the following statements:

Given that the existing level of vinyl chloride in Sauk Village's public wells does not exceed the maximum contaminant level, there are no restrictions on the use of water from those wells. Water could be used for drinking, bathing, cooking, or other normal uses.

Illinois EP A is requiring that Sauk Village make bottled or potable water available to residents who choose to use it for personal consumption.

Illinois EPA is not requiring the shut-down of Sauk Village's wells. The Illinois EPA is requiring treatment of the water that comes from the wells as soon as possible so vinyl chloride levels are reduced.

Illinois EPA contends that businesses that provide food or drink to the public may choose to use the water from the Sauk Village community water supply.

Illinois EPA will continue to take samples weekly from Sauk Village's water supply to monitor the safety of the situation.

**4302 N. Main St., Rockford, IL 611 03 (815)987-7760**

**9511 W. Harrison St., Des Plaines, IL  
60016 (847)294-4000**

**595 S. State, Elgin, IL 60123 (847)608-3131**

**5407 N. University St., Arbor 113, Peoria, IL 61614 (309)693-  
5462**

**2125 S. First St., Champaign, IL 61820 (217)278-5800**

**2309 W. Main St., Suite 116, Marion, IL 62959  
(618)993-7200**

**2009 Mall St., Collinsville, IL 62234 (618)346-5120**

**100 W. Randolph, Suite 11-300, Chicago, U.  
60601 (312)814-6026**

## Senior News

Beware of extreme heat! It can be particularly hazardous to children, seniors, those with special needs, and pets causing heat-related illnesses. Besides being discomfort and fatigue, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke may occur. Drink plenty of non-alcoholic, and non-caffeinated fluids. Be sure to avoid carbonated and alcohol drinks. If necessary, Sauk Village have several cooling locations (municipal building 21801 Torrence Ave. M-F during business hours, Fire Station 1804 222<sup>nd</sup> Pl. 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (708) 758-2225, and Police Station 21701 Torrence Avenue 24 hours (708) 758-1331).

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The SV Senior committee's agenda to date for 2012: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (except in October and November) 12:30 p.m. movies co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library (seniors may bring a brown bag lunch): July 9<sup>th</sup> 'Yankee Doodle Danny', August 13<sup>th</sup> 'August Rush,' September 10<sup>th</sup> 'I Remember Mama,' October 1<sup>st</sup> 'Recount,' November 5<sup>th</sup> 'Rio Bravo,' December 10<sup>th</sup> 'Santa Claus 1,' Quarterly event; Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> '9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner;' FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. held in the Senior Center office (use east entrance) on Wednesdays: July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Screening also held preceding the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. Other FREE events in the planning stages: basic computer program for awareness and to introduce seniors who need some assistance; and Zumba Gold classes (geared for seniors). A survey is provided for your input of additional activities/programs you (seniors) are interested in participating.

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## Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Happy Summer!! Nothing says summer like working out in the yard and making things look nice. The Fire Station is no exception. Earlier in June, some old bushes were pulled out and replaced by a 10x10 timber flower bed. This was constructed by SVFD members. It was filled with dirt courtesy of the Sauk Village Public Works. Then the Sauk Village Beautification Committee stepped in and worked their flower magic creating an "SVFD" with French Marigolds. Thank you to all the Beautification Committee and volunteers that work so hard to keep our community looking... well... beautiful.

In other project news, ABF Freight donated a 28 foot trailer to the Fire Department last year. Construction on the training prop has begun inside the trailer. A two and a half level maze is being constructed with numerous obstacles including confined areas, an entanglement hazard and a simulated floor collapse. Props like this are designed to build the firefighter's confidence in negotiating extreme hazards while wearing full protective gear in a low visibility environment. Similar props are used during a firefighter's basic training, but many will never get an opportunity to train in one again. Props of this nature are essential to keeping firefighters skills sharp. This prop will also be made available for neighboring fire departments to use.

More good news- on May 17, two of our newest recruits graduated from the Prairie State College Fire Academy. Congratulations to Firefighters Aaron Anderson and Cameron Luther! Cameron, by the way, is the third generation of Luther to be a part of the Sauk Village Fire Department. Both of these young men have a bright future ahead of them and we wish them all the best.

Here's a little SVFD history for you regarding "legacies"- very appropriate since I'm actually writing this article around Father's Day! In honor of those fathers and the passing on of the firefighter blood line, here's a list of father/son/daughter members that I was able to find from oldest to most current:

1. Seldon Gordon Sr. & Seldon Jr.
2. Verlyn "Zeke" Luther & Dave, then Doug (brothers), and now Doug's son Cameron
3. George Spanier Sr. & George Jr.
4. Ed Myers, then Phil, and now Paul (brothers)

5. Don Clark & Wendy
6. Delmar Melton Sr. & Delmar Jr.
7. Rich Marino Sr. & Richie Jr.
8. Al Stoffregen & Tim
9. Russ Staley & Shaun
10. Dennis Synowiec & Donny

That's quite an impressive list! Honorable mention should also go to current SVFD firefighter William Lambert. His grandfather Bill Lambert was an SVFD Engineer in the late 60's/ early 70's and Will's great grandfather was Viron Denton who served SVFD as Fire Chief from 1960-63.

To all of our members, past and present- a most sincere thank you for your dedication and service over the years. Your legacies have made this department what it is today.

It's never too late to start your own legacy! The Sauk Village Fire Department is always looking for new blood. If you think you have what it takes to become a firefighter, stop by the station during the week or call 708-758-2225 for more information.



# 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.

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If you experience graffiti on your property there is a program

available through the Cook County Sheriff's Department. The phone number is (773) 291-2317. They will give you instructions on what needs to be done for removal.

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.





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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		

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**Vinyl Chloride No Longer Detected in Sauk Village Water**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**CONTACT: Maggie Carson: 217/558-1536**

**August 14, 2012**

**Cell: 217/725-0589 Maggie.Carson@Illinois.gov**

**Springfield, IL**—Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Interim Director John J. Kim announced today that sampling results confirm that vinyl chloride is no longer being detected in the finished public water supply in Sauk Village, as a result of temporary air stripping equipment installed by the Illinois EPA at the direction of Governor Pat Quinn. As a result of the sampling results, the Illinois Attorney General’s Office will notify Sauk Village officials that they will no longer be required to provide free bottled water to residents, pursuant to the conditions of earlier court orders. “While this is good news for the residents of Sauk Village, work remains to be done to find a permanent solution to safeguard the quality and quantity of the public water supply in Sauk Village,” said Director Kim. “The goal has always been to minimize exposure to this substance. We can now report that the small health risks associated with exposure are now essentially zero,” said Illinois Department of Public Health Director LaMar Hasbrouck, M.D., M.P.H. Sampling results from both the Illinois EPA laboratory and from a laboratory used by Sauk Village found vinyl chloride to be “non detect” in the finished water supply. The requirement for the village to provide bottled water was part of a court order obtained by the Attorney General’s Office and agreed to by the village. Illinois EPA is continuing sample and analyze Sauk Village’s public water supply on a frequent basis. Vinyl chloride is a man-made chemical that is found in groundwater from break-down products of solvent-type chemicals. When detected it can indicated spills or releases that occurred 25 years or more in the past. Illinois EPA is continuing to investigate the potential cause of the groundwater contamination in Sauk Village. Additional information, including three detailed fact sheets, the most recent issued on Wednesday, August 8, can be found on the Illinois EPA website ([www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us)) under “Highlights.”

*News from the Village Clerk*

*Debbie Williams*

Check out [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org) for updates on the water issue and the upcoming elections. The Village Board is continuing to work on both short term and long term goals to improve the Sauk Village well system and to work toward the mandate of Lake Michigan water. Another valuable source of information is the meeting minutes that are available on the Village website. Thanks to all of the volunteers and staff who worked so hard to distribute water during the recent water emergency. Also, thanks to the Hotline volunteers and the Fire Department for working to create a data base of seniors and handicapped residents who need special attention during emergencies. Senior and disabled residents can call 708/753-5121 in order to be added to the data base. Pass this information on to your friends and family. Happy Fall!



Sauk Talk

## Election Day News

### ELECTION NEWS

#### NOVEMBER 6, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - SAUK VILLAGE POLLING PLACES

**Precinct 7**

First Apostolic Church  
22709 State Street  
Steger, IL

**Precinct 16**

Lynwood Municipal Center  
21460 Lincoln Highway  
Lynwood, IL

**Precinct 26 & 55**

Rickover Junior High  
22151 Torrence Ave.  
Sauk Village, IL

**Precinct 23 & 53**

Paesel Center  
2700 Kalvelage Drive  
Sauk Village, IL

**Precinct 27**

McConathy Public Library  
21737 Jeffery Ave.  
Sauk Village, IL

**Precinct 32**

St. James Catholic Church  
22400 S. Torrence Ave.  
Sauk Village, IL

#### APRIL 9, 2013 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

##### To Prospective Candidates

Please refer to the State of Illinois Candidate's Guide 2013 issued by the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections recommends that all prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

For additional information, we advise that you contact your County Clerk or the State Board of Elections in Springfield (217/782-4141) or Chicago (312/814-6440). Website: [www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us)



#### Voter Registration ends October 9, 2012-To register to vote, you must be:

1. A U.S. citizen
2. At least 18 years old by Election Day

A resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day

You also must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Illinois driver's license
- Employee or student ID
- Social security card
- Utility bill in applicant's name
- Valid U.S. passport
- Lease or rental contract
- Illinois state ID
- Credit card
- Birth certificate
- Mail postmarked to the applicant
- Public aid ID card

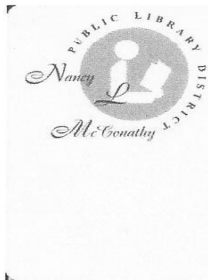
**Village Clerk Debbie Williams**  
**708/753-5121**

## McConathy Public Library News

# McConathy Public Library

**21737 Jeffery Avenue Sauk Village, IL 60411 (708) 757-4771**

McConathy libraries hours are Monday-Thursday 9:30-6:50, Friday and Saturday 9:30-3:50 Sunday closed.



Nancy L. McConathy  
Public Library District  
(708) 757-4771  
[www.at-the-library.org](http://www.at-the-library.org)



**LEARN**SCAPE®

You can study for the GED at your own pace at McConathy Public Library. The Learnscape program gives the opportunity to learn the skills to pass the GED. You need a valid Sauk Village library card to participate. You need a current Sauk Village drivers license or state id along with a current piece of mail. After a student takes the diagnostic pre-test, they automatically receive a custom GED practice plan based on their test results. GED prep lessons are highly interactive, focusing thinking skills, Specific, short practice tests are found throughout the GED prep lessons.

*Education is the key to your future, let us help you to reach your goal in life. The library is the place to gain knowledge and confidence for a better life.*

**Sauk Talk** is Produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams Trustee/Composer and Staff Members Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams. With special appreciation to and technical support from Deputy Village Clerk Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to [sauktalk@saukvillage.org](mailto:sauktalk@saukvillage.org).

## Senior News

Rose Langston

Voter's registration deadline is October 9 for the Presidential General Election on November 6! You must re-register if you have changed your name or moved since the last election. Two forms of identification are required with one ID having your name and current address. Qualified seniors who owned and occupied their home are eligible for the Senior Exemption regardless of income. If you failed to file for the senior exemption this or prior years, file for each year. Senior exemption credit will be given only for the missed/past three years. Medicare Part D open enrollment period coming soon from October 15<sup>th</sup> through December 7, 2012. Three Senior Citizens organizations meeting in the Senior Center at 21801 Torrence Avenue are looking for members (seniors age 50 years plus). The Sunday SV Fun Club meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and every Sunday for their FREE (for members only) basic line dance instructions at 3:00 p.m. Senior Citizens of SV "Sunshiners" on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Leisure Timers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Annual dues varies from \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

The SV Senior committee's agenda to date for 2012: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (except in October and November) 12:30 p.m. movies co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library: September 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. Soup n' Sandwich luncheon (reservations required, call 757-4771) precedes movie 'I Remember Mama' - October 1<sup>st</sup> (optional - bring a brown bag lunch) 'Recount,' November 5<sup>th</sup> 'Rio Bravo,' December 10<sup>th</sup> 'Santa Claus 1,' Saturday, October 13th '9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner' 1-4 p.m. \$6 at the door \$5 advanced; FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. held in the Senior Center office (use east entrance) on Wednesdays: September 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Screening also held preceding the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. FREE basic computer classes (program for awareness and to introduce seniors who need some assistance)- 6 p.m. Thursdays 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, & 11/15 - 1 p.m. Fridays 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2 & 11/16; and FREE Zumba Gold classes (geared for seniors) - 1 p.m. Saturdays 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/27, 11/3 & 11/17. A survey is provided for your input of any additional activities/programs you (seniors) are interested in participating.

Seniors are welcome to join in various Senior Committee activities/events held in the Senior Center. Every Sunday evening from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., the SV Blue Grass (established over forty years ago) provides blue grass, country western and gospel music for your dancing and/or listening pleasure. Pickers with acoustic instrument are welcome to the jam sessions. A free will donation is accepted to cover the cost of beverages and supplies. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, the SV Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2690 meets at 8:00 p.m. For motorcyclists the BMW Cross Roads No. 55 meets every 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The Sauk Village Senior Citizen Committee would like to thank the many book donors (recently Barb Dorman and Adeline Johnson) to our very successful book exchange program. Since space is limited, only paperback and large print book donations will be accepted - please no more hard cover books.

Bloom Township Senior Community Lunch program resumes at Glenwoodie Golf Club (708-758-1212), 19301 State St., Glenwood: Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>; Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>; and Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for the October lunch may be purchase at the township office, 425 S. Halsted, Chicago Heights - \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for out of township seniors. Deadline to purchase tickets is always the Friday prior to the day of the lunch. The township in cooperation with Maxim Health Systems is sponsoring onsite flu shot clinics beginning Wednesday and Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Appointment s are required, call 708-754-9400 x244.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. For concerns and/or questions, you may call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits.

NOTE: Sauk Village have several cooling locations (municipal building 21801 Torrence Ave. M-F during business hours, Fire Station 1804 222<sup>nd</sup> Pl. 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (708) 758-2225, and Police Station 21701 Torrence Avenue 24 hours (708) 758-1331).

### Quarterly Senior Citizen's Events

Ninth Spaghetti Dinner held Saturday, October 13, 2012  
 From 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Senior Center  
 21801 Torrence Avenue (North entrance) Sauk Village, IL  
 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce (all the spaghetti you can eat)  
 Salad-Bread & Butter- Dessert - Coffee  
 Door Prizes - 50/50 Raffle  
 Line dance with Flora Haynes  
 Entertainment: Country Review Band & The Morgans  
 Donation \$6.00 @ the door/\$5.00 in advanced

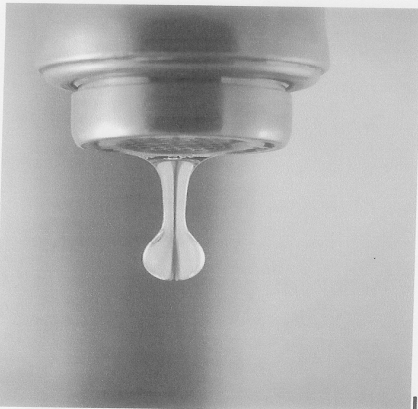
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 Sauk Village Senior Citizens Committee  
 Tickets available from Committee members  
 and Village Hall

# Public Works

Kevin Weller

- Sweep Up.** Clean the driveway and sidewalk with a broom instead of a hose to save hundreds of gallons of water.
- Speak Up.** When you see an open hydrant, errant sprinkler or broken pipe, tell the property owner, local authorities or your Water Management District.
- Look for Leaks.** Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is used. If it doesn't read exactly the same, you have a leak.
- Tap Out.** Instead of letting the tap run until water gets cold, keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator, and use it to refill certified reusable water bottles instead of opting for single-use plastic ones.
- Tap In.** Place a bucket in your shower to capture the water that runs while you're waiting for it to get hot. Use the water to water plants.
- Watch for WaterSense.** When you shop for plumbing fixtures, look for the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense label, which means they meet strict criteria for the efficiency and performance.
- Go to the Carwash.** Water in most car washes is reclaimed (re-used) so the total amount of freshwater used is reduced.

## The Why and How of Water Conservation



It's hard to imagine running out of water, but it could happen. Between 1950 and 2000, the population in the United States doubled while public demand for water more than tripled. The extra stress on water supplies and distribution systems threatens our health as well as the environment.<sup>1</sup> The good news is there are plenty of small things you can do to conserve water and help avert future water shortages

### Every Drop Counts

If you ever wonder whether the small changes you make really matter, consider this: each of us uses an average of 100 gallons of water per day – enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses!<sup>2</sup> Just think how much water you can conserve if your whole family becomes more water wary. Here are some easy ways:

- **Cook Smart.** Peel and clean vegetables in a bowl of water instead of under running water.
- **Slow the Flow.** Install a slow-flow faucet to reduce water consumption up to 50 percent.
- **Shorten Showers.** Take short showers instead of baths, and consider using a shower timer. To make it fun for kids, turn it into a game to see who can get the most "squeaky clean" in under three minutes!
- **Test Your Tank.** Add 12 drops of food coloring to your toilet tank and wait an hour. Look to see if any color seeped through the tank, a fitting or into the toilet bowl. If so, you may have a leak.
- **Let It Grow.** Raise your lawnmower blade to at least three inches; taller grass holds soil moisture better.



## Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



If you drove by the fire station during the summer, you may have noticed our marquee sign. During the hottest weeks of the summer, we had posted "Where's Baby?" This went along with a nationwide campaign asking drivers with small children to "look before you lock." Last year, over 100 infants died from heat stroke when left in a vehicle outside. This tragic occurrence most often happens quite by accident. Quiet or sleeping babies are simply forgotten and left in the backseat of a closed up vehicle where temperatures easily exceed 100 degrees. Don't become a terrible statistic- look before you lock.

School is back in session! Please exercise extra caution when driving through school zones, near bus stops, and remember the rules of the road pertaining to stopped school busses. If you are behind a bus and it stops and activates its stop sign, you must stop. If you are approaching in the oncoming traffic lane from the opposite direction, you must stop- UNLESS it is a divided street with a median, 221<sup>st</sup> Street for example. On the other hand, on Sauk Trail for example, all four lanes must stop for a stopped school bus.

The Sauk Village Firefighter's Association will be holding their biggest fund raiser of the year on Saturday September 15. Our annual Golf Outing will again be at Longwood Country Club in Crete. Registration opens at 11 am. For the low price of \$90 per person, you get 18 holes of golf, a cart, gift pack, lunch, dinner and a 3 hour open bar. For you business owners out there, there are great advertising opportunities as well. Call 708-758-2225 for details.

We're also ALWAYS looking for new recruit firefighters. No experience is necessary! We only ask for a few specific things to start with- you must be a Sauk Village resident, possess a valid driver's license, possess a high school diploma or GED, and be able to pass a background check and a comprehensive medical physical. Call 708-758-2225 for details or stop by the fire station Monday through Friday.



## Blossom News

**If you have a child under five years old, then BLOSSOMS is for you!**

BLOSSOMS is a FREE program that is available to families with children ages 0-5 who live in our area. We offer parent/child playgroups, parent workshops, family nights, field trips, personal visits, a lending library and more throughout the year. Events and playgroups are held at Wagoner School. Personal visits can be held right in your own home or at school. The program also offers developmental screenings for children 0-5.

Call the Blossoms Family Center at (708) 758-0319 to register or for more information.

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Sherry Jasinski

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## Veterans Day

The SV American Legion Post 1259 (Commander Ed Milkint) and the SV Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2690 (Commander John Dennis) will hold a joint Veteran's Day Service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at St. James Cemetary. The American Legion will have a 50/50 raffle drawing following the service. Both organizations are looking for members.





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Mayor's Corner

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Mayor Lewis Towers submitted his immediate resignation as Mayor of Sauk Village on November 7, 2012. An emergency meeting was called on Thursday, November 8, 2012 to fill this vacancy. I humbly accepted the appointment of Acting Mayor for the remainder of the current term after the Corporate Authority voted 4-1.

Since the resignation of Lewis Towers and my appointment I have reached out to the following:

Reached out to the Trustees seeking their advice and input. Not all have accepted the olive branch however, going forward I would hope that we could agree that we can disagree but let's no longer be disagreeable!

Reached out to Residents for their input as to what they feel are current issues in our community. In addition, residents were asked to submit letters of interest in a hope to appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy left by Trustee Chavez.

Trustees were provided those letters and were asked to provide their top three picks. Based on the top picks from the majority of Corporate Authorities, long term resident John Poskin was presented and confirmed on November 13, 2012.

- Reached out to staff and had our first joint departmental staff meeting.
- Reached out to Engineering firm (Baxter & Woodman) for an update on the EPA loan.
- Reached out to Schrader concerning the air strippers and the winterization which should be completed this week.
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News from the Village Clerk

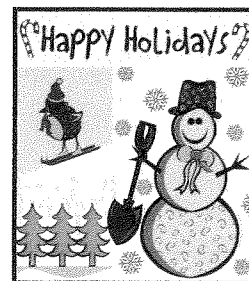
Debbie Williams

The Village Hall is now closed on Wednesdays due to recent budget cuts. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may caused. Remember to pay your water bills before Wednesday if you have a shut off notice due on that day. Bills that do not require immediate assistance can be dropped off at the night depository box located at the northeast corner of the Village Hall located at 21801 S. Torrence Avenue. Residents can also pay

bills online with the PSN system. Check out [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org) for more information. The Village Hall will also be closed November 22nd & 23rd, December 24th & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and January 1, 2013 in observance of the holidays. Anyone interested in helping those families that are less fortunate than most please contact me at 708/753-5121. There are many opportunities

to donate that arise this time of year, not to mention the devastation taking place on the East Coast.

Have a safe and loving holiday season and a Happy New Year!



## Mayors Article Continued

- Reached out to the business community – informing them that Sauk Village has so much to offer and we want them here.
- Reached out to our TIF consultants and scheduled a meeting to find out what we can do to bring businesses and jobs to our community.
- And most importantly, reached out to our auditors and to steal part of a phrase from the Jerry McGuire movie said “SHOW ME THE AUDIT”

Sauk Village has many challenges and I'm sure many more that are still unseen. The Challenges we know and in no specific order are the following:

Healing the division among our residents, employees and Board members

- Bringing back our motto “Pride and Progress” including order and decorum in our Village Board Meetings
- Understanding our Finances which includes, where are we today and going forward, scheduling meetings with our financial consultants and again demanding the Audit Results!
- Reducing Crime by making sure our Police officers have the support of this administration and the tools needed to combat the criminal
- Water - First put together a team lead by neutral individuals that are not politically motivated, develop a plan, work closely with State and Federal Agencies, and keep the residents informed.
- Litigation – Understand which cases are legit and which are frivolous. Address the legit cases and take the necessary legal steps to go after the individuals that are falsely attacking you the residents in the court system.
- I will continue to reach out to all the village board members for their advice and input as we develop a plan to move our community forward. Communication will no longer be lacking and will be the key to successfully turning Sauk Village around.
- I will be the first to admit; I do not have all the answers and will humbly reach out to past and present elected officials from Sauk Village and surrounding communities for advice.

Our problems will not be resolved over night however; I can assure you the process has started.

Thank you,



Acting Mayor David Hanks

## Water Information

### SAUK VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION

The Sauk Village Corporate Authorities, along with several outside consultants, continue to gather facts in order to plan the Village's future direction concerning water. There are many sources of information posted on the Village web site [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org). The plans have been reviewed and revised as time went on. A lot has happened since a majority of Sauk Village residents voted in favor of Lake Michigan water as an alternative to our current well water system.

Due to the rise in vinyl chloride contamination earlier this year, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) installed temporary air strippers and required Sauk Village to provide bottled water to residents until the strippers were operational. These temporary air strippers are currently being rented by Sauk Village. The IEPA and the Illinois Attorney General's office are requiring Sauk Village to purchase and install their own air strippers. Sauk Village has applied for IEPA low-interest loan assistance to pay for the air strippers. The air strippers have been fully winterized.

An evaluation of the Village's water billing rates was conducted in order to pay for the new air strippers. During this evaluation, it was determined that the Village was operating in a deficit condition with the current billing rate. To rectify this, a new ordinance was passed to raise the water rate \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons, which went into effect in August 2012. Unfortunately, South side residents were affected not only by the rate increase, but also by estimated bills during the time that meters were not read due to the water distribution being a priority. When those meters were read the following cycle, the difference was calculated at the higher rate on the September bills. South side residents will notice a credit rate adjustment on their November bills.

To pay for the new air strippers along with select water system improvements (replacement of water mains, hydrants, and valves, along with hiring of additional staff) another water rate increase of \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons will go into effect in February 2013. This will result in a new water rate of \$7.50 per 1,000 gallons.

The Village has also submitted an application to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to obtain Lake Michigan water. A final hearing will be held on January 30, 2013 that will complete the application process. The IDNR will then determine whether Sauk Village will be granted the right to receive Lake Michigan water.

Back in 2011 when the options to improve the Village's water quality were studied, two options were considered: installation of air strippers or Lake Michigan water. At that time, Lake Michigan water was projected to cost about \$10.37 per 1,000 gallons, which was quoted in the referendum question. Because the IEPA is now requiring Sauk Village to purchase and install air strippers, the cost for the air strippers must be added to the cost for Lake Michigan water, resulting in an updated water rate for Lake Michigan water around \$15 per 1,000 gallons. Obviously this is a significant increase from what was quoted in the referendum.

The Sauk Village Corporate Authorities are working with the IEPA and the Attorney General's office in order to remain compliant with all mandates to continue to provide safe drinking water to our residents with the ultimate goal being Lake Michigan water. To follow the progress of the Lake Michigan water plan please watch for special meeting and hearing notices within the next several months that will be posted at the Village Hall, McConathy Public Library, and [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org).

Debbie Williams

Village Clerk – Sauk Village

November 20, 2012

This information compiled by the Illinois Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) and Robinson Engineering, Ltd.



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## Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood

We're well into Fall now and I'm sure many are looking forward to that first snowfall. I know we've got a few months before we need to start thinking about tornadoes again, but I recently came upon some very interesting research. I thought it would be a good thing to share.

Federal Signal in nearby University Park conducted a nationwide survey to see how the average citizen responds to severe weather warnings. From an emergency management perspective, the results were not good. Where do you fit in?

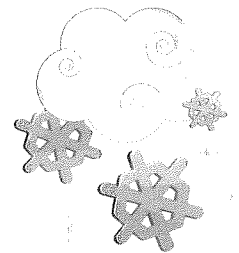
The report states, "When it comes to taking action, despite receiving a notification, just under one half (47%) of Americans would be motivated to take action during a warning of potential severe weather." It goes on to say, "One-third (33%) would require actual property damage or injury to care strongly about public safety awareness." Sadly, 1 in 12 just don't care- period.

According to the survey, "more Americans in the Great Lakes Region (that's us), 38%, would require a confirmed severe weather event such as a tornado sighting to take immediate action."

The report goes on to give statistics regarding warning sirens. A staggering number of those surveyed weren't even sure if their communities had warning sirens. So, I want to take this next little bit to clarify some things.

Sauk Village does have warning sirens. In fact, we have FIVE of them. If you hear it go off (and you will), it's for one of two reasons- 1) monthly test; or 2) a tornado has been sighted in the area. The monthly test is the same time every month- on the first Tuesday at 10:00 am. If the siren is going off any other time, don't be one of the 38% running outside looking for a tornado. Get to the basement, or for you folks living on slabs, hunker down in the bathroom in the center of the house.

According to the National Weather Service, there has not been a major tornado in the Chicagoland area since the 1990 Plainfield event that killed 29 and injured 350 people. So it's been 22 years. The problem is that with time, we get complacent, and complacency kills. Don't become a statistic- get prepared now. Check out ready.gov. There is a mountain of great resources to help you prepare your family for the smallest or greatest of disasters.



## Blossoms

**If you have a child under five years old, then BLOSSOMS is for you!** School District 168 offers many early childhood programs. BLOSSOMS is a FREE program that is available to families with children ages 0-5 who live in our area. We offer parent/child playgroups, a pre-kindergarten program, parent workshops, family nights, field trips, personal visits, a lending library and more throughout the year. Events and playgroups are held at Wagoner School. Personal visits can be held right in your own home or at school. The program also offers developmental screenings for children from ages birth to five.

We also meet once a month at McConathy Public Library.

Call the Blossoms Family Center at (708) 758-0319 to register or for more information.

## Public Relations

Trustee Rosie Williams

### Important Information concerning your trash disposal

The holidays seem like the perfect time to update your current technology. Please note:

Electronics have become more and more prevalent in our everyday lives. As today's new gadgets quickly become yesterday's old technology, we're left with the question: what will happen with the old stuff?

The amount of electronics finding its way into landfills is shocking. **The US EPA estimated that in 2009, over 82% of end-of-life electronics went to landfills and incinerators. Mercury, lead, cadmium, and other hazardous and toxic materials can be found in Electronic Waste.**

#### Illinois E-Waste Ban

Effective January 1, 2012, Illinois law prohibits the disposal of electronic waste (E-Waste) in landfills and transfer stations. E-waste can no longer be disposed of at curbside in a garbage tote or can, or in a recycling bag or bin. Therefore, when you have electronic waste (E-Waste) to dispose of, please visit the Illinois EPA website for a list of registered e-waste collection companies along with a list of drop off locations. [www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/index.html](http://www.epa.state.il.us/land/electronic-waste-recycling/index.html)

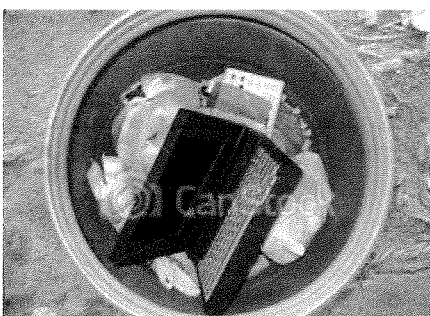
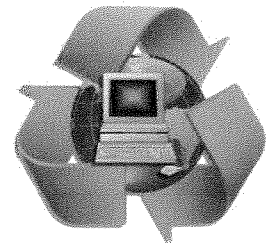
#### Illinois E-Waste for Cook County Residents

If you reside in the county of Cook, you may contact Computer/Component Buyer's Co-op to make arrangements for the collection or drop off of your e-waste. The telephone number for Computer/Component Buyers Co-op is (708) 825-4218 and their website is [www.computerbuyersco-op.com](http://www.computerbuyersco-op.com).

The following items are ***banned*** from all Transfer Stations and Landfills.

**Please refrain from putting these items out with your curbside trash or recycling.**

- Televisions
- Monitors
- Printers
- Computers (Including tablet computers)
- Electronic Keyboards
- Fax Machines
- Videocassette Recorders
- MP3 Players
- Video Game Consoles
- Small Scale Servers
- Scanners
- Electronic Mice
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Cable Receivers
- Satellite Receivers
- DVD Recorders



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**Reminder: Please do not place your trash receptacle at the curb until after 4 pm the night before your scheduled trash pick up day.**

## Community Outreach

### EMMANUEL COMMUNITY

#### THRIFT STORE

Proceeds to benefit *Our Daily Bread Food Pantry*

Available items include: Gently used Clothing – Household items – Furniture

Open to the Public

Thursday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Friday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – 3:00 to 5:30 PM

Donations of gently used items during hours of operation, will be greatly appreciated. We will pick-up large items (furniture) by appointment only.

For information, Contact: Earlene – 708-510-5867 or Pat – 708-476-9444

For furniture pick-up, Contact: Rich – 708-205-8624 or John-Paul – 708-328-0735

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

22515 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois 60411



### FOOD BANK IN SAUK VILLAGE

According to a recent study by the Greater Chicago Food Depository, several southern suburbs were in the top 10 communities with the highest unmet food needs. In September, 2007 Respond Now opened a food pantry at 21701 Torrence Avenue in Sauk Village. (Behind the Police Station.) This pantry is open Tuesdays from 10am to 2pm and will serve those who meet the Agriculture Department's eligibility guidelines for getting free food. Clients must have identification that shows that they live nearby. Please see the list below of other helpful agencies serving the South Suburban area.

#### Hotlines

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center 708/747-2701 (24 hour)

Bremen Youth Services 708/687-9200 (24 hour answering service)

Child Abuse Hotline 800/252-2873

Crisis Center for South Suburbia 708/429-7233 (24 hour)

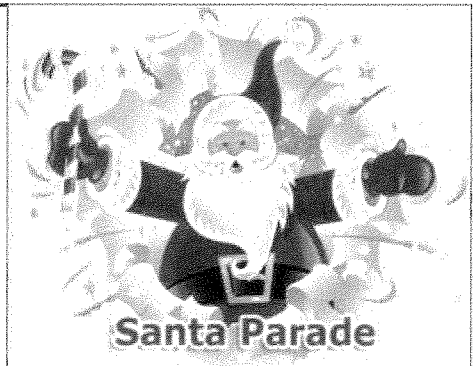
Crisis Line of Will County 708/258-3333 (24 hour)

National Runaway Switchboard 800/621-4000

South Suburban Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse 708/957-2854 (24 hour)

South Suburban Family Shelter 708/335-3028 (24 hour)

**Watch for Santa in the Holiday Parade Dec. 1st starting at 10:00 am from the Public Works Garage. He will make his way down every street in town. He will be on south side of town until about 1 pm. Then he will be on the north side of town ending up at Parks and Recreation Center at approximately 5 pm for the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. Afterwards, everyone is invited to go inside for a chance to sit on Santa's lap. Light refreshments will also be served. Bring your camera to take pictures.**



## Senior News

Rose Langston

**REMINDER** - Medicare part D enrollment/reenrollment ends December 7<sup>th</sup>.

The SV Senior Committee would like to thank all the donors, entertainers/line dance instructor, participates and all the volunteers who helped make our '9<sup>th</sup> Spaghetti Dinner' a huge success. Donors were: Bob Barnes, Barb Dorman and Jim Olesky/Southland Voice, Gary Holcomb, Rose Langston, Floyd and Nadine Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Steger Memorial Chapel, Debbie Williams, and US Bank. Entertainment/line dance instructor: The Country Review Band and The Morgan's/Flora Haynes, instructor. Volunteers: Tom Hasse, Nadine Morgan, US Bank (Belinda Dekruiff, Barbara Monk, Alicia, Dolores, Donna and Tatshia), Debbie Williams and Beth Zupon. Chef Gary Holcomb with the US Bank volunteers did a terrific job serving the crowd. Congratulations to our 50/50 winner Mary Lustro and painted pumpkin winner Jennie Rameriz plus our many, many special raffle and door prize winners. We greatly appreciate the support of our village trustees (Derrick Burgess, David Hanks, Ed Myers, and Rosie Williams), Village Clerk Debbie Williams, and the many, many fire and police personnel. This was truly an appreciated diverse village event, thank you one and all.

The SV Senior committee's agenda to date: FREE Monday movies at 12:30 p.m. co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library: 12/10 'Santa Claus 1'; 1/14/2013 (with lunch preceding the movie, reservation required 708-757-4771) 'North To Alaska'; FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. at the Senior Center office – Wed., 11/14, 11/28, Mon. (change due to Village Hall closed on Wed. - use east entrance), 12/17, 1/7, from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening also precedes the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. FREE basic computer classes 6:00 p.m. Thurs., 11/15, 12/6, 12/20, 1/10/13, 1/24/13, and 1:00 p.m. Fri., 11/16, 12/6, 12/20, 1/10/13, 1/24/13; and FREE Zumba Gold classes (geared for seniors) at 1 p.m. Sat., 11/16, 12/7, 12/21, 1/11/13, 1/25/13. There have been requests for crocheting and knitting classes, however, we need a volunteer to assist with this program.

Three Senior Citizens organizations meet in the Senior Center with openings for new members (seniors age 50 years plus): SV Fun Club - 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and every Sunday for their FREE (members only) basic line dance instructions at 3:00 p.m.; Senior Citizens of SV 'Sunshiners' - 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. ; Leisure Timers - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. beginning in February), except during the month of January. Annual membership dues varies from \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

All seniors are welcome to join in various activities/events held in the Senior Center. Sundays from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., the SV Blue Grass provides blue grass, country western and gospel music for your dancing and/or listening pleasure. Pickers with acoustic instrument are welcome to the jam sessions. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of beverages and supplies. The 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, SV Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2690 meets at 8:00 p.m. For motorcyclists the BMW Cross Roads No. 55 meets every 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

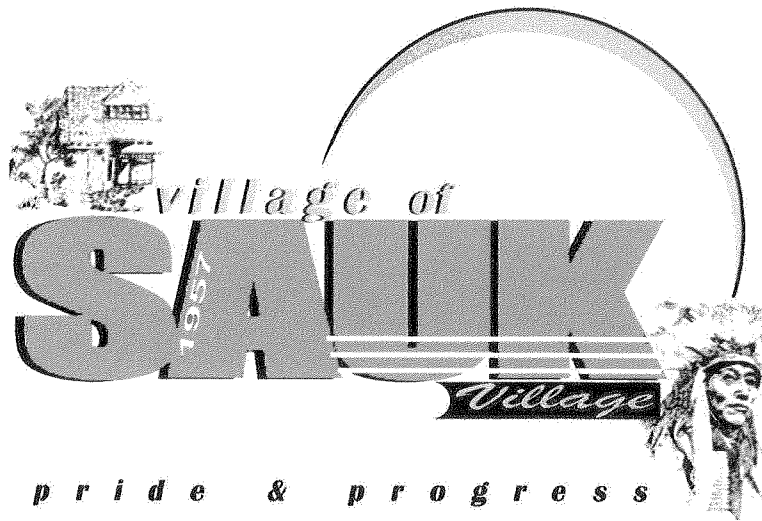
Thank you to the many book donors (recently Jennie Rameriz and Jim Schultz) to our book exchange program. We are overwhelmed with donations - only paperback and large print book donations will be accepted. Please, please no more donations of hard covered books, space is limited.

Bloom Township dates for the Senior Community Luncheon at Glenwoodie Golf Club (708-758-1212), 19301 State St., Glenwood are: 'A Cornucopia of Thanksgiving' on Thurs., 11/15; 'Tis the Season' on Tue., 12/18; 'HAPPY New Year 2013' on Tue., 1/22; 'Happy Valentine's Day' on Thurs., 2/14; 'Step into Spring' on Wed., 3/20; and 'Remember When' on Tue., 4/16. Ticket purchase at the township senior office, 425 S. Halsted, Chicago Heights - \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for out of township seniors. Deadline to purchase tickets is always the Friday prior to the day of the lunch. The sit down luncheon includes entertainment and door prizes. Recipes are being collected for the printing of second cookbook this winter – please include your name and town on the recipe(s). The first cookbook is available for \$5.00 with proceeds to benefit the township's food pantry. Appointments for enrollment for Medicare part D are require, call 708-754-9400 x244. A new program "Dancing With The Seniors" are for amateur couples 55 or older. Sign up today and receive a free. Finalists will receive a complimentary dinner that night and perform before a live audience on Thursday, January 24, 2013. Call 708-754-9400 x247 for detailed information.

FYI – During extreme cold weather, Sauk Village have available several warming locations (municipal building 21801 Torrence Ave. M-T and Th-F during business hours, Fire Station 1804 222<sup>nd</sup> Pl. 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (708) 758-2225, and Police Station 21701 Torrence Avenue 24 hours (708) 758-1331).

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. Concerns and/or questions, call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits.

We, the Committee (Bob Barnes, Gary Holcomb, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Larry Stewart, and Frank Williams) wish everyone a very Happy Holidays (Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year)!



21801 Torrence Avenue  
 Sauk Village, IL 60411

**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
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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