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Sauk Village, IL. 60411
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SAUK TALK

VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Village Clerk's Corner



VILLAGE CLERK - Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Greetings Fellow Community Members,

It is indeed a pleasure to address you in this rejuvenated edition of the Sauk Talk Newsletter. As we strive to provide mechanisms to provide greater opportunities for communication to our citizens, this avenue joins with the Village's Official Facebook page, Sauk Village E-News and the Village's E-mail system and Texting systems. Make certain that you stay connected by signing up for each one. The following provides the how-to:

Facebook: Search for the Sauk Village E-News page and "Like" and "Follow"

E-mail System: To receive news directly to your email account, register on the Village's Website www.saukville.org or send an email to mcampbell-pruitt@saukville.org

Text Message: To receive alerts for emergency and warnings provide your phone number to Director Anthony Finch to afinch@saukville.org, complete the form that is in the Water Bill.

What does your Village Clerk do when she is not taking minutes at meetings?

The Clerk keeps the corporate seal and all official documents belonging to the Village. The Clerk has the duties of keeping official records, serves as Notary Public for the municipality and residents, certifying ordinances, resolutions, and minutes. Along with record retention, the Clerk is responsible for public records destruction.

The Clerk is responsible for: creating the board meeting agendas and making them and the subsequent meeting materials available to the Board of Trustees and members of the public as appropriate; signing checks, businesses, contractors' licenses, project proposals, and official and legal documents. The Clerk is responsible for records relating to tax agency reports and tax increment financing reports and serves as the OMA Officer.

The Village Clerk establishes the process(es) for Village Fees, coordinates the committees and commissions, and ensure adherence to state guidelines concerning Ethics Statements and filing.

The Clerk is the liaison with newspapers and is responsible for submitting public notices. The Clerk is the liaison with the United States Census and is accountable for meeting the efforts outlined for the given period, and she is the Local Election Official. The Clerk is responsible for community outreach through communication and partnership efforts.

The Clerk's Office is responsible for administering the following public services:

Village Vehicular and Animal Licenses

PACE ADA Vouchers

Voter Registration Resident Handbook

Notary Services Census Data Collection

It is indeed my pleasure to serve you!

Meet your Sauk Village Board

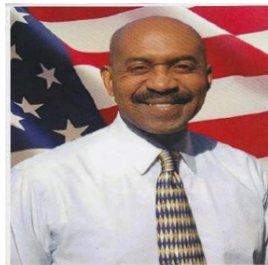
In an effort to make the residents familiar with their Elected Officials, we have asked each Trustees to submit a short bio.

Trustee Gary Bell



My family moved to the village in May of 1966. It's been my pleasure to serve our town for some 42 plus years. I joined the SVFD in 1980 as a cadet. Also served on the ema dept, sports association, zoning board of appeals, firefighters association and finally a village Trustee

Trustee Arnold Coleman



9 year resident, married family man of three adult children and three grandchildren. Married 34 years to wife, Carol. Former Vice-Chairman of the Senior Advisory Committee and Community volunteer. Retiree with 30 years experience in the legal field as Law clerk, Paralegal and Process Server. Currently completing my 2nd year as trustee and as Chairman of the ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Trustee Aretha Burns



Hello Residents, Family, Friends, and Neighbors.

It's an honor to introduce myself as newly appointed Trustee Aretha Burns of the Village of Sauk Village. With this appointment I have inherited the Public Service Committee.

I'm the wife of Jeffery Burns of 28 years. We have 3 wonderful children Glorea, Jeffery Jr. Justice and 4 beautiful grandchildren. Our family have been Residents of Sauk Village for 24 years. It's been a pleasure growing and living amongst some of the greatest people in the region we affectionately refer to as the "Village."

My husband and I enjoyed a successful career operating Exquisite Childcare Training & Development, in Sauk Village, from 1999-2021. It has truly been a loving and rewarding experience. My husband and I, more affectionately known as "Mrs. Aretha and Mr. JJ" loved every child immensely. We are honored to have touched the lives of so many families for the past 22-years. Providing support and help to the residents of the "Village" through our childcare services will forever leave an invaluable impression in our hearts forever.

As the "Resident's" newly appointed Trustee I want and intend to bring that same Intensity, dedication, and vision to our "Village." I ask that every "Residents" reach out to your public servants. The Mayor, Trustee Burns, Trustee Williams, Trustee Jasinski, Trustee Grant, Trustee Coleman, and Trustee Bell concerning all the services you need. I welcome and encourage all Residents to communicate your needs for streetlights and potholes, streets, and business to be cleaned and repaired.

It's equally Imperative to EXPRESS YOUR DESIRE TO SEE PROGRAMS & SERVICES, brought to Sauk Village. The resources and services that will help Our Families, Our Children, Our Schools, and Our Village grow and become that example for all to see and other communities to follow.

Trustee Rodrick Grant



Rodrick Grant has been a resident of the Sauk Village community since 2015. Rodrick got involved in the community right away by attending village events and volunteering. Rodrick was first elected as Village Trustee in April of 2017 and was appointed by the Mayor as Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Budget and Finance Committee purpose is to review and make recommendations to the Village Board on all matters related to revenue, expenditures, budget appropriations and financial proposals. Additionally, this committee will review the annual audit, review license and other fee for service, and assist in development of a five to ten year Capital Improvement Plan.

Rodrick was re-elected to the village board in April of 2021.

E-Mail Trustee Rodrick Grant at rgrant@saukvillage.org

Trustee Sherry Jasinski



My name is Sherry Jasinski. I am currently a Trustee on the Sauk Village Board. I chair the Housing and Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

This committee may review and make recommendations to the Village Board in regards to housing and building code regulations. It also shall serve as the liaison between governmental housing agencies by establishing outreach and partnerships. I have been a Sauk Village resident for 54 years. I am currently employed at National Tube Supply as a purchasing assistant.

Trustee Debbie Williams



Happy New Year. My name is Debbie Williams. I, my husband Frank and children Frank III and Rosie been Sauk Village residents since 1988. Since that time, I have been an active member in many Sauk Village Committees including but not limited to; the 911 Committee, Economic Development Committee, Human Relations Committee, Public Relations Committee, Local Debt Recovery Committee, Community Outreach Partnership, Parks and Recreation Committee and Neighborhood Watch and the Public Events Committee. Currently I serve as secretary of Crossroads Church and formerly served as a Girl Scout leader for 13 years and Secretary and Youth Leader for the Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village. Additionally, I served as a Trustee for the McConathy Public Library Board from 2006-2019. In 2009, was successful in my run for Village Clerk During my tenure as Clerk from 2009-2017, I initiated the Free Rain Barrel Program, Village Email Alert System, Website posting of minutes, ordinances, FOIA'S and financial information and presented outreach programs such as Resource Fairs (Jobs, Housing, Health, etc.) and Food, Toys and Clothing Drives.

After a short break from politics, I was elected Village Trustee in April 2019 and was appointed as Public Events Committee Chairperson. The Public Events Committee remained active throughout the pandemic with monthly events such as Free Covid Testing and Vaccinations, quarterly blood drives, Free Food Pop Ups, etc. These services continue to be offered to residents on an ongoing basis.

Currently, I serve as chairperson of the Community Development Committee working alongside the Community Development Department and outside vendors to bring valuable resources and opportunities to Sauk Village.

Current projects include updating the village website and reviving the Sauk Talk. We want to ensure our residents have the most up to date and accurate information possible, so we acknowledge the need to make the needed changes on the Website. The former version of the Sauk Talk was a paper format bi-monthly newsletter sent to all Sauk Village homes with valuable information and community events. With technological advances we can provide the same desired information in a digital format.

Residents are encouraged to join the Community Development Committee. Please email your interest in joining the Community Development Committee to dwilliams@saukville.org.

IMPORTANT INFO***Attention Sauk Village Residents:***

*The Sauk Village Police Department has been in contact with the Hyundai Corporation concerning the vulnerability to theft of various Hyundai models. Hyundai has agreed to provide security steering wheel locks free of charge to all Sauk Village residents who own Hyundai vehicles. The Sauk Village Police Department has these locks available for distribution for Sauk Village residents showing proof of residency, proof of ownership **and** proof of a current Sauk Village vehicle sticker. These locks will be available between the normal business hours of the Sauk Village Records Department.*

Hyundai's Official Media Statement:

We remain concerned about the increase in thefts of certain Hyundai vehicles that have been targeted in a coordinated social media campaign. Currently, Hyundai provides steering wheel locks, as available, to law enforcement agencies in impacted areas. In addition, Hyundai will provide two other options for owners of these earlier model year vehicles targeted by thieves.

- 1. Hyundai has released a glass break sensor security kit that targets the method of entry used by thieves to break into these vehicles. These kits are available for purchase and installation at **Hyundai dealerships** and **Compustar authorized installers** across the country. The MSRP for the kit is \$170, and the estimated cost for installation may vary by location.*
- 2. Hyundai is also developing a software update to further secure these targeted vehicles. We anticipate that this software update will become available for certain vehicles in the first half of 2023, with updates for other vehicles following thereafter.*

Please note that all Hyundai vehicles meet or exceed Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Some earlier models, without a push-button ignition, do not have engine immobilizers. In November 2021, engine immobilizers became standard on all Hyundai vehicles produced. Customers who have questions can contact the Hyundai Customer Care Center at 800-633-5151.

The non-emergency number to the Sauk Village Police Department is 708/758-1331 or you can email the Chief of Police directly at mwhite@saukvillage.org



CHAT WITH THE CHIEF

Be part of the solution! Meet with the
Chief of Police and other guest
speakers every 3rd Thursday of the
month at 6pm.

Together we can make a change!

Sauk Village Municipal Center
21801 Torrence Ave, Sauk Village, IL 60411



SAUK VILLAGE
POLICE





Up Coming Events

- February 18th Valentine's Day Dance at the Moose Lodge 2911 Sauk Trail \$10.00 a person 7:00 pm- 10:00 pm. Photo Booth, auction, 50/50 raffle and more.

The Sauk Village Fire Department has teamed up with Illinois Fire Safety Alliance with a program called Be Alarmed. "Be Alarmed!" is a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered cooperatively between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms to fire departments in the state of Illinois. The fire departments then deliver the education while installing smoke alarms in at-risk homes within their communities. Both the educational materials and smoke alarms are provided at no cost as a result of funding from both the IFSA and OSFM.

The program seeks to:

- 1) Educate residents, young and old, on home fire safety and prevention methods,
- 2) Reduce the number of fire-related injuries,
- 3) Reduce the number of fire-related deaths, and
- 4) Identify the reason for non-functioning smoke alarms in homes across the state.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is a warming center. So don't be cold let us warm up your hearts.

Also, We asked that you allow us at least a week before you request a report. We understand your need, but we also have others with similar needs. As always God Bless and stay safe.



“Public works are the physical structures and facilities that are developed or acquired by the Village of Sauk Village to maintain governmental functions such as water, street repairs and other functions that are in various categories, such as:

- Streets, bridges, sidewalks, bike paths, and storm water management and the maintenance of the village’s facilities.
- Storm water and flood control.
- Procurement and maintenance of Village owned equipment and vehicles.
- Various other functions such as parks maintenance, sign maintenance, dead animal pickup, leaf, and trash pick-up.

Senior News Emmett Farmer- Chairperson

Sauk Village Senior Advisory Council's Chairman Emmett Farmer invites all Seniors 50 and older to join us for our coming events here at the Sauk Village Senior Center. Also coming are Casino Trips, Dinner Dances, Plays, Movie Nights and more. For contact information, please call Chairman Emmett Farmer, at 773-908-9425 for more information on events and to RSVP for our events. Thank you.



The Sauk Village Senior Advisory Council Presents

GAME NIGHT

@ The Sauk Village Senior Center
4pm-8pm Every 2nd & 4th Friday
50yrs & Older Come Out And Enjoy
21801 South Torrence Ave, Sauk Village IL, 60411

The poster features a collage of gaming items including a blue and white 50 chip, a gold king chess piece, a black king chess piece, a white king chess piece, a red heart playing card, a white die, a gold 10 chip, a dartboard, and a white die.



The Sauk Village Senior Advisory Council Presents

11am-1pm

BREAKFAST BINGO

Every 1st & 3rd Friday

Seniors over 50 come enjoy breakfast and bingo
@The Sauk Village Senior Center
21801 Torrence Ave, Sauk Village IL 60411

The poster features a stack of pancakes, a stack of pancakes, and several colorful bingo balls (yellow, blue, red, green, pink).



ELECTION UPDATES

"If you're passionate about local governance and infrastructure, school lunches and funding, program offerings at the library – or any other local issue – you need focus on electing local representatives that shares that passion."

We are amidst Election season. The Consolidated Elections for Sauk Village's Municipality, School and Library Districts are held on the first Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year. (April 4, 2023) Inside the next Sauk Talk edition, there will be a section devoted entirely to the candidates. Whereas there is information pertaining to registration in this edition, the next Sauk Talk will dive deeper.

There is a Candidates Forum scheduled on March 18, 2023, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., on the Rotunda at Village Hall, moderated by the League of Women Voters of the Park Forest Area. This is an opportunity to meet candidates for Trustee and hear their platform and plans they have and what we can expect once they are in office.

Please know that all elections are extremely important, and we must be mindful of the necessity to vote not only in federal elections, but for candidates in local elections as well. The candidates that you will vote for on April 4th, will influence your everyday lives where village governance, schools and the library district are concern. Stay tuned for additional information.

Important Dates

The dates noted below are critical to the election process. Please take note of them so that you are prepared to make important decisions that will impact our community according to the timelines. If assistance is required, contact Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Local Elections Officer at 708-921-3662.

3/7/2023 Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials

3/19/2023 Last day to register to vote by online application

3/20/2023 First day of early voting

3/30/2023 Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters

4/3/2023 Last day of early voting

4/4/2023 Last day mail ballots can be postmarked and ELECTION DAY

Community Events



SAUK VILLAGE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION & AUXILIARY

Valentine's Dance

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

7:00PM - 10:00PM

ENJOY GREAT MUSIC AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!

21+ ALCOHOL BRACELETS

PHOTO BOOTH

FOOD

AUCTION

50/50 RAFFLE



TICKETS
\$10
A PERSON



MOOSE LODGE

2911 E SAUK TRAIL
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL. 60411

Community Events



23180 Volbrecht Rd
Crete, IL

Youth Fundraiser Dinner
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 AND 16
4-8PM

*A percentage of your meal cost will benefit
The Crossroads Church teen ministry*



Hello Parents,

Welcome back to the South Suburban Young Baseball Season!

We have launched a new website <http://saukvillageathletics.com> and through this site, families will be able to sign up & register for baseball.

All player conditioning begins: Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 6pm-8pm at the Sauk Village Rec Center located at 21701 Torrence Ave.

Please ensure that your child is dressed in loose fitting clothing and gym shoes...no jeans or crocs.

Thanks,
Coach Kirby

Community Events Continued...



Are you interested in becoming a Habitat Homeowner?



Please join us for an in-person Information session about our Habitat Homeownership Program, and how you can apply!

McConathy Public Library
21737 Jeffrey Ave, Sauk Village, IL 60411

Wednesday, March 1st 5PM-6:30PM
Saturday, March 18th 12PM-2PM

To register contact Judy Bilitzki at 630-757-7518 or jbilitzki@gohabitat.org

We build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter



Community Events Continued...



HAF 2.0 IS NOW OPEN!

With important changes
that make it easier to
get the help you need

Qualify for up to \$60,000 to save your home

Funding provided in whole or in part by the Illinois Housing Development Authority

Foreclosure Prevention Information Events Sauk Village Hall

Wednesday, February 15th
5 - 7 PM

Saturday, February 18th
12 - 2 PM

You may be eligible to receive up to \$60,000 in assistance for:

- Delinquent Mortgage Payments
- Delinquent Property Taxes
- Delinquent Homeowners or Flood Insurance
- Delinquent Homeowner Association Dues

Act Now:

Come to Information and Application Assistance Sessions held
at Sauk Village Hall Rotunda Room
21801 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village



*The Journey Forward is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit fostering emotional, financial, and personal success to Chicagoland families and individuals, through our supportive and personal Financial Capabilities and Housing Counseling Assistance.
TheJourney-Forward.org*

McConathy Public Library News

FEB

21737 Jeffrey Ave Sauk Village, IL 60411
 Phone: 708-757-4771
 Fax: 708-757-3580
www.mcconathypubliclibrary.org

New Library Hours

- Monday - Friday 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- Saturdays 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- Closed Sundays



- *FOL= Friends of the Library
- *All programs are in person unless listed
- *All programs with costs are as listed
- *All programs are open to everyone unless listed.

Happy Black History Month!

Check out our Black History month display! Turn in a correctly answered quiz to get a prize!

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Kid's cooking class 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	2 Computer Class 10:00 am-11:00 am Craft Bag Pick-Up	3 Check for daily Black History Month info Online	4 Kid's Painting Party 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
5 CLOSED	6 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	7 Kid's games and crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	8 Kid's cooking class 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	9 Computer Class 10:00 am-11:00 am Craft Bag Pick-Up	10 Bunco 5:00 pm \$5.00	11 Story Time & Craft 11:30 pm - 1:00 pm
12 CLOSED	13 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	14 Valentines Party and craft 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	15 Kid's cooking class 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	16 Computer Class 10:00 am-11:00 am Craft Bag Pick-Up	17 Library Bingo 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	18 Kid's Movie 11 am - 2 pm
19 CLOSED	20 CLOSED	21 Kid's games and crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	22 Kid's cooking class 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	23 Computer Class 10:00 am-11:00 am Craft Bag Pick-Up	24 Adult Paint Party 5:30 pm \$25.00	25 Story Time & Craft 11:30 pm - 1:00 pm
26 CLOSED	27 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	28 Kid's games and crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm				

Lynwood Little League Sign ups! Wednesday
 February 8th from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Ages 4 - 14!

Join us for our weekly events:

- **Movie Monday 1:00 pm**
- **Kids Craft Tuesday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**
- **Kids Cooking Class Wednesday 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**
- **Computer Classes Thursday 10:00 am**
- **Various Adult Events Every Friday**
- **Various Kids Events Every Saturday**

Library News Continued...



LYNWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION



**McConathy
Public Library**



**Wednesday
February 8th
5-7 pm**

AGES 4-14 ALL KIDS WELCOME



WWW.LYNWOODBASEBALL.ORG



LYNWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE

**COACHING STAFF, UMPIRES AND
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Website Information

www.saukvillage.org

Please bear with us as we continue to update the website and search for ways to improve communications with our residents.

The Sauk Village website is an important resource for information such as meeting times and agendas, employment opportunities, online bill payment, village services, Sauk Village Codebook and ordinances, helpful community links, etc...

We are pleased to announce the Sauk Talk will be available on the website and in print at the Municipal Center and McConathy Public Library. To receive the Sauk Talk by email please register at www.saukvillage.org.

Is your church, business or organization planning an upcoming event? Please send the information to:

dwilliams@saukvillage.org



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBER 911

MUNICIPAL CENTER 708/758-3330 M-F 8am-5pm

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 708/758-1331

FIRE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY 708/758-2225

MCCONATHY PUBLIC LIBRARY 708/757-4771

DIST. 168 ADMINISTRATION 708/758-1610

BLOOM TOWNSHIP 708/754-9400

COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 708/210-4500

RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY SERVICES 708/755-4357

COMMON WEALTH EDISON 1-800-334-7662

REPUBLIC DISPOSAL SERVICES 708/385-8252

NICOR 888/642-6748

CEDA 800-571-2332