

SAUK TALK

VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

In this issue: Home Buyer Workshops, Spring Public Work Schedule, Senior News, Upcoming Events, Election News and more...

Mayor's Corner

Mayor Derrick Burgess



MAYOR BURGESS - MARCH 2023 SAUK TALK INFORMATION:

·BASKETBALL PROGRAMS STARTED BACK UP AT COMMUNITY CENTER

oMONDAY - 3RD & 4TH GRADES - 5:30PM - 8:00PM

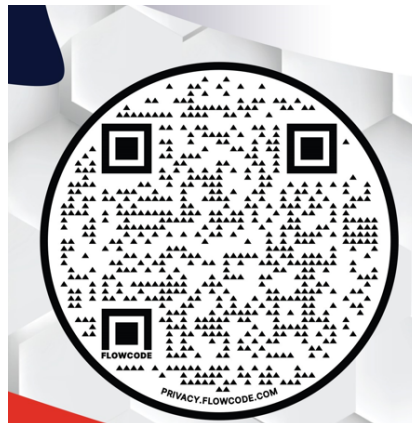
oWEDNESDAY - 5TH & 6TH GRADES - 5:30PM - 8:00PM

oFRIDAY - 7TH & 8TH GRADES - 5:30PM - 8:00PM

·BASEBALL SIGN-UP BEGINNING FEBRUARY 16TH - 5:30PM - 7:00PM

oCONTACT MR. GEORGE GREEN AT: SAUKVILLAGEATHLETICS@GMAIL.COM

oHERE IS THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP ONLINE:



Mayor's Corner Continued Mayor Derrick Burgess

·FRIENDLY REMINDER – NO PARKING ON STREET ON GARBAGE DAY

·FRIENDLY REMINDER – NO PARKING ON STREET WHEN MORE THAN 2” OF SNOW

·A SINCERE THANK YOU TO SAUK VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION DENNIS SYNOWIEC ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT AFTER 45 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

·EASTER EGG HUNT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

Village Clerk's Corner Marva Campbell-Pruitt



To my Dear Community Members

Voting is our right and privilege. It gives us the opportunity to make our voices heard and our opinions known. It is one of the most important things we can do as citizens of this country, this state, and our community, and we should take advantage of it whenever we can.

The candidates for office for our Consolidated Elections on April 4, 2023, who directly impact the Village are noted on the next page.

SAVE THE DATE

April 22, 2023, is Earth Day! The Village embraces this day by conducting an Annual Community Clean-up event. This year there will be Electronics and Prescription Drugs Recycling, and Shredding. We are hopeful that you will volunteer to assist and avail yourselves of the resources being provided.

Sauk Village Trustee Candidates for Election

In an effort to make the residents familiar with their choices for Trustee in the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election we asked all candidates to submit a short bio.

Raven Johnson

Name: Raven Johnson - Seeking a 4 Year Term

Age: 40

Length of residency: 18 years

Occupation: Business Owner

Employer: Self Employed

Education: Thornton HS graduate class of 2002, University of Phoenix (Business Management)

What are the major issues facing voters in this election and what is your position on these issues:

1. Accountability – I would like to reprimand department heads if the budgets are not within budget limits & also implement a new reprimand system for unsatisfactory work.
2. Lack of Transparency – Residents shouldn't be subjected to deception or the lack of accurate information from village officials. Residents should feel reassured that common goals are being accomplished quickly and efficiently.
3. Economic Growth – We need to make sure new infrastructure is in place that meets the needs of our business community. Allow village residents to get first preference for village employment if they are qualified.
“Together we can and we will”

Diane Sapp

My name is Diane Sapp and I am seeking the 2-year term as Trustee for the Village of Sauk Village. I have been married to my wife Henrietta for 29 years. We have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. My hobbies include cooking, reading, card and board games and being active in the community. I was raised in Chicago and graduated from Richard T. Crane High School. While serving in the U.S Army, I obtained by Bachelors of Science in Business. During my 11-year service in the Army, 22 years working as a Congressional Liaison for the Department of Defense and the Assistant Director for Impact Services I have gained valuable experience in many areas including team building, problem solving and how to address the needs of a community.

As a resident of Sauk Village since 2017 I have seen many instances where the Village has fallen short. As Trustee, I plan to be a productive member of a UNITED Sauk Village. I have started working towards this goal in the last few years as I have served as Secretary for the Progressive Awareness Movement (P.A.M.) group, a member of the Village of Sauk Village Senior Advisory Committee and am currently the President of the Nancy L. McConathy Public Library Board of Trustees.

Transparency is a word that I have heard being used by many, but I have yet to see through the clouds of smoke. I hope to work with other people who share the same goal... to make Sauk Village productive, unified and successful!

Incumbent Aretha Burns

Aretha is seeking a 4 year Term

Aretha has dedicated her life to working toward the advancement of Community and Family Unity.

Aretha's focus is Sponsoring, Organizing, and Creating "Outreach Initiatives" to change the trajectory of those given the least number of resources, opportunity, or chances to succeed.

Aretha is accomplished in her Community Building Outreach .

*CEO of Exquisite Event Planning & Rentals

*Founder of the Chicago Kings & Kings Ladys of House

*Creator of "The CourtYard"

*Founder of Community Unity "DJ's Making a Difference"

*Creator of "Intimate Evening With The Kings & Kings Ladys"

*Director of Exquisite Childcare Training & Development

* Event MC and Host

*YouTube Talk Show "DJ Wives of House"

*Member of the ADOS Advocacy Foundation

*Founder of Gold Coast Elite Productions

*Founder of Pipeline & Crossroads To Success

Incumbent Debbie Williams

Name: Debra "Debbie" Williams- Seeking a 4 Year Term

Age: 65

Length of Residency: 33 Year

Occupation: Incumbent Village Trustee

Employer: Village of Sauk Village

Education: High School- Graduate of Lane Technical High School

Civic, professional, religious affiliations, activities, awards or achievements:

Currently serving:

Sauk Village Community Development Committee Chair

Crossroads Church- Administrative Assistant, Welcoming Committee,
Senior Liaison

Outreach- Free Food Pop Up Volunteer, Friends of the Library member

Past Participation Includes:

Village Clerk- 2009-2017

Mc Conathy Public Library Board Member- 2006-2019

Committee member- Public Relations Committee, Public Events Committee,
Community Outreach Partnership, Parks & Recreation, Local Debt Recovery
Committee and more.

Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village – Secretary/ Youth Leader

Sauk Village Volunteer of the Year

Girl Scout Leader 13 Years

Diversity, Inc. Awardee

If an incumbent, how long have you served on the board? 4 Years

My husband of 44 years and our children made Sauk Village our home in 1989. We have always worked to be part of the solution rather than contribute to the problem. Sauk Village needs to Restore the Pride and Progress that we have established through the years. We need to bring a grocery store back, establish more community friendly activities, focus on our youth, infrastructure, public safety and open and transparent government. I am passionate about our community and look forward to being an active participant for a long time.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

The possibilities are endless!

Notice to Sauk Village Residents: In recent months, the Sauk Village Police Department has been in contact with Kia America and the Hyundai Corporation concerning the vulnerability to theft of various Kia and Hyundai models. Both Car Manufacturers have agreed to provide security steering wheel locks free of charge to all Sauk Village residents who own Kia or 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.



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



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

Sauk Village Fire Department



FREE *Annual Community*
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 2, 2023 | 8AM - 1PM

Pancakes FREE on-site only!

Location: Fire Department
1804 E. 222nd Street

Games, Activities, Raffles
for the Whole Family

In Sponsorship With



Public Works Department 2023 Village Schedule

Street Sweeping

The street sweeping schedule for the 2023 season will be as follows:

The week beginning- April 10, May 8, June 12, July 9, August 14, September 11, and October 19.

Sweeping in the month of November will follow our leaf pickup program. All sweep dates can change due to manpower and emergencies.

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

The ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 4:00 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 13, 14 - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek.

May 4, 5 - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates

June 1, 2 - Eastern section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail

July 6, 7 - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek

August 3, 4 - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates

September 7, 8 - Eastern Section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail

October 5, 6 - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek

Actual flushing will begin at 8 A.M. and continuing through the day, all unflushed hydrants will be completed the next day.

Residents should refrain from washing whites during flushing and for at least 24 to 48 hours after flushing. If you experience discolored water, run the cold water in the bathtub until clear. All flush dates can change due to manpower and emergencies.

Tree Limb Pickup

The first pickup for the 2023 season will be the 1st week (Monday- Friday) of the following months, May-October begins Monday, May 1, and end on Friday, October 6th.

Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than Sunday before the 1st Monday of the month.

The final pickup for the 2023 season will begin Monday, October 2 and end Friday, October 6th at 2 PM.

Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than Sunday the day before the 1st Monday of May-October.

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

Any questions concerning the pickup dates please call Village Hall (758-3330) Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If there is a special pickup it will be posted on the village Marquee and website.

Leaf Sweep Program

The leaf pickup program will begin November 6th until November 22. Our final pickup will begin November 21; crews will be out to pick up each section on garbage day,

THEY WILL NOT COME BACK AFTER THIS PASS.

All dates are subject to change contingent on the leaf drop each year. Village Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup. Thanks for your participation.

Bulk Item Pick-Up

Residents are allowed one bulk item per week.

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 vibrant, dark red background with a golden glow. It includes illustrations of a blue and white 50-cent casino chip, a black and white die, a gold king chess piece, a black knight chess piece, a white king chess piece, a red heart playing card, and a dartboard. The text is in bold, white and yellow fonts.



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 has a dark wood-grain background. It features several colorful bingo balls (yellow, blue, red, green, pink) and two stacks of pancakes on white plates. The text is in bold, yellow and white fonts.

Election News



Candidates on the April 2023 Consolidated Elections Ballot Serving Sauk Village Residents

Sauk Village Board of Trustees

Trustee Candidates (Vote for three)

Raven Johnson (4 year)
Aretha Burns (4 year)
Debra Williams (i) (4 Year)

Trustee Candidate (Vote for one)

Diane Sapp (2 year)

Community Consolidated School District #168

Board Member Candidates (Vote for three)

Tammy N. Jones
Brandie Jackson-Williams
Jovontae D. Murry-Hasty
Sharon Archie Davenport
Jeffery Burns
RaDonna Brown

Board Member Candidate (Vote for one)

Sabrina Fisher (2 year)

McConathy Library District Candidates (Vote for three)

Trustee Candidates

Linda L Todd
Merrionna Pierce
Mary E. Thompson

Bloom Township High School # 206

Board Member Candidate

Teresa M. Palombi
William "Bill" Angel
Cassandra Everett
Lorena R. Varela

Prairie State Community College District 515

Board of Trustees (Vote for three)

Christopher J. Baikauskas (6 year)
Brunetta Hill-Corley (6 Year)
Marc A. Wiley (6 year)
Jay Readey (6 year)
Andre Lewis (6 year)
Camiella D. Williams (6 year)

Board of Trustees (Vote for One)

John N. Stanfa (2 year)

Compiled by Sauk Village Clerk Marva Campbell-Pruitt
This is not a legal document. Please consult the SBE to confirm.



The Consolidated Election will be held April 4, 2023. Polls will be open from 6:00 am - 7:00 pm

Community Events



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...

NMLS: 39179



Local Realtors and Attorneys also in attendance

Snacks and Beverages provided

Home Buyer *Seminar*

Buying a home can be a challenge for new home buyers – You don't have to take this journey alone. Get information to help you make an educated, confident home purchase.

When:

Saturday, March 18th, 2023
10:00am - 12:00pm

Where:

Sauk Village
Municipal Building:
21801 S. Torrance Ave.
Sauk Village, IL 60411

Cost:
Free

Sponsored by Otis Smith

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO LEARN

1. Home buying process
2. What Professionals in the industry you will need to talk to for help
3. Potential ways to get down payment assistance
4. How much money is typically needed
5. Renting VS Owning
6. What you will need to close on your home

Hosted by:



MOVEMENT
MORTGAGE

George Gershon

Branch Leader | Certified Diversity Specialist
Movement Mortgage NMLS # 400479



HOME - AUTO - LIFE - BUSINESS

Otis Smith

Insurance Broker



Community Events Continued...



SMALL SPARKS GRANT PROGRAM

The Resident Small Sparks Grant Program is intended to support small, quick-action projects within the neighborhood that will positively impact the neighborhood.

Get up to \$500
for your
neighborhood
project!

Any resident or community partner is eligible to apply. Applications will continually be accepted through March 31st.



APPLY BY CONTACTING HOLLY POPE AT
HPOPE@GOHABITAT.ORG / 708.231.0758

Community Events Continued...



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Veteran Home Repair Program

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Phone Number

(312) 818-1196

Email

apply@rebuildingtogether-chi.com

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ABOUT THE VETERAN HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

Applications are open!

In partnership with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, Cook County has allocated \$1.25 million to complete free indoor and outdoor repairs to at least 15 veteran-owned homes each year for the next two years.

The veteran home repair program focuses on warm, safe and dry priorities or the need for home modification improvements. Low-income veteran homeowners will be prioritized.



Eligibility

This free program is available to Cook County veteran homeowners, dependent spouses or caretakers who provide housing for a veteran.

Questions

If you need assistance filling out the online application or if you have any questions, please contact Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago by calling (312) 818-1196 or email apply@rebuildingtogether-chi.com.

How to Apply

1. Complete the online application by clicking the blue button at the bottom of this page.
2. Once submitted, Rebuilding Together will review applications and schedule a house visit if you've been selected. Documentation to verify household income and home ownership will be required at that time.

Applications close Monday, May 1, 2023.

McConathy Public Library News

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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.

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1 Kid's cooking class 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Habitat 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	2 Computer Class 10:00 am-11:00 am Craft Bag Pick-Up	3 Check for Women's History Month info Online	4 Kid's Painting Party 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	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 Kid's games and crafts 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 Healthy Brain Bingo 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	18 Kid's Movie 11 am - 2 pm Habitat 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
19 CLOSED	20 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	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	29 Kid's cooking class 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	30 Computer Class 10:00 am-11:00 am Craft Bag Pick-Up	31 Check for Women's History Month info Online	

Homeowners Workshop with Habitat for Humanity
 Wednesday March 1st from 5:00pm -6:30 pm &
 Saturday March 18th from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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...



MCCONATHY PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL EGG HUNT

21737 JEFFERY AVENUE, SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411

SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2023

2 Bikes & 4
Baskets given
away per age
group!

DOORS OPEN AT 10:30 AM

AGE 0-2 YRS. 11:00 AM

AGE 3-5 YRS. 11:15 AM

AGE 6-9 YRS. 11:30 AM

AGE 10-14 11:45 AM

**BUNNY WILL BE AVAILABE FOR PICTURES FROM
11:00 AM -12:30 PM.**



MOTHER'S DAY TEA

May 06, 2023

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

**Pre-registration is required as
space is limited. Register by
April 28th at 5:00 pm**



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