

Sauk Village Hall

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Mayor's Corner

Sauk Village and the First 30 Days

During the first thirty days as Acting Mayor I have worked with the Board of Trustees and staff to restore order and decorum to the Village Board meetings, filled the Trustee position left by the resignation of Trustee Robert Chavez, appointed two members to the Zoning Board, appointed two members to the Housing Authority Commission, reorganized the Parks and Recreation Department and was able to convince Village Auditors McGladrey and Pullen to complete and present the 2009-2010 village audit.

The Board has also taken action on my suggested cost savings recommendations that include:

- Removed Delgado Law Group as the Village's tax increment financing law firm, and replaced them with Odelson & Sterk, the current Village corporate law firm. Result: Condensing to one Attorney firm
- Terminated Baxter & Woodman Engineering and replaced them with Robinson Engineering, the current Village Engineering firm. Result: Condensing to one Engineering firm
- Approved Hub International, the insurance broker of record for Worker's Compensation insurance which resulted in a cost savings of over \$20,000.00 a year

In addition, bi-weekly meetings are held with Departments Heads and myself in order to receive updates and to address any concerns that require attention. I am thankful to the staff that has continued to work under the conditions of the scaling down of their departments while being forced to do more with less.

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News from the Village Clerk Debbie Williams



Warm greetings, fellow residents! FYI- Two elections will be held in the next four months.

Look for more election information throughout the Sauk Talk. The February 26th Consolidated Primary Election and Special Election will include several candidates for the Representative of the 2nd Congressional District Seat. Election polling places and times will remain the same. Early Voting will be available at various locations to be determined. Check

out www.saukvillage.org or cookcountyclerk.com for updates on the locations. Mail in ballots are available at the Village Hall. Voter's registration is available at the Village Hall Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am-5pm. Bring two forms of ID with at least one showing your current address. If you have recently moved to Sauk Village or moved from one Sauk Village address to another you must update your registration. The April 9th Consolidated Election will include candidates for Village Mayor (1), Village Clerk (1), Village Trustee- 4 Year Term (3) and Village Trustee-

2 Year Term (1). Candidates will have the opportunity to provide a short bio in the March Sauk Talk. The Sauk Village Board of Trustees recently approved placing Electric Aggregation on the April 9, 2013 ballot. Look for information to be posted on the web and in various businesses throughout the Village in the near future. There will be at least two Town Hall meetings to explain what Electric Aggregation is and how residents will have the opportunity to opt in or opt out of the program. Feel free to call with any questions or concerns- 708/753-5121.

Mayors Article Continued

The Police Department has re-implemented roadside compliance and safety checks, police cars have been outfitted with new tires and Chief Stoffregen has been directed to start the hiring process of two new police officers to fill the positions of officers that have resigned.

Our Public Works Department has purchased new fire hydrants and expects to start repairing or replacing non-working hydrants mid January 2013.

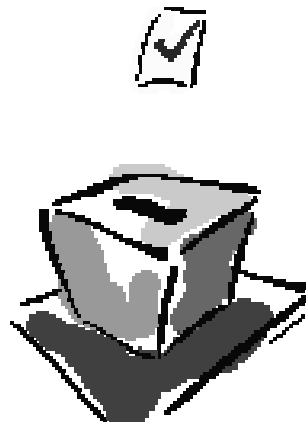
I will continue to insist that the Board pass the Crime-Free Rental Housing Ordinance. Trustee Myers and the Ordinance Review Committee are in the final stages of reviewing the ordinance and expect to present the final draft to the Village Board in January, 2013.

As Acting Mayor, I promise to continue working towards healing and peace as Sauk Village moves forward, bringing order and decorum back to village Board meetings, financial responsibility, open communication, enforcement of local ordinances, bringing back “Pride and Progress” and reaching out to the business community informing them that Sauk Village is the place to build or relocate.

*Editor’s Note: The Crime Free Housing Ordinance was approved on January 8, 2013 by a 5-1 vote of the Sauk Village Trustees. Check out www.saukvillage.org to view the ordinance.

Sauk Village Polling Places

<p>Precinct 7</p> <p>First Apostolic Church</p> <p>22709 State Street</p> <p>Steger, IL</p>	<p>Precinct 16</p> <p>Lynwood Municipal Center</p> <p>21460 Lincoln Highway</p> <p>Lynwood, IL</p>	<p>Precinct 26 & 55</p> <p>Rickover Junior High</p> <p>22151 Torrence Ave</p> <p>Sauk Village, IL</p>
<p>Precinct 23 & 53</p> <p>Paesel Center</p> <p>2700 Kavelage Drive</p> <p>Sauk Village, IL</p>	<p>Precinct 27</p> <p>McConathy Public Library</p> <p>21737 Jeffery Ave</p> <p>Sauk Village, IL</p>	<p>Precinct 32</p> <p>St. James Catholic Church</p> <p>22400 S. Torrence Ave</p> <p>Sauk Village, IL</p>



Election News

1/18/2013	First day mail ballots will be sent out
1/29/2013	Last day to register to vote
1/30/2013	*First day of grace period registration and voting
2/11/2013	**First day of Early Voting
2/21/2013	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
2/23/2013	Last day of Early Voting
2/23/2013	Last day of grace period registration and voting
2/24/2013	In-person absentee voting begins at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office
2/25/2013	Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office In-person absentee voting continues at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
2/26/2013	Election Day

See the key dates above for the February 26th Consolidated and Special Election. Check out the March Sauk Talk for the April 9, 2013 election news.

*Grace period registration and voting will only be available at the Cook County Clerk's office located at 69 West Washington, Suite 500, Chicago Illinois.

** Early voting locations to be determined



VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration is currently available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am-5pm at the Village Hall between now and January 29, 2013.

Voter registration will resume on February 27, 2013 until March 12, 2013 for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election.

New Residents or Residents that have relocated within Sauk Village must update their Voter Registration.

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.



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Happy New Year from all of us at the Sauk Village Fire Department! We trust that you and your families had a safe and happy holiday season.

If you're reading this, then I assume it's safe to say that we've survived the December 21 apocalypse. As crazy as that whole deal was, I would like to take a moment to beat on my disaster preparedness drum a little more- earthquakes, tornadoes, meteors or zombies, it is essential to emergency services that as many people as possible be self sustainable for up to 72 hours. I say "again" because I know I sound like an old broken record, but ready.gov is an invaluable resource. Please take the time to look it over.

Moving on...The Maltese cross is the symbol of the Fire Service and is a badge of honor to all of those that wear it. The Maltese cross has a long history going back to the first recognized firefighters who were actually knights during the Crusades.



One tradition revolves around the eight points of the Maltese cross. Each point represents a character trait that a firefighter should possess. These traits are Gallantry, Sympathy, Perseverance, Loyalty, Dexterity, Explicitness, Tact, and Observation.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is always accepting applications from men and women who want to provide a valuable service to their community while trying to live up to these demanding character traits. Getting started as a new firefighter in Sauk Village can open doors to a rewarding career too. If you are a Sauk Village resident 18 years or older, possess a valid drivers license, and are a self motivated and committed individual, we just might be what you're looking for. Applications are available at the Village Hall or the Fire Station.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to call the station during normal business hours at (708)758-2225 or email richresq1@comcast.net.

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

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. Letters have been distributed to schools in order to inform them of this year's topic "The New Year is often time for reflection as well as looking into the future. The year 2023 will be your 10 year reunion from 8th grade. In your essay, describe your life at that time. Will you have graduated college? Will you be attending Graduate School? Will you be a professional athlete? Be as specific as possible."

As a committee, we are very much looking forward to hearing the responses. We have also begun to fundraise for this and other events that the Public Relations Committee sponsors. Please be on the look out for many fund raising opportunities. If you would like to be a part of the judging process please contact Trustee Rosie Williams at 708-758-3330.

A special thanks to Carl Wolf and respond now for their continued donation of holiday baskets at thanksgiving. Also thanks to village attorneys Odelson and Sterk, Village engineer Robinson Engineering, Sauk Village elected officials and the many residents who's generosity helped to provide approximately 200 holiday baskets to Sauk Village families.

Human Relations Commission

Marva Campbell-Pruitt & Steve Bloom

Happy New Year!

May you soar into the new year filled with health, happiness and prosperity!

The Commissioners have completed one year of service to the Village of Sauk Village. We have conducted one training for Deputy Registrars and have assisted with citizens getting registered to vote, change marriage status or addresses. All registrars' ability to register individuals to vote, certificates ended in November. Those who still wish to serve should sign on the Cook County Clerk's Election Web-site to retrieve and sign a new oath.

We will host an Annual Training Session for anyone desiring to become a new Deputy Registrar on the last Thursday in January (1/31/13) going forth. The session will take place at the Sauk Village Fire Department in its Training Room and is tentatively scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. Interested individuals, should send an e-mail to: HRCCommissioner@yahoo.com and include your name, e-mail, phone number and address.

Many of us have an ideal image in our minds of what a healthy community looks like. Some of our lists may include safe streets, good schools, healthy business, strong churches, beautiful parks and so on. These are all good and right things to desire. The challenge for us is to figure out how we're going to bring these about, and we suggest that it begins with us.

Some students at Rickover School who are participating on the Youth Council, led by Commissioner Steve Blom meet monthly for active discussion and engagement are doing just that. They are mapping their ideal community with a focus on Education, Social Skills and Community Service. They will attend the first Board Meeting in January to view first-hand how the community is governed, and will be introduced. Please come out to show your support of students on the Youth Council.

The Commission has formed a partnership with CEDA to provide resources to our community. Thus far, they have been instrumental in providing Holiday Food Baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We look to further our interactions by bringing additional resources and training opportunities.

Lastly, as of December 31, 2012, four vacant seats on the Human Relations Commission are awaiting residents desiring consideration. Kindly send a letter of interest to Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chairman, stating why you wish to serve on this Commission. Desirable characteristics are a willingness to work towards peace and diversity within the community.

We Salute Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



January 21, 2013

Baseball Registration

Trustee John Poskin

LET'S PLAY BALL

It is time for us to start up a new Baseball League for Sauk Village.
You may ask what do we need-Well we need it all!

MANAGERS

COACHES

SPONSORS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Trustee John Poskin will be holding a meeting to recreate our youth baseball league at the Sauk Village Hall on Thursday 1/24/13 at 6:00 PM. Bring your ideas and your willingness to make the new baseball league work. If you cannot make the meeting you can call the village at 708-758-5125 or email JPoskin@saukvillage.org.

McConathy Public Library News

The McConathy Public Library is pleased to sponsor the Blossoms Program from Wagoner School. You can contact the Blossoms Family Center at (708) 758-0319 to register or for more information. Once a month the group visits the library for a special story time.

McConathy Library also has a GED preparation program. This special program is computer generated. Students may work at their own pace through each subject area of the GED with pretests and posttests. It is a great program for any individual who wants or needs to practice before taking their GED. We look forward to seeing you.

Senior News

Rose Langston

The SV Senior committee's agenda to date: 2nd Monday 12:30 p.m. FREE movies co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library: January 14, 2013 (with lunch preceding the movie, reservation required 708-757-4771) 'North To Alaska,' February 11th 'Indiana Jones and The Crystal Skull,' March 11th 'Something the Lord Made,' and April 8th 'The Incredible Hulk;' FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. held in the Senior Center office on Mondays, January 7th, February 4th and March 4th - use the east entrance), from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening also held preceding the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. FREE basic computer classes 1:00 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, January 10st, 11th, 24th, 25th, February 7th, 8th, 21st and 22nd, and March 22nd; Zumba Gold classes are held every first and third Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

Three Senior Citizens organizations meet in the Senior Center at 21801 Torrence Avenue and have openings for new members (seniors age 50 years plus). The Sunday SV Fun Club meet on the 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. The Senior Citizens of SV 'Sunshiners' meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Leisure Timers meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. beginning in February (no meetings in January). The annual membership dues will vary from \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

All seniors are welcome to join in various activities/events held in the Senior Center. Every Sunday evenings 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 (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 also sponsors a very successful 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: 'HAPPY New Year 2013' on Tuesday, January 22nd;'Happy Valentine's Day' on Thursday, February 14th;'Step into Spring' on Wednesday, March 20th;' and 'Remember When' on Tuesday, April 16th. Tickets may be 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 a 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 benefit check-up are available, call 708-754-9400 x244.

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 222nd 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. For concerns and/or questions, call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits.

Committee members are Bob Barnes, Gary Holcomb, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Larry Sterrett, and Frank Williams.

Water Rate Increase

There will be an increase of \$2.00 per 1000 gallons on the water bills as of February 14, 2013 as per Ordinance 12-014. The increase is needed to begin repairs to the Sauk Village infrastructure which includes water mains, fire hydrants, meters, etc...



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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
ALLIED DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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Mayor's Corner

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Dear Sauk Village Residents:

I am pleased to inform you that Sauk Village will be repairing almost a mile of streets this year at a cost of over half a million dollars. Moreover, these projects are fully funded by Federal, State, and County sources, and therefore at no financial cost to the Village's residents. The following roadways are being repaired with the estimated project schedule shown for each street:

STREET	FROM	TO	TIMELINE START-FINISH
223 rd Street	Nichols Ave.	Murphy Ave.	April – July
215 TH Place	Peterson Ave.	Jeffrey Ave.	May – August
Luella Ct.	221st St.	221st St.	May – August
225st Ct.	Theisen Ave.	Theisen Ave.	May – August
Merrill Ct.	216th St.	216th St.	May – August
223rd Pl. Ct.	Yates Ave.	Yates Ave.	May – August
Water Main Repair Restoration	Various	Various	May – August

Unfortunately, with the above roadway improvements come unavoidable inconveniences. Please be patient with the contractors, Public Works personnel, and engineers who will be involved with the construction of these projects as they work to restore your street and driveway access as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to improve Sauk Village's infrastructure and restore pride in our community's neighborhoods! Should you have any questions or require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
 David Hanks Mayor



News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Election time is here again but I am sure you already know that. This issue of the Sauk Talk provides information on polling places, candidate's bios and other election information as well as committee and department reports. The Sauk Village Board recently passed a resolution to place Electric Aggregation on the ballot. Electric Aggregation has been approved by many neighboring communities as a way to save money on residential

electric bills by pooling together. Please watch for a mailing later in the month and for the posting of two Town Hall meetings where Electric Aggregation will be discussed and public comment is encouraged.

Voter registration will take place between February 28th and March 12th at the Village Hall during normal business hours. The Village Hall is closed on Wednesdays.

Please update your voter's registration if you have recently moved to Sauk Village or have moved from one Sauk Village residence to another. Vacant homes will be purged from the system.

Check out www.saukvillage.org for updated election information. Please review this issue carefully before placing your vote on April 9th. Most importantly- PLEASE VOTE! Polls are open from 6:00 am – 7:00 pm.

SAUK TALK

Election News

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RESIDENTIAL AGGREGATION FOR ELECTRIC RATES VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

Public Hearings will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sauk Village Municipal Center boardroom located at 21801 South Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois, 60411. A referendum will be presented to voters on April 9, 2013, to ask voters to authorize the Village of Sauk Village to negotiate for electric residents and small businesses of the Village of Sauk Village. A copy of the proposed plan is available for review in the Sauk Village Municipal Center during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Written and oral comments will be accepted.

March 8, 2013

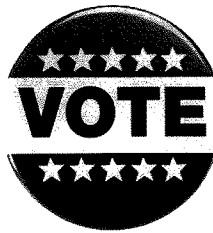

Debra L. Williams

Village Clerk

April 2013 Election Data

3/12/2013	Last day to register to vote
3/13/2013	First day of grace period registration and voting
3/25/2013	First day of Early Voting
4/4/2013	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
4/6/2013	Last day of Early Voting
4/6/2013	Last day of grace period registration and voting
4/7/2013	In-person absentee voting begins at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office
4/8/2013	In-person absentee voting continues at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
4/9/2013	Election Day

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Candidates Forum

The following is the Fun Club forum flyer and a copy of the guidelines to be given to the village voting public at the forum.

CANDIDATES FORUM

Village Board of Trustees

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013

1:00 until 3:00 P.M.

Mayoral and Village Clerk

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2013

1:00 until 3:00 P.M.

SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE

**Light refreshments will be served in the lobby
(Please, absolutely no food in the auditorium!)**

Sponsored by Sauk Village Fun Club

GUIDELINES

Priority seating for Sauk Village voting public will be on a first come first serve. Absolutely no reserve seating! Doors will open at 12:40 p.m.

Hand written questions from Sauk Village registered voters will be accepted at the forum prior to the opening statements. E-mail questions may be sent to svfunclub@hotmail.com at least one day prior to the forum. No more than two questions (vulgarity or slander will not be tolerated) per person will be accepted. All questions (precise and to the point) must be directed to all candidates. Voter's first and last name (moderator will only mention the first name), and the address (no P.O. Box) must be included on all questions.

Candidates will not receive prior knowledge of the questions. Every candidate (by rotation) will have one (1) minute to respond to the question and each candidate will have the opportunity to be first in answering a question.

UNRULY/DISORDERLY AUDIENCE:

Members of the Audience are 'guest' and as such are requested to remain polite and courteous to everyone. Unruly or disorderly audience member will be cautioned and warned one time, further outbursts, the Forum will be stopped. Sauk Village police will escort the individual out.

UNRULY/DISORDERLY CANDIDATE:

As an official warning, all candidates are to remain respectful and courteous to each other and the moderators. If a candidate becomes unruly or disorderly, the Forum will stop and we will ask her/him to leave so we may continue without their presence.

Candidate Biographies

The following candidates did not submit a Candidate Biography:

Enoch Benson IV-Mayor

Shirlene McCreary-Village Clerk

Carla Phillips-4 year term Trustee

Eddie D Kimble-4 year term Trustee

Jacqueline Clemons-4 year term Trustee

Hope A Moody-2 year unexpired term Trustee

Candidate Biographies

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

David A. Hanks – Independent Candidate for Mayor

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

3.) Family information: David is married to Linda and they have ten children, five boys and five girls. David and Linda love living in Sauk Village and are excited to be part of a town that has so much to offer--great quality of life, wonderful people, and many opportunities.

4.) Employment History:

David is a Quality Engineer for ACCO Brands in Lincolnshire, IL. David is responsible for supervising inbound auditors and technicians for direct products and quality control at their manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin.

5.) Village Involvement/Current Involvement:

Since serving on the Village Board his assignments have included chairing the Economic Development Committee, Commissioner on the Calumet Corridor Council, Route 30 Corridor Council and the South Suburban Commuter Rail Corridor Sub-Committee, Human Relations Commissioner and is currently a member on State Representative Anthony De Luca's Safety Advisory Committee.

As our country was starting to slide into the worse economic times since the "Great Depression" David was challenged with the opportunity to work with local businesses, financial institutions and government agencies to assist our residents. In the fall of 2005, David was appointed as Chair of the Sauk Village Housing Committee.

As Chair, David was given the task of forming a committee from the ground up. He brought together key individuals to form the Sauk Village Housing Commission.

With the assistance of local businesses the commission has hosted many workshops over the years to assist residents with home improvements and financial aid. In 2010, the Sauk Village Housing Commission hosted the first NACA "Home Save/ Purchase" workshop for residents in the far South region.

In November of 2012, David Hanks humbly accepted the appointment of Acting Mayor due to the former mayor's immediate resignation. As Mayor, David now represents the village on the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) and is working with 41 mayors from surrounding communities. David is also a member on the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative

Past Involvement:

David is a longtime volunteer in this community. Prior to being elected, David was a cadet on the Sauk Village Police Department and later served as a commissioner on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

PRODUCTIVITY AND TAX RELIEF

I will continue to oversee a vigorous push to attract entrepreneurs and industry to our village. A healthy local economy will help to lower taxes, not raise them!

WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY

I will continue to work with our water department to see strides in both water quantity and quality. This matter is a top priority!

SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION

As interim mayor, I have worked hard to rebuild our police force - and will continue to do so during a Hanks Administration.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Health, safety and vitality are all critical – but impossible without fully functional village resources. I have plans underway to repair streets, infrastructure and fire hydrants village-wide.

"As a lifelong resident of Sauk Village, I care about this community. I am raising my family here, just as you are... and want the best for them, just as you do. This is my written pledge to work hard for the People of Sauk Village!" - David A Hanks

Candidate Biographies

Derrick Burgess – Candidate for Mayor

Derrick Burgess is a resident, homeowner and taxpayer of Sauk Village for 31 years.

He and his wife, Juanita originally lived on Theisen Avenue until they moved into their home in Deer Creek Estates. Derrick and Juanita are the proud parents of four children, 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Derrick is currently an operating plant engineer at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is a 31 year member of St. James Catholic Church where he immediately volunteered and was dually elected as Vice President of the School Board and President of the Finance Committee.

As Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Derrick is leading the charge to battle the challenges created by the greatest economic meltdown since the Great Depression. The committee has set its immediate focus on communicating with Sauk Village's existing businesses, to ensure the needs of the business owners are heard so that the Village can support them in these trying times. Committee members under the guidance of Trustee Burgess have been very dedicated in planning for the Village's future when both the Village and the economy recover.

Derrick's Sauk Village credentials include, elected Trustee for two terms, filled a two-year unexpired term for Trustee; he is a past commissioner of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, past chairman of a successful Parks & Recreation committee, member of the South Suburban Managers and Mayors, member of the Police Association. He has also volunteered to coach Girls' Soccer at Wagner School, Sauk Village Girls Beginning Bowling League, and Glenwood Boys Football Practice Team. He has mentored the Sauk Village Basketball Program and was a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America. Derrick attended the University of Illinois at Chicago in the college of Pharmacy, has also earned professional accreditations and licenses as a Stationary Operating Engineer, CFC and Master Gardner. He is a current member of the Deer Creek Homeowner's Association, Founder of Deer Creek Men's Club, member of the IUOE 399 and BPAA. He was President of the Friday Night Merchants Bowling League for 12 years, WM F&AM PHA and District Deputy GM of the Masons for the State of Illinois. Finally, he was Treasurer for Sauk Village 50th Anniversary Celebration and served on the Sauk Village Lincoln Highway Mural committee.

Bernice Brewer Houston Mayor, 4 year term

12 year resident of Sauk Village

Mother of 2 grammar school teacher

United States Environmental Protection Agency

33 years retired Environmental Protection Specialist, BA General Studies Roosevelt, concentration Environmental Impact Studies, working on MA (Environmental Justice Program) Governor's State University

Village Involvement:

Park & Recreation Committee, Ordinance Committee, Lake Michigan Water Referendum Committee, Police Alliance, Coordinator of the Water Distribution Program, Neighborhood watch, South Suburban Collaborative Housing, Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness.

Candidate Biographies Continued

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

Debra "Debbie" Williams – Independent Candidate for Village Clerk

2.) **Years of residence in Sauk Village: 26 Years**

3.) **Family information: Married to Frank for 35 years.**

Two children who attended Wagoner, Rickover and Bloom Trail Schools. One grandchild who attends the Blossoms program.

4.) **Employment History:**

Pammer Research - 24 years-Administrative Assistant / Field Research

The Pampered Chef- Direct Sales- 3 years

5.) **Village Involvement/Current Involvement:**

S.V. Public Relations Committee - 8 years

Sauk Village Website Committee- 8 years

Sauk Talk- Co-Editor- 8 years

Sauk Village Economic Development Committee- 3 years

South Suburban Mayors and Manager Housing Consortium-1 year

Sauk Village water distribution Hotline Coordinator

McConathy Public Library, Treasurer - 6 years

Sauk Village Church of God- Member and Sunday School Secretary- 2 years

Past Involvement:

S.V. Human Relations Commissioner - 6 years

Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village, Secretary - 4 years

Concerned Citizens Youth Group- Co-founder and Youth Leader – 2 years

S.V. 50th Anniversary Committee, 2007 & 2008

Co-organizer of the Sauk Village Annual Family Festival

Girl Scout Leader - 12 years

2008 Sauk Village Volunteer of the Year

2008 Diversity, Inc. "Spirit" Award

2008 SSDMC "Community Spirit" Award

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

To continue to provide open and transparent government via detailed meeting minutes and the posting of minutes, ordinances and other vital information on the Village web site and to continue working to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams

Welcome to the 2013 election edition of the Sauk Talk. The Public Relations Committee has welcomed all candidates running in the April 9, 2013 election to provide individual bios for the Sauk Village residents to review prior to casting their ballot. Remember your vote is your voice on April 9, 2013.

Join us for Student Government Day on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall when our 8th grade Rickover Junior High students assume the positions of the elected official. Student Government Day is always the highlight of the year for the Public Relations Committee.



Candidate Biographies

Marva Campbell-Pruitt , M.Ed., M.A. and State of Illinois Administration Certificates

Candidate for Village Clerk

Years of residence in Sauk Village

Five (5) Years and 9 Months

Family information

Loving family consists of Mother, three brothers, one sister, and one pooch. Her marital status is single.

Employment History

Marva is a retired public servant, who has served as Senior Public Service Administrator, Teacher, Principal, and School Superintendent. She was previously employed by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services, and Chicago Public Schools. She represented the State of Illinois on the National and local levels, serving on varying committees, commissions, and councils. She was responsible for the administration of program implementation, budgetary, policy and decision making. She provided training, program development, event planning, and technical assistance. Marva has a strong customer-centric focus, organizational and specialized computer skills---all transferable skillsets that will insure the success of the municipal government.

Village Involvement

Currently, Marva serves as an appointed volunteer as Chairman of the Village of Sauk Village's Beautification Committee, and Commissioner and Chairman for the Human Relations Commission. She continually champions many community based projects. Within the past two years, Marva has demonstrated leadership with residents to join her in creating a successful Community Garden program, and conducting weekly gardening sessions with a youth summer program. She volunteered to assist with Parks and Recreation activities, serves on the Fire Departments Pancake Breakfast committee, hosted the Village's first Movies in the Park activity. Marva served as chairman of the Illinois Lincoln Highway Mural Project that brought an historical landmark to the Village that was later used for the 2012-2013 vehicle stickers. Along with the Beautification Committee, under her leadership we brought back the Hootsie Awards, hosted two Annual Clean Green and Preen Weeks, and hosted a Community Yard Sale. She assisted with last year's Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas with Santa (including helping to decorate the float). Her public service history is rich with professionalism, acts of volunteerism and proven community service.

Number of Years of the Term and Plans

Marva seeks a four-year term as Village Clerk and offer the following commitment:

I pledge to: Exhibit total accountability by establishing regular hours and revising overall accounting and reports procedures, record the minutes of the all meetings, and present reports and minutes efficiently and timely; maintain and respond to inquiries from citizens, other municipalities, agencies and the public concerning operations of the Village; update Charters, Codes and Ordinances as necessary in a timely manner; develop tools that invite two-way communication between citizens and the Village; and update the Village's web-site to make it inviting, user friendly and interactive. As the Sauk Village Clerk, I will perform duties that support both employees and Village residents with excellent customer service.

Nominee, Nora Lee Dabner, for Sauk Village Clerk

Proud Mother of two and grandmother of six.

4 year Sauk Village resident.

Retired post office worker (38 years) Management.

Facilitator for Age Option Wellness Courses.

Campaign coordinator for President Obama, Regional Area Headquarters.

Sauk Village Census Team Coordinator.

Volunteer for various Sauk Village committees (water referendum committee).

Administrator for senior wards for Cook County Courts.

Candidate Biographies

1. **Rosie L. Williams** Trustee 4yr term
2. Village resident for almost 26 yrs.
3. I have my family and friends who are extremely important to me.
4. Currently employed as the Director of Social Services at Beecher Manor; recently received licensure to become a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator.
5. As a Village Trustee for the past 8 years, I have worked diligently to ensure that the residents of Sauk Village remain at the center of the Board's focus. I have attempted to do my best with providing educational and important information to the Village through the Sauk Talk and the Website, with the help of members of the Public Relations committee. As Chair of the Public Relations committee, I have been responsible for Student Government Day, Employee Recognitions, 2 years of Fireworks displays as well as assisting various organizations with fund-raising and participation, including but not limited to; Corn and Dog Roast, P.L.A.N Easter Egg Hunt and multiple Food Basket drives.
6. I am running for a 4 yr term. My plan is to continue to listen to the needs and concerns of the residents. This knowledge, along with a drive for constantly remaining aware of new and changing Village affairs, will provide me the tools to continue to be an effective Trustee. I also look forward to working with the Village Board, both new and old members to help rebuild Sauk Village financially by reducing overall spending while not reducing additional staff and services and to return a sense of pride to the residents of Sauk Village.

Edward 'Ed' Myers I am seeking re-election as trustee of the Village of Sauk Village.

My family and I have lived in Sauk Village for 42 years. My wife Carol and I raised 3 children in Sauk Village. We enjoyed the quiet and peace of the Village. Our children were able to participate in many of the activities provided by the Village. The first year we lived in Sauk Village I became a Volunteer for the Sauk Village Fire Department and I am presently Assistant Fire Chief. My oldest son joined the Fire Cadets when he was 16 and it lead him to a career in Firefighting. He is now a Lieutenant on the Park Forest Fire Department. My youngest son also joined the Fire Cadets and is now an Acting Lieutenant on the Sauk Village Fire Department. For Years my wife Carol served as president of the Sauk Village Fire Dept. Auxiliary. We have been involved with the Village for over 40 years.

I also worked for the Village from 1986 to 2002. I was the Superintendent of Code Enforcement and Building inspection. I am Asst. Chief of the Fire Department, I also serve as a director of the Illinois Firefighters Association, which a State wide organization. I am a lead coordinator of the MABAS 27 arson investigation team. I am a trustee for the Village of Sauk Village, also serve as chairman of the ordinance committee. I presently work for the Village of Steger as Department head of Code Enforcement and Building Inspection and Health inspections.

I am seeking to be re-elected to a four year term. I plan to work for the betterment of the Village. This will take teamwork, and time. We have many issues that need to be resolved so that the people of Sauk Village can benefit from it and not just one or two people. We need a team devoted to the future of Sauk Village. So we can once more be a town of Pride and Progress. If you want to see progress and change please vote for me.

Tariq I. El-Amin, is running for the position of Village Trustee 4 year term. He and his wife (Dr. Aisha El-Amin) have been residents of Sauk Village since 2007; they've been married 13 years and have 3 beautiful daughters who attend school in Sauk Village. Tariq is a union journeyman ironworker (Local 1 Chicago), and also the founder and Executive Director of Bridging The Gap Inc., (www.webridgethegap.org) a non profit organization focused on providing underserved youth with educational, enrichment, and service opportunities, intended to help form the servant-leaders of tomorrow. He serves on the board of various civic and religious organizations dedicated to social justice, and community empowerment. Tariq believes that Sauk Village is a wonderful place to live and raise a family, and wants to work toward making our village a standard bearer for what is best in government and community.

Candidate Biographies

Francine Anderson, Trustee Trustee, 4 year term

A resident for 29 years.

I'm single.

I'm a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Mental Health consultant. I have two Masters Degrees, MA in Counseling from Argosy University and MS in Human Service Administration from Spertus College.

Village Involvement:

A Trustee on the Village board for one term (2007 to 2011). I'm currently, a Commissioner on Sauk Village Zoning Board. I had the leadership of two village committees, The Senior Committee and The Police Alliance Committee. Both Committees have provided increased services to the citizens.

Current Memberships:

Sauk Village Citizens Empowerment Organization, a 501c 3 Organization, Vice President & Director of Youth Services (SVCEO)

Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness (SVCPA), Treasurer

Past Memberships:

Member of Economic Development Committee, Sauk Village Park & Recreation Committee, Water Distribution Team Volunteer

Member of Concern Citizens of Sauk Village

Debra "Deb" Davis –Trustee Candidate - 4 Yr. Term

Debra "Deb" Davis is a 12 year resident of Sauk Village. Debra is a single parent and the primary care person for her mother. Debra is a Customer Service specialist, a former manager and Union Steward for Local 15 at Commonwealth Edison. Upon moving to Sauk Village, Debra immediately became a member of Deer Creek's Homeowner Association and after a few years, was elected Vice President because of her dedication and involvement.

Even with her busy schedule, Debra is very much involved in her children's education and volunteers for many of their events. Her son is an honor student at Mount Carmel High School and is the former Mr. Sauk Village. Her daughter is an honor student at Mother McAuley High School and is the former Junior Miss Sauk Village.

Debra plans to champion activities for our youth, adults and senior citizens. She wants to bring young parents together in a volunteer atmosphere to help foster positive relationships with young people and bridge the gap with adults. Debra says, "Sauk Village has no business losing its next generation to gun violence. We must take steps to end their angers and frustrations by implementing programs designed to instill self-esteem and the confidence to handle the challenges they experience without resorting to violence. Our children are our future. We are responsible for their safety and well-being. By creating a strong volunteer base in Sauk Village, our town can begin the healing and become a strong cohesive community that our residents deserve."

Di Shawn King Trustee 4 year term

1 year 6 months resident

Mother of 6

20 years as a Licensed Practical Nurse and BA in Business Administration, MA in Organizational Management

Village Involvement:

Water Distribution Coordinator for senior residents

Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness

Candidate Biographies

1. **Lynda G. Washington** Running for: Trustee for the 4 year term for the Village of Sauk Village, IL
2. I have been living in Sauk Village Approximately 20 years.
3. I have one adult son & 3 grandsons.
4. I have been employed for West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147 for approximately 24 years as an Administrative Assistant.
5. Parks & Recreation Program, Co-Chair Neighborhood Watch Program, Lake Michigan Water, Police Alliance, Human Relations Commissioner
6. I am running for a 4 year Term. I plan to work with the other Trustees and Mayor to bring pride and Progress back to Sauk Village. There are very serious issues that are of great concern to the residents of Sauk Village. My main focus is Quality Programs for our youth. Enhancing programs for our Seniors and bridging the gap with more police presence in our community to provide public safety.

1. Name and desired position: Elizabeth "Beth" Zupon-Trustee 4 year term
2. Years of residence in Sauk Village: 13
3. Family information: Albert, husband of 20 years
4. Employment history: I have worked in the Financial Services (Securities Operations, supporting the Trust & Investment Business) industry for 28 years, first at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh for 13 years, and then 15+ years here in Chicago at Northern Trust. Currently, I am a Vice President in the Operations & Technology - Change Management Group, managing a team of Senior Business Consultants who support several of the Bank's mission critical applications and operations.
5. Village Involvement:
 - A. Member, Economic Development Committee
 - B. Member, Beautification Committee
 - C. Former Village Clerk
 - D. Former Commissioner, Housing Authority Commission
 - E. Former Member, Ordinance Review Committee
 - F. Former Volunteer, Parks & Recreation Committee events
 - G. Former Volunteer, Senior Citizens Committee events
6. Number of years for your term and plans: I am seeking a 4 year term for Village Trustee. My first priority as Trustee will be to work with the Mayor and Board to ensure stability and accountability for Village finances. This starts with ensuring the timely completion of the unfinished Village Audits from 2010 to 2012. From there, we need to review all aspects of the Village's payables and receivables, to identify opportunities for savings and potential sources of revenue. Balanced budgets which include money to pay down outstanding debts are a must, as is finding the resources to fully fund Village Services such as Police, Fire, Community Development, Public Works and Emergency Services (ESDA). *We have* to get our financial house in order before we can expect anyone to want to move to our Community, businesses included. From there, I will work with the Mayor, Board, and Residents to ensure whichever Committee or Department entrusted to me works as efficiently and robustly as possible. At the end of every day, we must all work together for the betterment of Sauk Village.

Candidate Biographies

1. Jeffrey A. Morden Trustee Two Year Unexpired Term
2. 12 years and 9 months
3. Married to Ann Marie Morden, have three daughters and two grandchildren
4. I've been in the Transportation Industries since 1996
5. I've been involved in many committees within the village and they are as followed,
Sauk Village Beautification Committee, Sauk Village Ordinances Review Committee, Parks & Rec's and Economic Development.
6. In my two year term in office if I get elected I will be willing to work with whomever gets elected into office and will work extremely hard for the residents of Sauk Village. I will have a open door policy and will listen to ALL residents of our community.
Only together can we move our village forward.

Helen Washington Trustee 2 year unexpired term

4 year Resident

I'm Single

Program Coordinator for Adult Learning Program, Social Services Program manager with QIDP Status Census Bureau Trainer/ Recruiter and Prevention Education consultant. BA in Criminal Justice -Bradley University, MA work in Political and Justice Studies at Governor's State University

Village involvement:

VISTA volunteer, Police Alliance

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1. Melvin Stevenson School Board Member Community Consolidated School District 168
 2. I have lived in Sauk Village for four years
 3. I am the proud father of three wonderful boys
 4. I work in healthcare with ten plus years in helping others, I currently run the day to day operations for a home health agency
 5. Currently a School board member and just recently joined the Public Relations committee
 6. This is a four year term, I plan to work with the board members and Superintendent to improve the quality education for all children in the Village. I will continue to follow the vision, goals and policies set fourth by the district. I will be a leader of the district, a representative of the entire community and an advocate for public education including safety for the students as well as employees of the district.

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.

Economic Development

Trustee Derrick Burgess

Despite some tough economic challenges facing our nation, our state and many communities, Sauk Village has made some advances in economic development. Jacobsen Warehouse Company recently relocated from the LogistiCenter to the old Behr Paint facility on Torrence Avenue occupying 108,550 square feet.

With the village facing many challenges, a new approach to attracting businesses to Sauk Village will be required going forward. The Economic Development Committee will be working together in a joint effort with our business community, members of the Governor's staff, our State Representatives and Senators, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association as well as joint efforts with our neighboring communities to work together in attracting national, regional and local businesses.

Our Committee continues to work on creating a brochure and marketing materials in an effort to showcase the advantages of commercial and industrial opportunities in Sauk Village. We hope to have this ready to be presented for consideration by the Village Board during our upcoming budget process.

The Economic Development Committee will work toward a full and complete update of the Village's outdated 1999 Comprehensive Plan and incorporate Economic Development as a major piece of the plan. I had asked in November, 2012 that the Zoning Board begin the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan and will continue to move in that direction. If we fail to plan, we plan to fail.

On March 14th at 4:30pm, the Economic Development Committee will be sponsoring a "Business After Hours" event. This even will be hosted by our very own Villa Di Pizza, formerly known as Iuccios Pizza. The owner, a village resident, has been committed to Sauk Village for many years. While the familiar name of Iuccio is no longer, the owner assures us that this Village's pizza tradition still remains! He invites all businesses and community leaders to attend this business after hours event.

Please be sure to shop Sauk Village First and support our local businesses.

Derrick Burgess, Village Trustee

Chairman, Economic Development Committee

Parks and Recreation

Trustee John Poskin

My first report as trustee over Parks and Recreation is to update the residence on what programs are currently in place for both the children and adults. The basketball program is running once again at the community center Monday through Friday. For information on age groups and time either contact Trustee Poskin at 753-5125 or JPoskin@saukvillage.org, you can also visit the community center. Line dancing for adults is on Monday nights from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming events in March we have the South Suburban Humane Society Pet clinic at the village hall parking lot on the ninth (see flyer) and on the 30th we have the P.L.A.N. Easter Egg hunt at the community center starting at 1pm.

We are still looking for anyone who would be interested in helping get the sports program committee started. We need volunteers in order to get the Baseball and Soccer Programs up and running again. If you have information, ideas or are willing to help in this project or any other related projects please contact me at the village hall.

We are also looking for any ideas, programs or events that can be used to help create activities for the spring and summer months.

Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

The Beautification Committee invites and extends a warm welcome to new committee members and volunteers who would like to join us as we seek to beautify our community together. We have listed the 2013 Calendar for review with a strong desire that you will join us as we stage varying events. Additional information will be provided directly before each event. The foremost event will be an Informational Meeting on plans for this year's Community Garden. Details to follow.

2013 Calendar

Regular Meetings: 2nd Monday of month, as needed, 7pm at the Municipal Center

Activities:

May 26-June 1: Clean Green and Preen Week

June 1: Clean, Green and Preen Service Day

June 15: Community Yard Sale

Community Garden – Informational Meeting will be in April ~ Further Details Forthcoming

Teaser: DO YOU KNOW THE STORY BEHIND THE 2012-2013 VILLAGE STICKER THAT ADORNS THE WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE?

Human Relations Commission

Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt

NEW Commissioners

We asked, and two answered the call! We are pleased to have Lynda Washington as a new Commissioner, and Mayor/Trustee Hanks who agreed to sign on for another term. They were both sworn into office at a recent Board Meeting.

There are two seats open and, again we ask interested individuals to send a letter of interest to HRCCommissioner@yahoo.com or address a note to Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chairman and send it to the Municipal Center, 21801 Torrence, Sauk Village, Illinois 60411. Desirable characteristics are a willingness to work towards peace and diversity within the community.

Officers of the 2013 Commission are Commissioners: Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chairman, Frank Williams, Co-Chairman, Steve Blom, Secretary, and David Hanks, Treasurer.

Youth Council

A couple of students and their parents from Rickover Jr. High School, who are participating on the Youth Council led by Commissioner Steve Blom, attended the Board Meeting in February to present the Youth Council's Vision Statement and to witness our governance. They were well received.

Activities Planned for 2013

Memorial Bricks – We are currently working with Public Works on details

Mothers' Day Tea – Tentatively planned for the Saturday before.

Volunteers are needed to help plan this event.

Diversity Dinner – The Commissioners will host 6 – 10 Sauk Village community citizens in each of our homes to discuss topics relating to improving relations and to increase understanding of others' culture. Details to follow

Special Note: This Commission is here to provide mediation and assistance to those experiencing difficulties relative to problems with landlords, community services and however we can be of assistance. Let us know how we can assist! We are only steps away!

Senior News

Rose Langston

The Senior Citizens Committee's various senior programs are available to our village seniors and are mostly FREE.

- . Blood pressure screening (also for all village residents and village employees) on Mondays, March 4th, April 8th,
- . Book exchange program, thank yous to the McConathy Library and the many donors.
- . Computer classes on Thursdays, March 21st, April 11th and 25th, May 9th and 23rd for practice and current students from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. On Fridays, March 22nd, April 12th and 26th, May 10th and 24th pre-registered students from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m.
- . Monthly movies co-sponsored with McConathy Library on Mondays, March 11th (Something The Lord Made), April 8th (The Incredible Hulk), and May 13th (I Remember Mama 1948) at 12:30 p.m. at the library. The library provides light refreshments and you may bring a brown bag lunch.
- . Zumba Gold classes, especially for seniors, on the first and third Saturdays, March 2nd and 16th, April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th from 1:00 until 1:45 p.m. All seniors age fifty and older are welcome to this class regardless of residency.

The Committee's quarterly senior citizen event is our 5th annual 'Chili Cook Off' on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with entertainment, line dancing, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Chili volunteers are needed (contact any committee members), there will be monetary prizes. It's a all you can eat for a nominal cost, see posted flyers for details.

Three village senior organizations meet in the Senior Center in the Municipal building at 21801 Torrence Avenue (use north entrance) are looking for new senior members age fifty and older. The Fun Club provides FREE basic line dance lessons for their members every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. dues are \$10.00 annually. Sunshiners meet at 7:00 p.m. every first and third Monday (except on Labor day) dues are \$14.00 annually. Leisure Timers meet at 2:00 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday dues are \$15.00 annually.

Other groups meeting in the Senior Center are: VFW every second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; BMW Crossroads every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.; and Ceramics every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. New members welcome.

The committee meets monthly every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. For additional information and/or questions, please leave a brief message at (708) 758-3330 for a call back as time permits.

Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood

A guy by the name of A. Whitney Brown said, "The past actually happened, but history is only what someone wrote down." How very true this statement is. If not for those that took pen to paper (or fingers to keyboards) though, what record would we have? We have the stories- the kitchen table talk when two or three old friends get together, the bits and pieces we gather from an old photograph. What happens when those stories are lost and the photographs faded? We wish somebody took the time to write that stuff down.

Just recently, our department secretary Donna Rooney happened upon a small gold mine. Tucked away deep in a seldom used file drawer, Donna chanced upon a three page document titled, "Sauk Village Fire Department, A History," by Assistant Chief Tom Schroeder. Assistant Chief Schroeder retired from the Sauk Village Fire Department in 2002 after 27 years of service to this community. AC Schroeder was one of those few people who took the time to write out history.

paper was the objective approach he took. Other than penning his name under the title, there were no names mentioned- only the progressive growth of a fire department from 1957 to 1999. This paper inspired me to write the next 14 years as an addendum to AC Schroeder's work. I followed his lead and left out the names, well, except one- our late Fire Chaplain Lee Gatzke. It seemed appropriate. So, now there exists a pretty decent, chronological history of the Sauk Village Fire Department- from the "10 men and a 1934 Chevrolet fire engine," to today. The next project will be to dig up some old photos and put together a book, but don't hold your breath.

Want to become a part of history in the making? The Fire Service is FULL of history and tradition. The Maltese cross is the symbol of the Fire Service and is a badge of honor to all of those that wear it. The Maltese cross has a long history going back to the first recognized firefighters who were actually knights during the Crusades.

One of the things I admired about AC Schroeder's



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On March 6, 2013, a court order was issued requiring the Village of Sauk Village to continue to use temporary air stripping equipment to provide its residents with safe and clean drinking water. This concludes years of litigation between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Sauk Village.

In 2009, vinyl chloride was detected in the Village's water system, specifically Well #3. The Village shut down Wells #3 and supplied its residents water from Wells #1 and #2. The EPA directed the Illinois Attorney General to file a compliance lawsuit against the Village in April 2010, requesting an overhaul of the Village's water system. The Village made some improvements to the water system and reviewed all options to supply its residents with the safe and clean drinking water. One option suggested by the EPA was the installation of temporary air strippers to remove vinyl chloride from the water.

During the summer of 2012, vinyl chloride was detected in Wells #1 and #2 and continued to rise to levels which required the Village to send notices to its residents and businesses. Residents were advised not to consume water from Wells #1 and #2 and bottled water was distributed by the Village. In August of 2012, temporary air strippers were installed with the assistance of multiple state agencies, and the Village has provided safe and clean water and continues to do so today.

The Village is in the process of purchasing and installing permanent air strippers to provide safe and clean water for years to come. The Village's long term plan is to obtain Lake Michigan water. This is only possible after major infrastructure improvements can be made to the water supply system. The Village's plan to install permanent air strippers, repair the Village's leaking water supply lines and other infrastructure work has been reviewed and approved by the EPA. The Village's approval plan is contained in the March 6, 2013 court order.

The EPA lawsuit carried a potential fine of \$50,000 per count of the Complaint, plus a maximum fine of \$10,000 for every day the violations existed. The Village fines could have easily exceeded \$1,000,000 based upon the length of this litigation. In concluding this litigation the Village has agreed to pay a fine of \$2,500, a significant savings to the Village and its taxpayers.

The resolution of this complex matter was made possible by the cooperative efforts of our consultants, Village Attorney Odelson and Sterk, Village Engineer Robinson Engineering, and the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

A copy of the court order can be reviewed on the Village's website www.saukvillege.org.

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Sauk Talk

Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks



Sauk Village Mayor, Village Clerk and Board of Trustees. The results of the April 9, 2013 election are final. Pictured from the left: Re-elected Trustee Rosie Williams, Re-elected Trustee Edward Myers, Newly elected Trustee Jeff Morden, Newly elected Mayor David Hanks, Re-elected Village Clerk Debbie Williams, Newly Elected Lynda Washington, Trustee Derrick Burgess and Newly appointed Trustee John Poskin. Trustee Burgess is beginning his third year of a four year term.

Mayor David Hanks and the Board of Trustees are excited for the opportunity to work together to restore the pride and progress to Sauk Village. The Board will work together to focus on safety for the residents, economic development, programming for all ages and water quality improvements. There are several committees looking for volunteers including Parks and Recreation, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhood Watch to name a few. Find out how you can be part of positive movement in your community by submitting a letter of interest to Mayor David Hanks at 21801 S. Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, IL 60411 or email Village Clerk Debbie Williams at dlw1633@aol.com.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

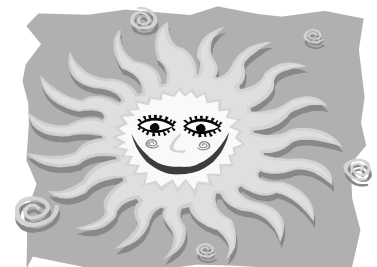
Village stickers are now on sale. All stickers must be displayed by midnight June 30th. Late fees will be assessed and tickets will be issued after the June 30th deadline. Village sticker prices are as follows:
Motorcycles, passenger cars and RV's \$30.00
Motor buses and trucks - Starting at \$48.00

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. There will also be no Republic Service garbage pickup on that day.

Look in this issue for more information on the July 6th Freedom Celebration.

Check out the Sauk Village calendar at www.saukville.org to

learn more about the activities taking place in the community including. School is out soon. Please be careful and have a safe, enjoyable summer!



Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams



Congratulation to the 2013 Student Government Day winners. The students listed below were chosen to participate in Student Government Day on April 23, 2013. Each student was assigned a position to actively conduct the Village Board meeting which involved committee reports and passing legislation. The students did an outstanding job and were honored at a reception following the Board meeting. The Public Relations Committee would like to thank everyone involved in fundraising, organizing and conducting the tour of Village facilities for these students.

Imani	Crews	Terrance	Rodgers	Tyreese	Erwin
Osaze	Enorence	Tennell	Spann	Aniyia	Bell
Monique	Aguilar	Octavia	Brown	Rayquan	Williams
Mikayla	Echols	Kalayah	Robinson	Brianna	Manney
Zakari	Ayres	Bianca	Henson	Tia	Lipscomb
Kristen	Ryan	Ticaria	Reed	Danryen	Doyle-Fulton
JuJuan	Jackson	Jade	Jenkins		



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Police Department

Tim Holevis

Tuesday, May 14, 2013, was a historic day in Sauk Village. Congratulations from the Police Department to Mayor Hanks and the newly elected board. It was also a commemorative day for the Police Department as Officer Scott Langan was sworn in as a Sergeant and 3 new recruits were also sworn in by the Village Clerk Debbie Williams. Congratulations to all four of these Officers. The 3 recruits are Jacob Howard, Ryan Sasano and Ronald Tomalis. All three recruits are currently being trained in the Chicago Police Academy and are expected to graduate sometime in August. I would like to congratulate our other 3 probationary Police Officers who started in February 2013, Officers Mike Brown, Chad Frederickson and Frank White. All three are experienced officers, who came to the department with certifications in hand. This in turn was an advantage for the village since there was no expense associated with their training. I would also like to report with the help of Mayor Hanks, the Police Department was able to obtain a new K-9. Officer Seth Brown and his K-9 Falco are in training and citizens will be seeing them shortly.

I would also like to commend Sauk Village officers for their continuing efforts in combating crimes throughout the village. I am proud to report crimes are down in the village as they are throughout the nation. Citizens are continuing to call the police and report suspicious activities, which is a great help to the police. Citizens have called in descriptions of offenders and other information necessary for the police to make an apprehension. Several citizens were also instrumental in assisting the police in the efforts to apprehend the bad guys. It's a great feeling when the citizens can come together with the police in a situation of this type. It is also a great feeling when neighbors come together to help each other. After all, isn't that what neighbors are for? Thanks for all your help!

JUST SOME REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Curfew times are 11:00pm Friday until 600am Saturday

11:00pm Saturday until 600am Sunday

All other days 10:00pm

No parking on the street on garbage day between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm.

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

A Little Police Humor

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding and the guy gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. He eventually realizes he can't escape and finally pulls over.

The cop approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my tour is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behavior, I'll let you go."

The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back!"

Senior News

Rose Langston

You are welcome to other groups meeting in the Senior Center, they are: the Sauk Village Blue Grass on Sundays from 6 until 10 p.m., the event is free, no dues and a free will donation is taken to cover the cost of beverages and paper supplies; Sauk Village VFW Post 2690 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m.; BMW Crossroads No. 55 every 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.; and the Ceramics Group on Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.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. The SV VFW welcomes the public to their annual Memorial Day service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27th at the St. James Cemetery (394 and Sauk Trail) with a 50/50 raffle drawing following the service.

Keep the dates open for: the annual Bloom Township senior picnic on Thursday, August 1, 2013. Tickets will go on sale July 1st; and the Sauk Village Senior Committee annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 12, 2013. There is a nominal cost for both events.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. For concerns and/or questions, call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits. Committee members are Gary Holcomb, Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Larry Sterrett, and Frank Williams.

Code Enforcement

Sherry Jasinski

To All Residents

With spring here and summer just around the corner, the Sauk Village Community Development Department would like to point out a few of our ordinances that we have had numerous complaints on. We want to make our residents aware that tickets can and will be issued for violating these ordinances.

Garbage cans cannot be stored in front of your house

72.11D Parking in the street on garbage day prohibited from 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.

151.037(A) Parking on non hard surface is prohibited

79.2 Village stickers required

94.50 Grass and weeds over 8 inches tall prohibited- When cutting your grass please do not cut into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street

90.01 Junk auto and parts prohibited

150.34 Failure to maintain pool

151.38 Failure to maintain property

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

Parks and Recreation

Trustees John Poskin and Jeff Morden

The Parks and Recreation Committee is working on a Freedom Celebration that will take place on Saturday, July 6th. The July 6th Parade Committee is working on a parade which is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm at Popeye's Chicken and will continue down Sauk Trail ending at the Village Hall. Parade lineup will start at 11:00 am. See the attached Parade Registration form to register your car, truck, bike or float.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is also working to provide activities behind Village Hall after the parade which may include fireworks at dusk. The Parks and Recreation Committee is currently conducting fundraising to offset the costs of the fireworks. Please watch for definite follow up whether or not fireworks will actually take place. Donations towards fireworks can be dropped off at the Village Hall.

Volunteers are needed on both the Parks and Recreation Committee and the July 6th Parade Committee. The Parks and Recreation Committee is also working on establishing a baseball/ softball league for ages 5-12 starting in the fall and a basketball league in January. Registration for baseball is ongoing at the Village Hall. Basketball registration will begin late fall.

Any questions, please call Trustee John Poskin at 708/ 753-5125.



PARADE APPLICATION

The parade application is available at the Village Hall and www.saukville.org



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



There's no denying that our weather this season has been goofy, to say the least. Unfortunately, it's not over yet. Disaster in general is something nobody likes to think about and your chances of winning the lottery are probably better, but none the less, disaster can strike any of us at any given time. In a disaster situation, like a tornado, there are numerous resources available to us as a fire department and community. But depending on the magnitude of the disaster, it will take time for emergency resources to get to you.

There are things you can do to help yourself. Take a look at these resources- www.ready.illinois.gov
www.fema.gov
www.alertchicago.org

These websites contain valuable information about preparing for and surviving any number of disasters. The key to survival starts with you- take the time to make a

family disaster plan and kit. Any of the listed websites can help you with this.

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

Stay tuned to the Sauk Village Fire Department Facebook page for details on our upcoming annual June Pancake Breakfast!



Blossoms

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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. Registration will begin in August.

Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Regular Meetings: Second Monday of the month, as needed, 7p at the Municipal Center. Come out and join the Committee!

The Committee is moving into its busy season! Check out all we have in store and then pick up the actual detailed flyers at the Municipal Center and locations throughout the Village.

Activities:

The Sauk Community Gardens



The Community Garden is a piece of land behind the Library, gardened by a group of people. Community gardens provide access to fresh produce and plants as well as access to satisfying labor, neighborhood improvement, sense of community and connection to the environment. Come by and join us as we plant, weed and reap. Or if you like, secure your own plot. Contact Marva Campbell-Pruitt at SVBeautification@yahoo.com

June 15: Community Yard Sale – VENDORS and BUYERS needed!

Now that you have cleaned, make some extra money. One person's junk is another's treasure. For a small fee of \$15.00, Vendors receive a 10 X 10 space to sale items.

Contact Marva Campbell-Pruitt at SVBeautification@yahoo.com or 708-753-0582



Save the Dates

July 7-13: Hootsie Judging Week – Contact Beth Zupon

July 20-23: Presentation of Awards

October 13th or 20th: Living Springs Service Day

Human Relations Commission

Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt

The Human Relations Commission is guided by the Open Meeting Act. As such, there is an agenda item for public comment. Please plan to meet with us on the first Monday of every month at the Municipal Center, as we are eager to serve our community to insure peace, harmony, diversity, problem –solving and resources. Let us hear from you. And, going forth, check the Village web-site for the agenda for upcoming meetings and approved minutes.

Upcoming Events

Community of Healing Affair – Date to be announced

We are planning a social gathering of Village Officials, residents and former candidates. Stay tuned for more details!

Movies in the Park

Let's get out of the house and socialize with family and friends! The Commission, along with the Library Board District, the Senior Committee, Parks and Recs, and the Sauk Village Youth Council will host two summer events. We are eager to know which movies you wish to see. This event is free to the public. Concession Sales will benefit activities of the Sauk Village Youth Council! An Adhoc Committee is being formed. Contact HRCommissioners@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving on the committee.

Health and Resource Fair

This event is planned for the fall. Keep a look-out for more details as there will certainly be something for everyone.

Commissioners Needed

The Commission is in need of three Commissioners. We wish to review a full slate of candidates to present for Board approval. There are, one – 2.5 year term, and two – 1.5 year terms. Please inform either Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt or Mayor Hanks of your interest to serve.



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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
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Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks

The July 6th Independence Celebration was a huge success thanks to Trustees Myers, Poskin and Morden and all of the volunteers and parade participants. A Veteran's Memorial Service was held following the parade. Members of the US Navy and US Marines and several local elected officials, such Congresswoman Robin Kelly, State Representatives De Luca, Sims and Evans and representatives from Senator Donnie Trotter's office were in attendance. The day long activities continued with music, games, food and other vendors and fireworks at dusk. I actually spent an hour in the dunk tank!

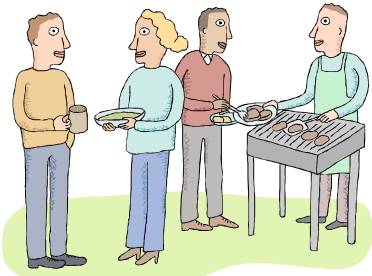
For the first time, Sauk Village will participate in the 30th Annual National Night out on Tuesday, August 6th from 4 pm-9 pm behind the Village Hall. Village residents are welcome to bring their grills or pick up dinner from a local restaurant and spend the evening with neighbors, elected officials and safety officers as we focus on safety in our community.

The Human Relations Commission hosted a Movie in the Park on July 19th. Look for more information on monthly movies in the park and other events on the Village website www.saukvillage.org and inside this edition of Sauk Talk.

Sauk Village has several young people working in various departments including helping with the free lunch program and activities for the area children and opening the Senior Center from 8:30 am- 3 pm Monday through Friday.

It is refreshing to see the involvement of so many residents on the Sauk Village committees and commissions including new committees like the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and the

Community Outreach Partnership Committee. Find out how you can get involved by calling me at 708/753-5124 or emailing me at dhanks@saukvillage.org.



This summer we are focusing on family events. Check out events throughout the summer hosted by Sauk Village committees and Board members.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

There will be no Village board meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. The Sauk Village board does not meet on the fifth Tuesday of the month unless a special meeting is called. The Committee meeting of August 6, 2013 has been cancelled due to the national Night Out Event taking place behind the Village Hall from 4 pm- 9 pm. See details inside the Sauk Talk.

The newly revised Municipal Code Book is now available on the village website www.saukvillage.org and

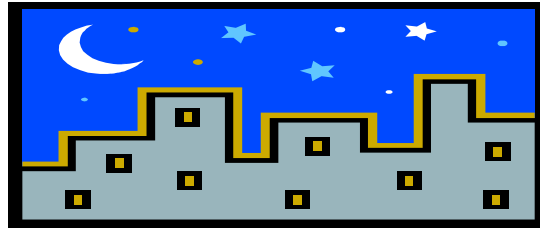
available on pdf form. This is the first update to the code book since April 2005. The Sauk Village website also includes a list of all ordinances approved by the Village Board, agendas and minutes from 2009 to present, a calendar of events and committee meetings and other information you can use. The website is currently under reconstruction. Suggestions and recommendations for the website should be sent to rwilliams@saukvillage.org or

dwilliams@saukvillage.org.

Please check on your neighbors during the extreme heat. Cooling centers are available at the Police Station and Community Center.



National Night Out



SAVE THE DATE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2013
4 pm- 9 pm (Behind Village Hall)

The entire community is encouraged to come out and meet your neighbors, elected officials and safety officers. Bring your grills and cook out or pick up dinner to go from a local restaurant. Basketball, volleyball, dunk tank and other games will be available.

Learn how you can fight against crime in your neighborhood.

- 4:00- 6:00 pm Tour the SWAT armored truck
 5:00 pm Presentation on Senior Safety
 7:00 pm Presentation on Parental Drug Awareness

Stop by the Police Department tent to visit with Safety Pup and meet Officer Brown and Officer Falco (our new K-9).

Spread the word! See you there!

Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams 708/753-5121 or
 Deputy Chief Holevis 708/758-1331 for more information

McConathy Public Library News

Colleen Baughman



If you have used cell phones laying around the house and would like to get rid of them, bring them to McConathy Public Library. We are participating in the Vintage Cell Phone Program. We have a box where you can drop your old phone in. The box is located at the circulation desk.

The Sauk Community Garden is very successful. Come by and pick some baby leaf lettuce, red leaf lettuce, Swiss Chard, and whatever else is ready for picking. There are also different herbs ready and waiting to be taken.

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Senior News

Rose Langston

SAUK VILLAGE SENIOR CITIZEN (50+) ACTIVITIES

SAUK VILLAGE BLUE GRASS- SUNDAYS 6:00 – 10:00 P.M., no dues free will donations to cover beverages and supply expenses. Pickers with acoustic instrument are welcome to the jam session. Blue grass, country and gospel music are provided for your dancing and/or listening pleasure.

SAUK VILLAGE FUN CLUB- 2ND & 4TH SUNDAY 3:00 P.M., \$10.00 annual dues include free basic line dance

S V SR COMMITTEE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING- 1ST MONDAY 1:00 – 2:00 P.M., for village residents and village employees co-sponsored with P.L.A.N. group

SENIOR CITIZENS OF SAUK VILLAGE a.k.a. Sunshiners @ Senior Center 1ST & 3RD MONDAY at 7:00 P.M., \$14.00 annual dues, new members welcome

S V COMMITTEE SENIOR MOVIE @ McConathy Library 2ND MONDAY 12:30 P.M. (except Columbus and Veterans Day) co-sponsored with library light refreshments and quarterly lunches provided by the library. Blood pressure screening co-sponsored with P.L.A.N. preceding movie

SAUK VILLAGE VFW POST #2690- 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY 8:00 P.M., new veteran members welcome

BMD CROSSROADS #55- 3RD TUESDAY 7:30 P.M., motorcyclists group

CERAMICS GROUP- WEDNESDAYS 8:00 - 11:30 A.M., new members welcome

LEISURE TIMERS- 2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY 5:00 P.M., \$15.00 annual dues new members welcome

S V SENIOR COMMITTEE- 2ND THURSDAY 5:00 P.M., senior public welcome

S V SR COMMITTEE ZUMBA GOLD CLASS- 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY 1-1:45 P.M., free to all seniors 50+ regardless of residency

All activities are held at the Senior Center except for the Movies which are held at McConathy Public Library

Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Be on the Lookout – Hootsies Are Coming!

As this issue of the Sauk Talk goes to press, Beautification Committee volunteers are in the middle of judging Village homes and businesses, looking for the best of the best. Hootsie signs will start appearing in homes around the Village in early to mid-August, with winning addresses announced in the next issue of Sauk Talk. Be on the lookout, we may pick you!



Parks and Recreation

Trustees John Poskin and Jeff Morden

I would like to take this time to thank the people of Sauk Village who made our July festival the **Great Success** it was. With out you the Parade, Festival and Firework could not have happened.

A special thanks to the following for their contributions to the events of the day.

To the many anonymous donors and workers

SV Parks and Recreation Committee

Sauk Village FD	Steger FD	South Chicago Hts FD
Crete Township FD	Sauk Village PD	Steger PD
Illinois State Police	Sauk Village ESDA	South Holland ESDA
Mokena ESDA	Crete ESDA	Blue Island ESDA
Midlothian ESDA	New Lenox ESDA	Thornton ESDA
Rich Township ESDA	Steger ESDA	Mayor and Trustees SV
State Sen Donne Trotter	State Rep Elgie Sims	Congresswoman Robin Kelly
State Rep Marcus Evans	Set Enterprises	Democratic Women of South Suburbs
SV Public Works Dept	SV Employees	Bounce-N-House Inflatable's
Nina's Belicious Bakery	LeRoys Mexican Food	National Motor Club
Robinson Engineering	Odelson & Sterk LTD	Hiskes, Dillner, O'Donnel Marovich & Lapp
Brrr LTD	5 Linx	Wiggins Cycle Equipment
Sweet Treat Boutique	Ultimate Popcorn	Byron's Concessions
First Baptist Church of SV	Big Daddy's Pork Chop	Neighborhood Watch Program
Dozeli Pizza	NRF Enterprises	Sauk Village Church of God
Maggie's Creations	Twinkle Toes	Heaven Sent Mommy N Me Spa
Ronald McDonald	McDonalds of SV	Holy Praises Tabernacle Church
Fairway Foods	School District 206	Bloom TWP Senior Wheels
Wayne Steel	Boy Scouts Pack 152	Community Outreach Partnership
US Marines	US Army	Ordinance Review Committee
School District 168	DJ David Chick	Sauk Village July Festival Committee
The Dancing Horses		Windy City Embroidery

The Community Center will be open from 10 AM to 6 PM Monday thru Friday starting on 7/22/13 until 8/16/2013. We will be looking for volunteers who would be willing to help with the Corn and Dog Roast scheduled for September. The Free Lunch program has served over 400 children to date and will run thru 8/2/2013. The lunches are served from Noon to 1:30 pm Monday thru Friday at the Community Center.



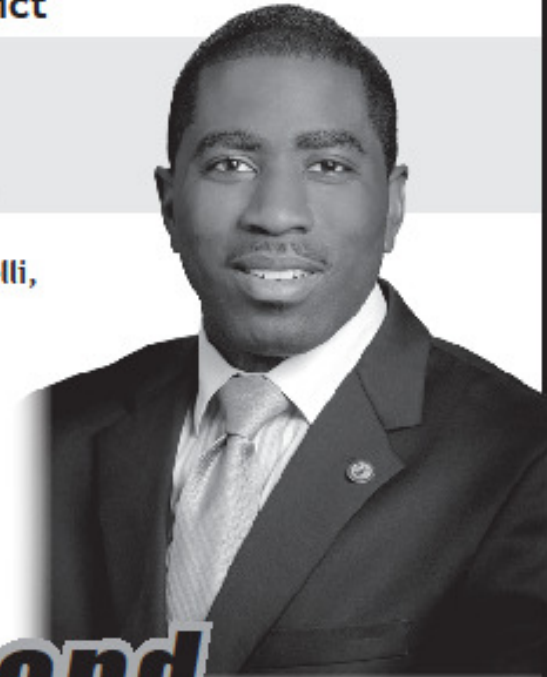
Health and Fitness Fair

State Representative • 33rd District

**Marcus C.
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along with

Thornton Township Supervisor Frank Zuccarelli,
Norman Abbott, Lansing,
Robert Polk, Burnham,
Michele Qualkinbush, Calumet City,
Eugene Williams, Lynwood,
David Hanks, Sauk Village,
and Senator Donne Trotter
invite you to attend a



Health and Fitness Fair



Saturday, August 17

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lan-Oak Park District Eisenhower Center
2550 178th St. • Lansing, Illinois

Activities to promote healthy living:

- Nutrition information and fitness workshops
- Confidential HIV/AIDS testing
- Sickle cell screenings
- Dental screenings
- Blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol screenings
- All Kids, FamilyCare and Moms & Babies Health Insurance information
- City, state and county social services

This event is FREE and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Rep. Evans' constituent service office
at 773-783-8492 or email RepEvans33@gmail.com.

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Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



On Tuesday June 11 at the Village Board meeting, the Sauk Village Fire Department formally welcomed six new recruits. They are Robert Butterfield, Christian Christmas, DeAndre Dickerson, Tariq El-Amin, Kevin Luther, and Latreaviette (Kandy) Watkins. It has been many years since this many recruits have been brought on the fire department all at once. Each recruit was assigned to a senior firefighter who will be their mentor for the next several months. All of the recruits are going through a new recruit orientation program to make them functional until they are able to attend the Fire Academy in the fall, courtesy of our 2011 federal grant.

The Sauk Village Firefighter's Association would like to thank you for your tremendous support at our Fill the Boot drive on June 7th and the Pancake Breakfast on June 9. Both events were very successful!

Our Annual Golf Outing will be on September 14 this year, again at Longwood Country Club in Crete. This event has grown bigger and better than ever in just the last few years. If you would like to join us for golf, dinner, and/or a sponsorship opportunity, please call the fire station at 758-2225. Ask for Rich or Denny.

The Sauk Village Firefighter's Association is made up of the membership of the Sauk Village Fire Department and raises funds to assist the fire department and its members with extra training and equipment.

Stay tuned for some special events coming up!

Have a safe and happy summer!!



Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



I would like to take this opportunity to inform the residents of Sauk Village that this is our Official Decal for the Neighborhood Watch Program. We would like to invite you to attend our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month at the Fire Station located at 1802 223rd Street in Sauk Village. We are also communicating on our newly established Facebook page. Follow us at: Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch or email us at saukvillageneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com

If you don't have a decal for your home or business you can pick one up today at the police station or at McConathy Public Library.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer feel free to call me at 708-753-5130.

We just received notification that we will be posting signs around the Village! Stay tuned for our upcoming ceremony.

Community News

Kingdom Rock Vacation Bible School

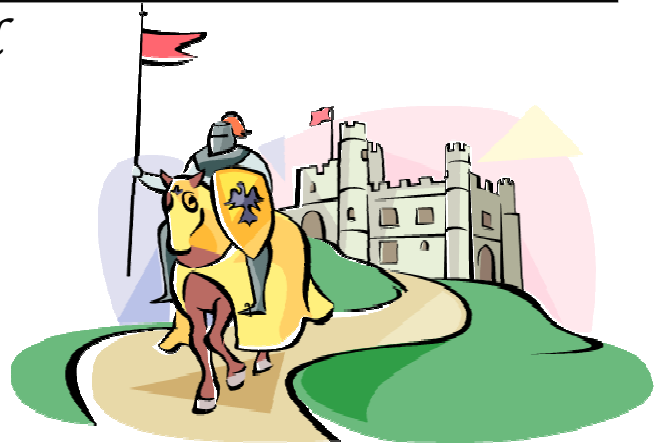
Where: Sauk Village Church of God

23001 South Torrence Avenue

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Ages: 4-12 year olds

EVERYONE WELCOMED!



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School Registration

District 168 registration dates:

Monday, August 12th	9:00am to 2:00pm
Tuesday, August 13th	3:00pm to 7:30pm.
Wednesday, August 14th	9:00am to 2:00pm— New Students only

District 206 registration dates:

Thursday, July 25, 2013	3:00pm – 7:00pm
Monday, July 29, 2013	3:00pm – 7:00pm
Tuesday, July 30, 2013	10:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, July 31, 2013	2:00pm – 7:00pm



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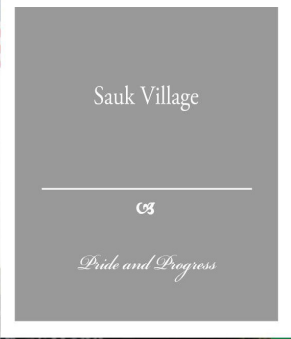
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Mayor David Hanks



SAUK TALK

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News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

This is probably my favorite time of the year! The weather cools off, the leaves change color and a cool breeze makes everything all right! Change has been in the air for some time now! If you have been involved in Sauk Village at all you must have noticed the increase in resident participation on various committees. From the fast forward moving Housing Commission to a Beautification Committee that is determined to beautify our village from corner to corner. We have very active residents who really exemplify the Pride and Progress Sauk Village has always boasted about. Mayor Hanks and the Village Board are all working together to try to do their utmost to restore the positive image that

Sauk Village has been known for in years past. New committees have been created to foster community participation such as the Neighborhood Watch, Intergovernmental Community Relations and Community Outreach Partnership committees. Established committees from the past such as the Human Relations Commission, Public Relations, Parks and Recreation and Ordinance Review have worked hard to provide quality programs and information to our residents. Committees are always looking for new residents to get involved and bring fresh ideas.

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Disposal. Please visit the Lynwood Recycling Center located at 21540 Lincoln Hwy Monday through Friday 8am -5pm and Saturday 9am – 2pm. Call 708/757-7300 or visit lynwoodrecycling.net for more information on what items can be recycled.

Check out the Sauk Village calendar, as well as, minutes, agendas, current events and an ordinance history dating back to 1957 and more on www.saukville.org.





From the Desk of Mayor David Hanks

Village Water System Update

Sauk Village is conducting a three-phase plan for improvements to the water system infrastructure:

Phase 1 – Construct Improvements to the Existing Water Treatment Plants

Phase 2 – Implement Water Distribution System Repairs and Replacements

Phase 3 – Acquire Lake Michigan Water

Below is an update on the progress the Village has made on this plan.

Phase 1 – Water Treatment Plant Improvements

The IEPA has issued an opinion that the proposed water treatment plant improvements project is the quickest and most cost effective means to returning Sauk Village's water system to compliance with IEPA standards. With just a few items left to complete on the loan application, it appears likely that the IEPA will issue a loan to Sauk Village for the project. When completed the project will provide water that is safe and of sufficient quantity for the Village's water users. New air strippers to remove the vinyl chloride will be installed; the current aged iron filters will be replaced with new equipment and filtering media; and various other site improvements will be completed.

The IEPA issued a construction permit for the project in June. The project was advertised for bid in early August, and bids from contractors will be opened at the October 8th Village board meeting. Once the project is awarded, the contractor will have one year to complete the work. The Village has met the compliance schedule deadlines listed in the Illinois Attorney General's consent order.

Phase 2 – Water Distribution System Repairs and Replacements

The Village hired a firm to conduct a leak detection survey to pinpoint the major leak locations in the distribution system. Fourteen leaks were detected during the field investigations conducted this past summer. Public Works staff has since repaired two of these leaks and will complete repairs of the remaining defective infrastructure in the coming months.

Phase 3 – Lake Michigan Water

Once water loss is reduced to less than 8%, Sauk Village will submit another application to the IDNR for Lake Michigan water. It is anticipated that the IDNR will view Sauk Village's application more favorably with minor system water loss, and it is hoped that the IDNR will grant the Village's request to receive Lake Michigan water.

With an approved Lake Michigan water allocation, Sauk Village will then move forward with the design and construction of the required water infrastructure improvements (supply water main, pump station, and storage tanks). Funding for these improvements would have to be determined, and a water rate increase would likely be required.

McConathy Public Library News

Colleen Baughman

Help us watch our pumpkins grow. We are growing them for the Blossoms preschool program. By the middle of October we are hoping to have four good pumpkins so each of the four classrooms have a pumpkin. You can watch the progress on our Facebook page: **McConathy Library District** and click like.



Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



I would like to take this opportunity to inform the residents of Sauk Village that this is our Official Decal for the Neighborhood Watch Program. We would like to invite you to attend our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month at the Fire Station located at 1802 222nd Place in Sauk Village. We are also communicating on our newly established Facebook page. Follow us at: Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch or email us at saukvillageneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com

If you don't have a decal for your home or business you can pick one up today at the police station or at McConathy Public Library.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer feel free to call me at 708-753-5130.

We just received notification that we will be posting signs around the Village! Stay tuned for our upcoming ceremony.

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Senior News

Rose Langston

The Senior Committee held its first Senior Summer Program (on a very short notice) this year which was not well attended. Many thank you to the youths Abigail Purdue, Aaron and Stephanie for assisting with the program. Also thank you to Shavon, Sidney and Stacy for handing out flyers and making calls to seniors about the program.

Our continuing Senior Committee FREE programs are: Zumba Gold every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 1-1:45 p.m. for all seniors 50+ regardless of residency; monthly blood pressure screening on the 1st Monday (except 2nd Monday October 14th and November 11th) of the month for all village residents and employees, not just seniors; 12:30 p.m. monthly movies at the McConathy Library Mondays, October 7th 'Schindler List,' November 4th 'Glory' (with lunch at 11:30 a.m.), and December 9th 'Heidi' with blood pressure screening preceding the movie; and a paper book exchange at the Senior Center. Blood pressure screenings are co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. and the movies and refreshments co-sponsored with McConathy Library. The November 4th lunch at the library prior to the movie requires reservation, call (708) 757-4771. See flyers for detail information and future scheduled dates.

Three senior organizations: 2nd and 4th Sunday 3:00 p.m. SV Fun Club; 1st and 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. Sunshiners; and 2nd and 4th Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Leisure Timers meet in the Senior Center. Other groups meeting in the Senior Center are: the Sauk Village Blue Grass on Sundays from 6 until 10 p.m.; Sauk Village VFW Post 2690 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m.; BMW Crossroads No. 55 every 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.; and the Ceramics Group on Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.m. For security reasons, key access by authorized individuals may be obtain from the police station to the Senior Center.

The Bloom Township Community Lunch program resumes Thursday, October 24th with Joe Vega entertaining. Tickets will be available from the township office on September 9th, \$4.00 for township seniors and \$8.00 for non-township seniors. A new deadline time will be seven (7) business day to purchase your tickets. Beginner line dancing classes is scheduled from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays, September 26, October 3, 10, and 17th, registration required. Flu shot by appointment only on Wednesday and Thursday, October 22nd and 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Call 708-754-9400 x244.

Senior Committee's 10th Annual Senior Citizens Spaghetti dinner Saturday, October 26th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ticket donation \$6.00 or \$5.00 in advance from committee members or village hall. Cost includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread & butter, dessert and beverage with all you can eat spaghetti. Music by The Morgan Family and Larry Long, line dance instruction by Flora Haynes, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday (no meeting scheduled for October) at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. For concerns and/or questions, call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits. Committee members are Gary Holcomb, Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Larry Sterrett, and Frank Williams.

Shine Gospel Fest



September 14, 2013 from noon till 4pm

Located at 1700 East Sauk Trail

Sauk Village, IL 60411

(across from Best Hardware)

For additional information: call 708-476-1717 or 708-758-0425

Gospel Singing and Sharing of the Word

Free Food and Door Prizes

Parks and Recreation

Trustees John Poskin and Jeff Morden

SAUK VILLAGE ANNUAL CORN DOG ROAST

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013 Noon to 5:00 PM

AT WELCH PARK NEXT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 21701 TORRENCE BEHIND THE SAUK VILLAGE POLICE STATION.

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS.



DJ, EMPLOYEE RIB COOK OFF

FREE JUMPING CASTLE AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12

FOOD COURT ITEMS FOR SALE

HOTDOGS \$1.00 CORN \$1.00 POP \$1.00

THERE WILL BE VOLLEYBALL, BAG TOSSES, BASKETBALL AND MORE FOR EVERYONE

CONTACT: TRUSTEE PARKS AND RECREATION CHAIR JOHN POSKIN 708-753-5125

SAUK VILLAGE PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS YOUTH CO-ED BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Looking for boys and girls 7-14 years old

Registration has been extended and will now take place at the Community Center:

Friday, September 6 th	4:00pm - 7:00 pm
Monday, September 9 th	4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 12 th	4:00pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, September 13 th	4:00pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 14 th	4:30pm - 7:00 pm

Registration fee will be \$55.00 per player. Each player will receive 30 candy bars to sell. The sale of the candy bars will reduce the registration fee from \$55.00 to \$25.00. The registration fee will provide uniforms and qualified referees at each game. Each team will have a coach that is 21 years old or older. A banquet is planned at the end of the season. Each player and their coach will receive a plaque or trophy at the banquet.

Contact: Program Director - Edward Sullivan 708/758-8328





Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



The Sauk Village Fire Department would like to thank everyone that pitched in and made our Back to School event a success. We had 65 book bags full of school supplies to give away, all of which came from corporate or personal donations. Along with the school supplies, families were treated to hotdogs and free haircuts. Our volunteer barbers were busy long after the school supplies and hotdogs were gone! A special thank you to Travaras Scott and SVFD Firefighter DeAndre Dickerson for volunteering your time and talents!

As our kids head back to school, PLEASE keep a few safety items in mind:

- Mind the speed limit around schools
- Be cautious when driving by a bus stop- the kids aren't paying attention to you.

Remember the rules of the road when approaching a stopped school bus- unless there's a concrete or grassy median between you and the bus, you have to stop.

As we head into fall with cooler nights, please keep these safety tips in mind too:

- Space heaters need to be AT LEAST 3 feet away from anything- walls, clothes, beds, any furniture, etc.

- Get those furnaces checked and serviced.
- Replace your carbon monoxide detector batteries. Also keep in mind that any detector- carbon monoxide or smoke was not meant to last forever. If your detector is more than 5 years old or you're not sure, consider replacing it. On that note, the Sauk Village Fire Department does not provide free detectors.

Upcoming events:

- September 14: Sauk Village Firefighter's Association Annual Golf Outing.

October 6-12: Fire Prevention Week. Watch the SVFD Facebook page for related events.

Photo: Barber Travaras Scott



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.
Registration will begin in August.

Public Relations

Trustee Rosie Williams

Greetings from the Public Relations Committee. We have been really busy lately! Like many other citizens, we have decided to take time out to show our appreciation for our employees for all of the hard work and dedication that they have put into our Village. On August 3rd, the Police Department battled the Fire Department in a Battle of the Badges softball game. It was an awesome time of friendship and rivalry that was all in good fun. Both sides definitely came to play, but in the end there could only be one winner. The Police Department wrestled away a 28-26 victory. Talks of a rematch began before the game even started. The guys and girls were ready to play! We would like to thank all residents and employees who came out to play, watch and help out!!! A huge thank you to Trustee John Poskin, chair of the Parks and Recreation committee and Mrs. Debra Poskin, for coming out and running the concession stand that day!!

We are also starting to work on our favorite project- Student Government Day. We are in the process of picking an essay topic for the 8th graders of Sauk Village to write about. This is always a great time for us. We really enjoy reading the thoughts of the youth of Sauk Village and watching them participate in the day's events. We are also working on a new project that we hope to have all of the issues ironed by the next Sauk Talk. Be sure to look for updates on our new project as well as Student Government Day on www.saukville.org.



Community Outreach Partnership

Trustee Rosie Williams

There is a new committee in town! The Community Outreach Partnership Committee intends to bridge the gap between the residents of Sauk Village and the Sauk Village Police Department. The committee is comprised of concerned citizens who see the importance of having residents and Sauk Village's finest on the same page. If you share this passion or you if you have questions or concerns you want addressed, we invite you to attend our Meet and Greet on October 11th. The event will be held at the Sauk Village Police Department and will begin 6:30 pm. Look for our flyers for more information! Hope to see you there!!!



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE NON-EMERGENCY	758-1331		
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	753-5141
BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	McCONATHY LIBRARY	757-4771
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
ALLIED DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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Sauk Talk

Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks

I am pleased to share with the residents a recent positive development for the Village's industrial community. The Village through its TIF team has been working with developer VHE II-Sauk, LLC over the last six (6) months in order to facilitate the almost \$17,000,000 purchase and development of a 496,260 square foot building.

VHE II-Sauk, LLC entered into a real estate purchase agreement for the property with plans to make substantial improvements in order to operate the building as a warehouse distribution facility. On Tuesday, October 25th the Village finalized the Redevelopment Agreement with VHE II-Sauk, LLC when the board passed a resolution to approve the agreement at the regular village board meeting. This resolution aids in the completion of the property improvements and to ensure growth in the Village's industrial district.

Incentives were required in order to bring this development to Sauk Village and the Village's TIF team met with several state and county agencies to facilitate this development and agreement. The improvements include a rail spur, additional rail siding, truck spots, truck doors and parking lot enhancements. This development will result in additional job opportunities within the Village as well as increased tax revenues within the district. It also provides the Village an opportunity to highlight the advantages of the Village industrial center to businesses the Village is currently meeting with as well as future developers.

I would like to thank the Village's TIF team for working with the state and county on this agreement, including Former Mayor Ed Paesel, Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc and Odelson and Sterk.

VHE II-Sauk, LLC is a reputable business whose continued presence within the Village's industrial community is expected to stimulate and strengthen the Village's business environment. We look forward to a continued relationship with VHE II-Sauk, LLC and wish them success with their project and improvements.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Visit www.saukville.org for an update of village news and events. Click on the calendar tab to view month by month. There are various events scheduled throughout the month that residents need to know about. During the month of November, there are several workshops that you or someone you know may benefit from. Representatives will be on hand to provide a presentation on the Affordable Care Act and registration between the hours of 10:30 am- 1:30 pm on Thursday, November 14th and 12:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 23rd and presentation only at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November

14th. Find out how the Affordable Care Act may affect you and your family. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Also, on Saturday, November 23rd there will be a Foreclosure Workshop during the hours of 9:00 am-12:00pm and a Property Tax Review and Appeal Workshop from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. The Village Hall is now open Wednesdays. Village Hall hours are Monday through Friday 8am- 5 pm. Water bill payments 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

online with the PSN system. Check out www.saukville.org for more information. The Village Hall will be closed November 28th & 29th, December 24th & 25th, 2012 and January 1, 2014 in observance of the holidays. There are many ways you can make a difference this holiday season by remembering the reason for the season. Have a safe and loving holiday season and a Happy New Year!



Community Outreach Partnership

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Community Outreach Partnership committee has been very busy. Last month we had the opportunity to work with the Sauk Village Police Department to have a SVPD Meet and Greet. The event was very well received by residents, officials and the SVPD. It was an opportunity for the citizens of Sauk Village to obtain more information about our officers, the department and the hard work that the men and women of the SVPD are committed to every day. Light refreshments were served, questions were answered and door prizes were given out. As a committee, we look forward to doing more open houses with the Police Department as well as all of the departments of Sauk Village. Many thanks go out to the members of the Community Outreach Partnership committee as well as the many volunteers for that day. A special thanks goes to the SVPD for their support and assistance with this and future events. If you would like to be a part of the committee and or have suggestions for more informational events you would like to see in the future please contact Trustee Rosie Williams. It is our sincerest wish that this holiday season bring you joy, compassion and fellowship.



Public Relations

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village is holding a “Design the 2014 Village Sticker” competition open to all Sauk Village students in grades 3- 7. The rules along with the entry blank are included online, at the local schools and the Village Hall. Sauk Village home schooled students and Sauk Village students attending private schools are encouraged to participate. Students are also encouraged to use their own imagination.

Artwork must be drawn on the original form. No substitutions will be accepted.

All Artwork must be done in markers. Drawing only- NO WORDS.

Drawings must fit within the space provided. Do not draw outside of the line.

Deadline to submit drawings: December 2, 2013 12:00 pm.

Judging will take place on December 4, 2013.

Winners will be announced at the December 10th Village Board meeting.

The Public Relations Committee is also working on the 2014 Student Government Day for the 8th Grade students. This year’s topic will be “Who has had the most impact on your life up to now?” We encourage all 8th grade students to participate.

Please watch for future Public Relations Sauk Talk articles which will include the winners of the village sticker contest and Student Government Day.

Happy Hanukkah, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza and may you have a very Happy

McConathy Public Library News

Colleen Baughman

The garden season is over. This was a very successful year and so many residents were able to enjoy the fruits of their labor. We have been cleaning out the beds so they are ready for next spring. Renee’s Garden has donated a nice variety of seeds for next year. Please look us up on facebook and like us so you can keep updated on what’s going on at the library.

We hope everyone has a safe holiday season!



Parks and Recreation

Trustee John Poskin

We here at Parks and Recreation Committee has been working on several projects the last couple of months. First, we had the corn and dog roast in September which turned out great as the kids loved all the games that were there. All of the kids won several prizes. We sold out of our corn and dogs making it a great time for all.

In October, we had the Trunk and Treat which we had a great turn out for we had several people bring their cars decorated to give away candy. We had drawings for a pumpkin give away as well as a costume contest. We raffled off our giant bear and the winners for that were Jacen and Jaina Facchini. Congrats to them.

Our basketball program now has teams and we are getting ready to kick the season off as soon as we get the coaches in place. There will be a candy sale that goes along with it so when you see the coaches and players selling the candy please buy some. Games will be on Saturday at the community center.

We have contacted Santa-so watch for him in the Holiday Parade Saturday, Dec. 14th starting at 10:00 am from the Public Works Garage. He will make his way down every street in town. He will be on the south side of town until about 1 pm. Then he will be on the north side of town ending up at Paesel Community Center at approximately 4 pm. The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will follow. Afterwards, everyone is invited to go inside for a chance to sit on Santa's lap. Light refreshments will be served. Bring your camera to take pictures. Also, we are looking for anyone who would be interested in helping decorate the float and help with greetings at the community center after the parade through town.

We are planning more activities here in the coming months so please check in with the village to find out what is going on. Baseball season is fast approaching and we have plans for that and fixing up the fields.



Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



You are invited to attend our monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday of every month at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. Looking for Block Captains.. invite your neighbors.

Thank You: I would like to thank the residents for allowing me to serve you as a Trustee for the Village of Sauk Village. From October 17 - 19th, I attended with the other Trustees the IML Conference downtown Chicago at the Hilton Towers for 3 days. It was very informative, stimulating and educational. Networking with other Elected Officials all over the State of Illinois was enlightening as I discovered we share financial struggles and joys of serving our communities. Attending the classes was engaging, provoking and well structured to what we are facing today. Again, anytime I can be of any service to you feel free to contact me.

Announcing: The Neighborhood Watch Program will host a Tag Day on **Friday, November 15, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for donations to assist with purchasing Neighborhood Watch Signs, to be posted throughout Sauk Village! We are looking for volunteers to help for a couple of hours. We will be at 4 intersections and we need your help. Please contact me today at (708) 753-5130. It takes team work to make the dream work! Call me....Thanking you in Advance

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Beautification Committee

Jeff Morden



Thank You for "Giving a Hoot!"

The Beautification Committee is pleased to present the winners of the 2013 **Hootsie Awards**. This year, Committee Members reviewed all 3000+ homes and businesses in the Village, looking for the "Best of the Best." We are pleased to present Hootsies to the 100 residences and 3 businesses listed below. Each winner was presented with a sign and letter of appreciation.

Residential Winners

1602 215th Pl	1922 215th Pl	2129 215th Pl	1636 216th Pl	2145 216th St
2018 217th St	2118 218th Pl	2151 218th Pl	1807 218th St	2012 218th St
1817 219th Pl	1828 219th Pl	1914 219th Pl	1924 219th Pl	2132 219th Pl
2238 220th St	2250 220th St	1708 222nd Pl	1742 223rd Pl	1748 223rd Pl
2824 223rd Pl	2849 223rd Pl	1734 223rd St	1823 223rd St	1827 223rd St
2043 223rd St	2402 223rd St	2424 223rd St	2437 223rd St	2455 223rd St
2818 223rd St	2820 223rd St	3039 224th Pl	2940 224th St	1777 225th Pl
1713 225th St	1747 225th St	1764 225th St	2401 Apache	1178 Barry Ln
191 Blue Jay Dr	22618 Brookwood	37 Candlelight Dr	86 Candlelight Dr	244 Cardinal Dr
1702 Carolina	99 Carriage Ln	160 Carriage Ln	172 Carriage Ln	21606 Charlotte Ct
21812 Clyde	22209 Clyde	22412 Clyde	21542 Cynthia	21606 Cynthia
10 Debra Ct	1746 East Brook Ct	22940 Eastbrook Dr	179 Falcon Drive	236 Falcon Drive
21600 Galine	22399 Indie Ln	22400 Indie Ln	1189 Janice Dr	21600 Jeffrey Ave
22427 Jeffrey Ave	22428 Jeffrey Ave	22506 Jeffrey Ave	803 Mary Byrne Dr	899 Mary Byrne Dr
926 Mary Byrne Dr	21912 Merrill	22167 Navaho	21706 Orion	21709 Orion
21751 Orion	230 Park Ln	249 Park Ln	257 Park Ln	291 Park Ln
21448 Peterson	21741 Peterson	22311 Plum Creek Dr	22317 Plum Creek Dr	22518 Plum Creek Dr
22526 Plum Creek Dr	2206 Poplar St	169 Robin Dr	2325 Rush St	1828 Sauk Trail
1830 Sauk Trail	22152 Shirley	161 Sparrow Dr	165 Sparrow Dr	22420 Strassburg
22425 Strassburg	22427 Strassburg	2200 Yates	22541 Yates	22547 Yates

Business Winners

Fire Station
 McConathy Public Library
 McDonalds

WANTED: Gently used holiday decorations.

The Beautification Committee will soon be decorating Village Hall and the Community Center for the upcoming holiday season. If you have any gently used decorations you'd like to donate, please contact Trustee Jeff Morden or bring them to Village Hall. Volunteers to assist with the decorating are welcome, too!

Senior News

Rose Langston

The Senior Committee's 10th Annual Senior Spaghetti dinner was a huge success, the largest one! Thank you one and all for your support making it all possible. We were very pleased to have had two mayors in attendance, our own Mayor David Hanks and South Chicago's Mayor Dave Owens. Several of our Trustees Jeff Morden, John Poskin, Lynda Washington and Rosie Williams, village clerk Debbie Williams and Fire Chief Al Stoffregren were also in attendance. We were very thankful for our new volunteer kitchen workers, Rose Ketcham, Sharon Nowak, Heidi Parker, Claudia and Ken Walker for a fantastic job. Other volunteers included Ben and Ethan Hanks, Nadine Morgan, Shirley Rowley, Steve Shympkus, and Linda Todd (my apologies to anyone I missed). Clean-up headed crew (Bob and Rose Ketcham, Heidi Parker, Steve Shympkus, and Linda Todd) by our fabulous chef Gary Holcomb, thank you for a job well done. Many thank yous to Steger Memorial for ticket, Barb Dorman/Southland Voice for ad and door prizes, and US Bank for ballpoint pens donations. Not to be remiss, thank you hard working committee members Gary Holcomb, Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Bev Sterrett and Frank Williams.

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Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



I'm going to title this month's article "Welcome to the suburbs." I want to take this opportunity to clear up a few common misconceptions regarding the difference between big city fire departments, i.e. Chicago, and suburban departments like Sauk Village and many of our surrounding neighbors.

Misconception #1: The Sauk Village Fire Department is staffed 24/7/365- NOT TRUE. Like many suburban departments in our area, we are predominately Paid on Call. That means our firefighters have other full time jobs. When a 911 call comes in for the fire dept, our personnel are notified via pager. If they are available, they respond. We do have one part-time shift 7 days a week from 6am to 6pm. This is statistically our highest chance of having calls. The shift is intended to guarantee an apparatus driver/operator.

Misconception #2: The Sauk Village Fire Department has to have other towns come in to fight their fires for them (and that's a direct quote)- also NOT TRUE. The Chicago Fire Department staffs 100 fire stations with a wide variety of equipment and about 5000 firefighters and staff (Wiki-answers.com). When they have a working house fire, Chicago automatically sends 2 fire engines, 3 fire trucks (yeah, there's a difference), 1 rescue squad, 3 chiefs and an ambulance. All these vehicles come from 3 or 4 different fire stations, but yes, they all say "CFD" on the side of the vehicle. In Sauk Village, when dispatch receives a report of a working fire, they automatically dispatch 4 fire engines and an ambulance- not that much different from Chicago. The big difference being that our four fire engines are going to say Sauk Village, South Chicago Heights, Crete, and Crete Township on the sides. We all work and train together to provide you with a better service. Sauk Village Fire Department likewise responds to these communities for their fires.

Misconception #3: The Sauk Village Fire Department will hire anybody- ALSO, not true. Granted, you don't have to have any prior experience, BUT to even be granted an interview, you must positively answer these five simple questions: 1) are you 18 or older; 2) do you have a high school diploma or GED; 3) do you live within Sauk Village; 4) do you have any felony convictions; and 5) do you have a valid driver's license? Once these questions have been answered satisfactory, then we'll have the chat called "this job won't pay your bills or support your family" followed by "what are you hoping to get out of this?" Then I lay out the expectations: weekly training requirements, call participation requirements, state firefighter certification. Then I explain that last item. For 16 weeks out of your life, you will attend the Fire Academy through Prairie State College. Two

week nights and every Saturday for those 16 weeks you will be in class or performing hands on skills. In between those times, you will have your nose in a book studying. Assuming I haven't scared off the applicant by this point, and we agree that our hopes and expectations are aligned, I will send the applicant for a back ground check. If that comes back favorably, the applicant will be sent for a full blown, no non-sense medical physical. Only after that comes back clear will the applicant be sworn in as a Sauk Village firefighter- then the real adventure starts. Just ask my 7 new recruits that are in the middle of the Academy now- they'll tell you ALL about it.

On the subject of new recruits, of the five pre-requisite questions, we lose the most applicants over the residency requirement, and even more because of felony convictions. That's not even our rule- that's Illinois law to be a firefighter, so stay out of trouble if you want to head in this direction some time.

And finally, **Misconception #4:** The Sauk Village Fire Department gives out free smoke alarms- this too is incredibly NOT TRUE. A couple of times a year, there'll be a news story where Chicago is giving out free smoke detectors and I know the phone is going to start ringing. We do not get smoke detectors for free, and I'm sure Chicago doesn't either, but however Chicago manages this, we don't have that resource. Now from time to time, we have bought just a few detectors to give away as prizes at one of our public events, but that is the extent of it. It's just not fiscally feasible for us to supply smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors.

I do sincerely hope that this article has helped you to better understand how we function and why we function the way we do. And it's not anything special to Sauk Village. Many of our neighbors work this way as well, with the exception of having dedicated staff around the clock to run ambulance calls, but that's not an issue for us.

These were just 4 of the biggest misconceptions that I've heard. Seriously, if you have any questions of your own, I am more than happy to sit and chat with you. There's no need for FOIA requests or blurting on Facebook- just give me a call at 708-758-2225 or email me at richresq1@comcast.net.

On behalf of the men and women of the Sauk Village Fire Department, we do wish you and your families a safe and very happy holiday season.



Police Department

Tim Holevis

As your newly appointed Police Chief, I would first like to take a moment to thank everyone who supported me and the Police Department through the last couple of years and stood behind us through all the difficult times. It does raise the morale of the entire Police Department knowing the citizens have such a strong support for the Police Department and the Chief of Police. I can promise the citizens that we will not take a backseat to crime in Sauk Village and the Police Officers will not sit idle while criminals sell drugs on the street corners. We will continue to be an aggressive Police Department and we refuse to let the criminal element control our neighborhoods. Please remember to keep an eye out for your neighbors when they are not at home as the holidays are right around the corner.

I would also like to welcome our 3 new Police Recruits, Jacob Howard, Ryan Sassano and Ronald Tomalis who recently graduated the Chicago Police Academy and are currently in training on the streets of Sauk Village. The Police department would also like to congratulate Officer Gary Luke for receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists, for Officer Luke's exceptional DUI enforcement throughout 2013. Congratulations to new Recruit Ryan Sassano who was awarded the Top Shooter Award during his training in the Academy.

The Police Department will be conducting the annual Sex Offender Registration checks over the next several weeks along with several village sticker checkpoints. The fine for no village sticker is now \$100.00. I am also happy to report the Police Department has been awarded the Bullet Proof Vest Grant, the STEP Grant and the Police Department also has been awarded a new Breathalyzer instrument. The Breathalyzer alone will save the village approximately \$7,000.00. I would like to thank members of my administrative staff for their hard work and dedication in getting these grants approved.



A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR

NEWS YOU CAN USE

There are several workshops scheduled to take place in the Village Hall in November. Please share this information with your friends and family.

Find out how the **Affordable Care Act** will affect you and your family. Representatives will be available to help you find the plan that works for you.

Thursday November 14, 2013	10:30am- 1:30 pm	Affordable Care Act- Presentation and Enrollment
Thursday November 14, 2013	7:00pm- 8:30 pm	Affordable Care Act- Presentation Only
Saturday November 23, 2013	12:00 pm- 4:00 pm	Affordable Care Act- Presentation and Enrollment

Foreclosure Workshop

Saturday November 23, 2013 9:00am -12:00 pm

Property Tax Review and Appeal

Saturday November 23, 2013 10:30am -12:30 pm

For updated information please check out the Sauk Village calendar at www.saukvillage.org.

COMING SOON- SAUK VILLAGE E -BLASTS


Be among the first to sign up for email alerts for Sauk Village residents. In an effort to reach more residents in a more timely and effective manner we will be rolling out the new e-blasts soon. Please provide your email address to dwilliams@saukvillage.org.

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
ALLIED DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG

The Human Relations Commission Presents



1st Annual Diversity Dinner

Come join us for an evening of great insightful conversation !!!!

On this evening, Sauk Village residents will engage in a potluck dinner and share in intriguing conversation on a variety of topics. We are hosting this event to invite diverse members of the community to interact with one another with acceptance and respect. This dinner will explore differences of diversity in the community, in a safe, positive and nurturing environment. We need a diverse group of male and females over the age of sixteen. Please return completed form to Village Hall or sign up by email as soon as possible.

Friday, January 24 2014
6:30 - 9:30 pm (Senior Center)
21801 S. Torrence Ave (Sauk Village)
For more info Email: SVHRC@saukvillage.org


Register by January, 10th (Seats won't last!)
Registration (**Limited Seating**) **ACT NOW!!!**

Name(s) _____ (Limit 2 per family) Age(s) _____

Ethnicity _____

Contact Number _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____ Potluck Dish _____



Bring something to share!