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Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks

State of the Village

December 2013

In 2013, we worked on restoring "Pride and Progress" and "Ending the Division". Sauk Village's accomplishments in 2013 completed mostly in part due to the hard work of many dedicated residents that love our community and believe in Sauk Village.

Volunteerism is on a rise and with the help of many eager volunteers we were able to host several informational workshops assisting residents in housing, health and utility bill assistance, establish a Neighborhood Watch and participated in National Night Out. In 2014, it's estimated that Sauk Village will have more events than our community has had in the last four years. This again will be possible because of our volunteers.

Events for village residents will continue, however, the residents need to know that finances are limited and volunteerism and donations are paramount to continue with these events and make them appealing to all. Those who have ideas that would appeal to more residents are welcome to join or attend committee meetings to promote those ideas.

In 2013, we focused on retention of current businesses and recruitment of new businesses with our economic development team, which is lead by the Mayor and consists of representatives from local, state and federal agencies, attorney's, engineers, financial team and others. This allows Sauk Village to now immediately provide the information requested by inquiring businesses or companies looking at Sauk Village.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Now that the municipal codebook has been updated and additional information is being released to the website there is still room to increase resident awareness. The village website is the best source of current information relating to events happening in your community. Check out www.saukvillage.org to view special events, the village calendar, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, a complete ordinance history, resident information booklet, sign up for free village email alerts, etc. There are several anticipated updates coming to the website in the near future. What would you

like to see on your village website? Send your suggestions to dwilliams@saukvillage.org. **A complete list of new laws for 2014** is listed on the village website. Did you know that a 17 year who will turn 18 before November 4th can now register to vote and vote in the March primary? Voter's registration is ongoing from now until February 18, 2014 for the March 18, 2014 Gubernatorial Primary election. **Please sign up for the Sauk Village email alerts.** Pass the word on to your friends and family. The email alerts are a great way to

find out about events and emergencies such as meeting cancellations, boil orders, traffic conditions, etc... This is a new service being offered by the clerk's office. The success of this project will depend on open communication between the Village Clerk and all village departments and residents.



Sauk Village

Mayor's Article Continued

This last year Sauk Village residents witnessed store fronts re-open to the following businesses:

Title Max
Boost Mobile
Just Phones
H&R Block

Let me reassure you, businesses are looking to Sauk Village again! This is something that hasn't happened in the last five to six years. Earlier in the year we announced a positive development for the village's industrial community and in October 2013 finalized a redevelopment agreement with VHE II-Sauk, LLC. The Village through its economic development team worked with the developer over six months in order to facilitate the almost \$17,000,000.00 purchase and development of a 496,260 square foot building. Recently, Trustees have been informed that additional businesses have contacted Sauk Village. In 2014, the economic development team will remain focused on continued growth.

Although we have seen positive growth this last year everyone is still feeling the effects of The Great Recession. The residents, the village, the state and the federal government are all struggling financially. Sometimes projected state and federal revenue sources are late because of the financial struggle.

There are times that the village finds we must borrow money from other accounts like the water fund to keep the village moving forward. By law, any monies borrowed from the water fund to make payment of bills or salaries must be returned upon receipt of the tax revenues. The need for these loans can be caused by state or county revenues coming to our village late or reduced because of the county or state financial issues.

The village is currently averaging three months behind in payment to our vendors; however, we have reduced that from the average of five months in the past. The village remains in debt but we are currently working on ways to reduce increased debt and searching for ways to address that which has already occurred.

Shortly after accepting the position of Mayor, I began to look into why financial audits were not available. It was no surprise to find that the audits were held up due to the turmoil of the last administration and miscommunications which has since ended. While audits take time, this administration and the auditors are on track to have them completed in a timely fashion, but as you can imagine a village audit takes more time than a personal audit or that of a small business. In 2013, we completed two village audits (FY2009 – 2010 and FY2010 – 2011) and have started the third audit (FY2011 – 2012).

Once the audits are completed the auditors will need to be paid. Normally, audits are performed once a year and the auditors are paid within each calendar year. We now face billing for two or three audits in one year however, once done we will be back on track. Audits will be presented to the State with or without the police pension portion that we have no control of obtaining and so the state does not fine us for noncompliance. We will continue to give the State all reports required on a timely manner along with an explanation of why any information might be missing so the village does not incur any further penalties.

Other issues that we started to address in 2013 and will roll into 2014.

Union contracts, as with many other functions, were on standstill for years. We are working diligently to negotiate professionally with our staff to come to a financial and responsible conclusion for all.

As for pension deficits, it appears all governmental bodies are in arrears and we are no different. There is much work to be done to find ways to solve this issue. Just as this is priority in our state capital we are committed to finding a solution in Sauk Village

Mayor's Article Continued

Litigation was ended between the Village of Sauk Village and the IEPA and Attorney General avoiding millions dollars in fines by maintaining the temporary air strippers and preparing to install permanent air strippers and conduct water treatment plant improvements. In 2014, work should begin on the pump stations improvements.

Earlier this year the village board passed an ordinance to reinstate the position of police chief. This allowed the village to restore the chain of command by reinstating a Police Chief position and filling the position with a qualified individual from within the ranks that is focused on bringing law and order back to our streets.

Our new Police Chief has implemented a plan to reduce crime, is working on a presentation for the public to show both how our officer training and demeanor will be addressed and how our public can assist the police in reducing crime as this must be a partnership to succeed.

The village has filled vacancies placing additional police officers on the streets and providing them with the equipment and support needed to perform their jobs. The village has just recently added several new squad cars to the Police Department fleet and updated the municipal code book.

In 2014, the police department will continue to work on implementing and enforcing the Crime Free Housing and Vacant Property ordinances.

Just recently it was announced that Sauk Village home values have gone up 6.4% over the past year and Zillow predicts they will rise 0.7% within the next year.

This is why you may notice the village administration, committee, commission, police, fire, and public works moving throughout your neighborhood. It will take all of us in a joint effort to make your block, your section of town, your street better, safer and more beautiful so that as the economy recovers our town recovers and our home values recover as well. This is another reason why in 2014 our Code Department will focus more on enforcing local property maintenance ordinances.

In 2013, we opened a line of communication with our state and federal representatives. This last year residents had the opportunity to meet State and Federal officials at events such as town hall meetings and "meet your Congresswoman". The village also opened the village hall and encouraged representatives to have satellite offices within the village so they could meet with residents.

In 2014, I look forward to continue working with our state and federal representatives as we strive to get Sauk Village back on its feet financially and grow through economic development.

As we approach 2014, we will continue to build on the forward momentum that was started in 2013. As a community we must continue to make tough decisions as we look for ways to address the financial deficit the village faces, continue to take a firm stance on crime and focus on economic development, both retention and new.

Thank you and God Bless,
David A. Hanks
Mayor of Sauk Village

A community of "Pride and Progress"



Public Relations

Trustee Rosie Williams

Congratulations to the winners of the “Design the 2014 Sauk Village village sticker contest. The top five picks were presented by:

Ethan
 Aliesha Cullick
 Angel Le
 Jomiyah Stokes
 Kaylea Thomas

Please join us at the Sauk Village Board meeting on Tuesday, January 14th when the new Sauk Village sticker is revealed and prizes are awarded to the top five!

We appreciate all students that participated in the contest! It was very hard to choose from so many unique and diverse drawings.

The Public Relations Committee looks forward to doing this again next year as a community project welcoming everyone of any age to participate.

Student Government Day is fast approaching. This is the favorite time of year for our committee. Sauk Village eight grade students will participate in an essay contest that will determine which students will take the place of an elected official, department head or vendor at the March 25th Board meeting.

This year’s topic- Who do you see as the most influential person in your life?

The Website Committee is working on some great new ideas for 2014. Stay tuned!

Happy New Year!

McConathy Public Library News

Colleen Baughman

The library now has a way for you to check out eBooks. There are plenty of great titles to choose from. You can visit <http://svpld.axis360.baker-taylor.com>. You must have a valid McConathy Public Library card to access the website. For more information you can come visit our library and we will be happy to help.

Aunt Martha’s is sponsoring an **AFFORDABLE CARE ACT** Assistance Program at **MCCONATHY LIBRARY** on Saturday February 1st and February 8th from 10:30am to 12:30 pm. This is open to all residents. This is your opportunity to learn and sign up.

We are looking forward to spring in the community garden. Some of the seeds will soon be planted and set in the greenhouse to sprout. We are looking forward to another successful year with all the Sauk Village residents.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee John Poskin

Basketball games begin Saturday, January 11, 2014. If interested in referring games contact Trustee John Poskin at 708/753-5125. The Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for anyone interested in helping to form a Baseball league for the Spring. Other upcoming events include the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Independence parade. Candy sales are ongoing for basketball and fundraising will continue for upcoming programs. As always, volunteers are greatly appreciated!



Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



*Lynda Washington-House
Trustee*



POST!

SAUK VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2014

Dear Residents/Business Owners:

Greetings and Happy New Year! I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our Dedication of Sauk Village **Neighborhood Watch Signs!** They will be posted at the entrances into the Village. Also, we have 26 signs that will be posted throughout the Village. There are several blocks that want to purchase a sign for their block, if their block is not on the list to receive one. We have the listing of where these signs will be.

The **Neighborhood Watch Program** will be having our Dedication/Proclamation Program at the Village Hall on: **Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** We are a Village wide **Neighborhood Watch Program.** We are encouraging the entire Village, block by block and all sub-divisions to come, and help send a message loud and clear "WE WILL CALL THE POLICE"! Don't miss this awesome event.

If you are interested in becoming active with protecting your block, contact me or bring all interested parties to our next meeting: Thursday, January 2, 2014! Start the New Year off working in your community. We only meet once a month on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station, 1804 222nd Street, Sauk Village, IL. 60411.

Finally, I sincerely hope that you will "get on board" with making our community safer. Public safety means working with our police department. Together we have seen a drastic turn around. We can accomplishment much more with your participation! Call today and get involved (708) 753-5130. Come partake in the posting of our Neighborhood Watch Program Signs. NOW is the time Remember~Together we will win...but we need YOU!

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Housing Commission

Gary Holcomb

2013 In Review

The following is just a portion of what has taken place within 2013:

Became full active members in the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association Housing Consortium (SSMMA)

Mayor Hanks became a Board Member of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association Land Bank and is represented by the Housing Commission at the monthly meetings along with the Mayor connecting via telephone.

Working with mortgage holders and the Cook County Land Banks 91 vacant homes were placed in the program and have subsequently been rehabbed and are now occupied by first time home owners and are back on the village tax rolls.

Working with the Banks and SSMMA Land Bank the village is aggressively removing derelict properties and providing these properties to investors. As of December 31st 421 homes have been purchased or brought up to code by investors.

The housing commission was able to get a grant for the GIS mapping and tracking system for the village, providing a means to track housing trends, access ownership information of county and state records, and a way to track the village's infrastructure.

In conjunction with state and county agencies have addressed training seminars both in foreclosure prevention, and job training programs. (To date 304 people have participated in and taken advantage of these programs).

The housing commission mapped the entire village as to unkempt properties and vacant homes, and established a plan of action as to the direction needed to be taken to addressing these issues.

The housing commission has attended fifteen training secessions, eleven promotional events, and put on two presentations promoting the village at economic development conferences.

Working with area banks, mortgage companies, Habitat for Humanities, SSMMA, Metropolitan Planning Council, Enterprise Community Partners, Community Investment Corporation, and Illinois Association of Community Action Agencies 371 vacant homes have been returned to the village tax rolls.

The Commission has applied for a \$75,000.00 Grant to maintain the 372 vacant and unkempt properties remaining that the county and state are tracking ownership for the spring and summer of 2014.

Working with the Mayor and Board the village adapted the Cook County Vacant Building Ordinance so as the full resources of the County can be utilized by the village to acquire and force banks and other organizations to maintain their properties following all village and county codes. (Long overdue as prior to the county and state adapting this ordinances villages like Sauk Village had no recourse or leverage to force banks and mortgage to follow code.

The commission is aggressively seeking other grants to improve the housing conditions in Sauk Village for everyone owners and renters alike.

Through the Neighborhood Watch program disseminating housing contact information and helping by providing a way for residents to address issues in their area without fear and anonymity we have been able to remove 37 squatters from occupied vacant homes. Residents need to understand that there are still many issues that need to be addressed and that a lot of what is being done is not openly apparent to the observer. For residents to understand the direction the housing commission is taking, look back 3 years. In July of 2011 there were 798 vacant Properties, in August 2012 it was down to 630 due to investors grabbing up properties at tax auctions for as little as \$1,500.00.

Over the next several months the Housing Commission hopes to reduce the number of properties being bought by scavenger investors and through the use of the village's Fair Housing and Crime Free Housing ordinances, our intent is to keep the existing housing stock at fair market value and therefore not reduce existing homeowner's property values.

Senior News

Rose Langston

FREE senior citizen monthly movie days co-sponsored with McConathy Public Library at the library. Mondays at 12:30 p.m. blood pressure screening precedes the movie: January 13th 'Sleepless In Seattle'; February 10th 'Parental Guidance'; March 10th 'Heat' (plus 11:30a.m. lunch, requires reservation 708-757-4771); April 14th 'GI Joe Retaliation'; May 12th 'You Me and Dupree'; June 9th 'Breakfast at Tiffany'; July 14th 'Almost Famous'; August 11th 'Rat Race'; September 8th 'Chicago'; October 6th 'Wild Hogs'; November 10th 'Waterboy'; and December 8th 'Christmas with the Kranks.'

Zumba Gold classes temporarily suspended due to lack of participants.

Monthly blood pressure screening on Mondays at the Senior Center office from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.- January 1st, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st.

In November 2013, another program began with a Senior Committee member (Larry Stewart) volunteering to oversee a couple of Fridays monthly (check posted monthly calendar for actual scheduled dates). This program mirrors our summer program of various activities for village seniors.

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 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. All of these groups welcome new members.

The Bloom Township Community Lunch program continues monthly through April. Tickets (township seniors \$4.00, non-township seniors \$8.00) are available from the township office. Flyers are available in the literature rack for detailed township events. Call the township senior department 708-754-9400 x244 for additional information and services. Call Senior Wheels 708-754-8200 one (1) business day in advance for transportation (at a nominal cost) within the township.

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 Stewart and Frank Williams.

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.



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



The Sauk Village Fire Department hopes you had a safe and happy holiday season and we wish you a healthy and happy new year!

As we go into the new year, lets start by reflecting on 2013. This was one of our busiest years in a long while regarding incident responses. Keep in mind, I'm writing this article on December 26th, so we still have a few days to go, but we're already at 595 calls for 2013. For the last several years, we've averaged around 550-560. This increase can be attributed to a couple things. We have been responding more and more to assist Bud's Ambulance with medical calls, not just for lift assists and manpower, but also on cardiac related incidents where timing and fast response mean everything. Historically, the bulk of our calls are false alarms- fire alarms triggered accidentally or malfunctions. We do still respond to a large amount of vehicle incidents and we've seen a slight increase in fires.

Speaking of fires, over this past Christmas season, the Sauk Village Fire Department participated in the "Keep the Wreath Red" program. There is a large wreath hanging on the front of the fire station decorated with red lights. This program is a fire safety effort aimed at Christmas decoration safety. If we have a decoration related fire, we remove one red light. I'm happy to say that we were able

to keep our wreath 100% red. We did have a few fires over the holidays, but none were Christmas related.

Also over 2013, we saw one of our largest recruitment drives ever. New applicants started coming in May and didn't stop until November. On December 12, six of these new recruits and one not so new recruit graduated from the Prairie State College Fire Academy. This grueling 16 week program prepares the recruit to become certified firefighter through the IL Office of the State Fire Marshal, and makes them fully functional to better serve our community. The pictured graduates are (from left to right): Kandy Watkins (kneeling), DeAndre Dickerson, Darnell Talbert, Robert Butterfield, Kevin Luther, Quinnest Daniels, and Christian Christmas.

Congratulations to our Academy graduates!



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E-mail alerts will begin on Monday, December 16, 2013.

This is a free service to help ensure better communication for the residents we serve.

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Police Department

Tim Holevis

December is just about gone and shortly we will be ringing in a New Year! Please remember it is still the right time of the year for the criminals to be on the prowl. They especially look for what you may have discarded in the trash or left outside your door. Place as much of your leftover Christmas boxes and other holiday trash in a black bag and if possible, do not discard it until garbage day. Let's be sensible during the holiday season and keep our family's safe.

I would like to report our new Recruit, Officer Andrew Vaughan, graduated from the Police Training Institute, on December 19, 2013, in Champaign, Illinois. Both Chief Holevis and Sgt. Mieszczak attended the ceremony. Also, December was also a time to honor our Administrative Assistants and a luncheon was provided for the Administrative Assistants by the South Suburban Chiefs of Police and they also received a small Christmas gift for the outstanding work they do throughout the year. Both Sgt. Sailsbery and my Administrative Assistant, Lisa Gibbons attended the luncheon. Thank you Lisa for a Job Well Done!

One last reminder, the Sauk Village Police Department will be conducting Roadside Safety Checks throughout the Holidays in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation, as well as Law Enforcement across the entire Nation. Remember, "Don't Drink and Drive" RSCs are designed to keep our roads safe by taking dangerous DUI offenders off the road. This project is funded entirely through the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety and the village will incur no costs for this mission.

A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR

Police Officer pulls over a man for speeding and asks him, "Sir do you know how fast you were going and the man answers, "no Officer I don't". The Officer then says to the driver, "so you don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want on the ticket, huh?"

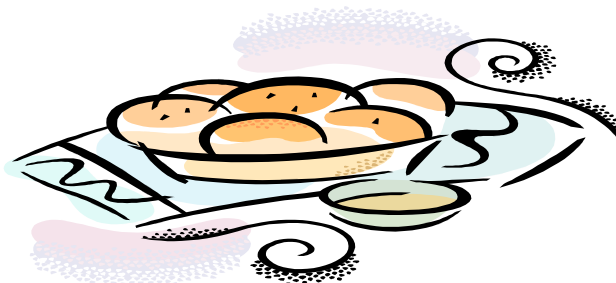
Human Relations Commission

Please see the back page of this Sauk Talk for an opportunity to join us for the 1st Annual Diversity Dinner to be held on Friday, January 24, 2014 from 6:30—9:30 pm in the Senior Center . The Diversity Dinner is open to anyone 16 years of age or older— limit two per household. Come and join us for an evening of great insightful conversation! The dinner is potluck.

When completing the application please include what dish you will be sharing.

The deadline to return the application is Monday, January 10, 2014.

For more information please email SVHRC@saukvillage.org or call 708/753-5121.




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		

VISIT US ON THE WEB:
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 _____



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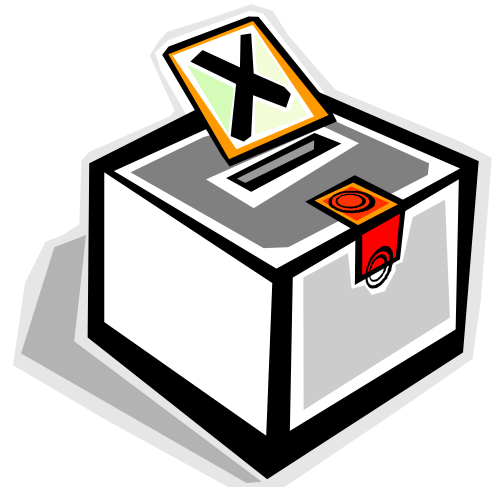
Mayor David Hanks

March 18, 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election

To Be Nominated:

- United States Senator
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Comptroller
- Treasurer
- Representatives in Congress
- State Senators
- Representatives in the General Assembly
- Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be nominated)
- President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
- County Clerk of Cook County
- Treasurer of the Cook County

- Sheriff of Cook County
 - Assessor of Cook County
 - County Commissioners of Cook County (17 from single member districts)
 - Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County (District 3)
- Supreme, Appellate, Circuit and Sub-circuit Judges (to fill vacancies if required)



News from the Village Clerk

Polls will be open from 6am-7pm for the March 18th Gubernatorial Election. Look for additional information throughout this issue and check out www.cookcountyclerk.com and saukvilleage.org. The Cook County website offers information on Early Voting, Grace Period registration, sample ballots, candidate information, voter registration and more. The village website includes election information, meeting minutes and agendas, ordinances and resolutions, current events (such

as recent scholarship and financial assistance opportunities), village calendar, information on your elected officials and village departments and more.

This year we rolled out two new programs. As a way of getting information to the residents in a more timely manner we encourage everyone to enroll in the Sauk Village Email Alerts. The email alerts have been useful in supplying information on weather, traffic alerts and warming centers during the long

winter cold and inclement weather, election information and local events. The email alerts will be expanded to include information from outside agencies as schools, churches, businesses, etc...

SUBSCRIBE TO SAUK VILLAGE EMAIL ALERTS NOW AT
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SAUK TALK



Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



Neighborhood Watch Meetings: Every 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. ALL invited!!! Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch Program!!!! We have expanded our program to NO TEXTING while driving & NO BULLYING campaign!! You can sign the pledge and your name will be posted at the Sauk Village Hall for approximately 45 days to show your support with these 2 hot button issues! You can pick up pledges and complete them at the Village Hall & McConathy Public Library in Sauk Village today! We also have a Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch Shuffle! We will be filming a LIVE video on Saturday, April 19, 2014 COME GET INVOLVED! Call today for more info. (708) 753-5130, Trustee Lynda Washington-House.



Sauk Village Polling Places

Precinct 7	Precinct 16	Precinct 26 & 55
First Apostolic Church	Lynwood Municipal Center	Rickover Junior High
22709 State Street	21490 Lincoln Highway	22151 Torrence Ave
Steger, IL	Lynwood, IL	Sauk Village, IL
Precinct 23 & 53	Precinct 27	Precinct 32
Paesel Center	McConathy Public Library	St. James Catholic Church
2700 Kavelage Drive	21737 Jeffery Ave	22400 S. Torrence Ave
Sauk Village, IL	Sauk Village, IL	Sauk Village, IL

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MARCH 18TH PRIMARY ELECTION

3/13/2014	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
3/15/2014	Last day of Early Voting
3/15/2014	Last day of grace period registration and voting
3/16/2014	In-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office
	Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office
3/17/2014	In-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
3/18/2014	Election Day

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Mobile Food Pantry

Mobile Pantry

Free Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and
Non-perishable groceries



WHERE Respond Now: Sauk Village

21801 Torrence Ave

Sauk Village, IL 60411

WHEN Tuesday, March 25, 2014

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

(One-time distribution)

Open to suburban Cook County residents only.

Questions? Please call the Food Depository at
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Greater Chicago Food Depository chicagosfoodbank.org 773-247-FOOD

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FREE blood pressure screening the first Monday of every month at the Senior Center office from 1:00- 2:00p.m

Quarterly Senior Citizen Event - 6th annual Chili Cook Off Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided. Line dance instruction by Flora Haynes. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. All you can eat chili for \$3.00 per bowl. Chili volunteers needed - monetary prizes.

Village senior social activities 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. twice (usually the 2nd and 4th Fridays) a month (check posted monthly calendar for actual scheduled dates). This program mirrors our summer program of various activities for village seniors.

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Parks and recreations are looking forward to more up coming programs. First on Friday April 4th at 6:00 PM I will be attempting to have a Family game night/Chess Club start up at the Community Center. This program will be on the first Friday of each month with additional dates to be added as we go. The program will be open to children and adults alike. We encourage you all to come out and play games with your friends family and neighbors' (bring games you would like to play) we also have the Easter egg event on Saturday April 19th from 1:00 PM to 3 PM

The basket ball league is now in its eighth week and moving right along. Here are the standings for the league so far:

SAUK VILLAGE CO-ED BASKETBALL STANDINGS

NAME	WON	LOST
BULLS	7	0
SPURS	4	3
LAKERS	3	4
CELTICS	0	7

Our March Madness tournament will be March 29th starting at 9 AM, so come out and join us. The concession stand will be open.

Housing Commission

Gary Holcomb

The Housing Commission has joined with the Sauk Village Code Enforcement and Sauk Village Public Works Department to work on vacant and abandoned properties within the village using the Cook County Vacant Building Ordinance that the village passed in December of 2013. This is a major step in improving the appearance of the village and stabilizing property values for homeowners. The Housing Commission is also awaiting final approval of a \$75,000 grant from IHDA to cut grass and board up abandoned properties with the hopes of curtailing unsightly properties as the village has no funds or staff to address these issues. Residents with concerns have several avenues to address housing issues in their neighborhood. 1.) Email the commission at housing@saukville.org. 2.) Attend housing commission meetings held every second Thursday at 7 P.M. in the village hall. 3.) Address your concerns by letter to the housing commission and leave it at the village hall.

The blight that the village has suffered over the past several years has effected everyone, and we are working to reduce and remove that blight once and for all. Everyone needs to understand that this is a slow process and will not happen overnight as we all know dealing with government agencies outside of local government is one step forward, two steps back. The housing commission is not in it for a pat on the back, we are all volunteers working for all of the residents.

FREE

“RENT TO OWN” **HOUSING SEMINAR**

Would you like to own your own home? This seminar is available to anyone wanting to learn more about transitioning from renting to home ownership.

Topics to be covered:

The “Pro’s and Con’s” of renting vs. owning your own home

Credit management: Improving, building, and maintaining your credit history

Basic Home Maintenance (Are you prepared for this?)

Your equity (investment/down payment) requirements

Resources to help along the way (first time homebuyers program, rental and home ownership assistance programs, and Neighborhood Housing Services). Mortgage applications and handout material will be available

NOTE: Come prepared. You may obtain and bring your free annual credit report with you for free private credit counseling. Order from: “annualcreditreport.com” or call 1-877-322-8228.

Sponsored by:

First Community Bank and Trust & the Village of Sauk Village

Saturday April 5th, 2014

10:00 AM -11:30 AM

Senior Citizens Community Room

21801 Torrence Ave.

Sauk Village, IL.

**Coffee and
Cake will be
Provided
Multiple Door
Prizes!!**



Fire Department News



Greetings to you and your family from the Sauk Village Fire Department. We hope everyone has been staying safe will being safe especially with this crazy up and down weather we have been getting. One thing to remember is that even though it is warming up hazardous situations are still present. When it is warm outside the roads are still slick with water and bits of ice, give yourselves extra time and distance from the cars around you. When it is cold the obvious hazard will be ice, vehicles don't stop to well if they are sliding. Take your time, if you have to get up a little bit earlier please do so. Another thing to consider are the emergency vehicles in front of you. PLEASE express extreme caution when you either see emergency lights or hear a siren. You may think that you can beat that vehicle down the street before they get close to you but, you are only getting in the way. Please pull to the right for sirens and lights.

Lately when we are going or coming back from a fire call we have been seeing buried fire hydrants, and a few that were dug out. If we get a fire or any call that we may need to access a fire hydrant, if we cannot see it or we have to dig it out that is precious time that we could be using to put the fire out. It only takes a few minutes to dig a 4 foot area around the hydrant to allow us to quickly notice and connect to that hydrant.

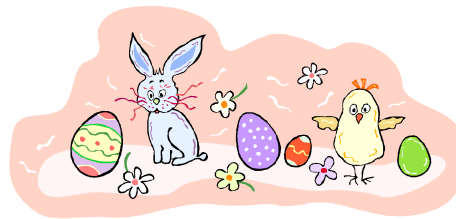
The Sauk Village Fire Department is always accepting applications from men and women who want to provide a valuable service to their community while trying to live up to these demanding character traits. Getting started as a new firefighter in Sauk Village can open doors to a rewarding career too. If you are a Sauk Village resident 18 years or older, possess a valid drivers license and are 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.



Easter Egg Hunt

Join the fun at Sauk Village Church of God on Saturday April 19, 2014 from 2pm to 4pm. Easter Egg Hunt starts promptly at 2pm. There will be thousands of eggs to hunt along with refreshments, prizes and a jumping castle .

Sauk Village Church of God
23001 South Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411



United Church of Christ News

United Church of Christ (U.C.C.) in Sauk Village at 2500 E. 223rd Street is preparing to end its' five decade of ministry in the Village of Sauk Village. United Church of Christ will celebrate over 53 years of faithful ministry during worship service on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. The church was established during the summer of 1960 utilizing Strassburg School class rooms. Reverend Paula Comper answered the call in 2003 and served until December 22, 2013.

United Church of Christ has been a huge part of our community and will be missed.



Public Works

Street Sweeping

The street sweeping schedule for the 2014 season will be as follows:

The week beginning- **April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, and October 13.** Sweeping the month of **November** , will follow our leaf pickup program.

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

Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrants will be flushed in the following sections of town on the specified dates for 2014 .

- April 15** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- May 6** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- June 3** - Eastern section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- July 1** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- August 5** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- September 2** - Eastern Section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- October 7** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek

Actual flushing will begin at 11:00 P.M. of previous night, continuing through the morning until the area has been completed.

Residents should refrain from washing whites during flushing and for at least 24 to 48 hours after flushing.

Tree Limb Pickup

The first pickup for the 2014 season will begin **Monday May 5** and end on **Friday May 16**. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday May 11**.

The second and final pickup for the 2014 season will begin **Monday September 1** and end on **Friday September 12**. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday September 7**.

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

Anyone having questions concerning their pickup can call the Village Hall (758-3330) Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Leaf Sweep Program

The leaf pickup program will begin November 6 through 10, skipping the week of 13 through 17 ,residents can still put leaves out up until November 19. Our final pickup will begin November 20 , crews will be out to pickup each section on garbage day, **THEY WILL NOT COME BACK AFTER THIS PASS. .** *Village Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.*

Police Department

Tim Holevis

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST RECRUIT; ANDREW VAUGHAN WILL SOON COMPLETE THE FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WILL GIVE THE MIDNIGHT FIRST SHIFT SOME MUCH NEEDED HELP.

OFFICERS RECENTLY RECEIVED TRAINING AND QUALIFIED WITH PATROL RIFLES AND DUTY WEAPONS. THE TRAINING CONSISTED OF A NIGHTTIME SHOOT, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN THE BELOW ZERO WEATHER. GREAT JOB TO ALL!

OFFICER CHAD FREDERICKSON IS OUR NEW K-9 OFFICER AND WILL COMPLETE CERTIFICATION WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. OFFICER FREDERICKSON AND K-9 FALCO WILL SOON HIT THE STREETS.

ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

PLEASE REMEMBER OFFICERS WILL BE CONDUCTING DRUNK DRIVER AND SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT THROUGH ST. PATRICKS DAY. ANOTHER REMINDER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2014, THE NEW "HANDS FREE" CELL PHONE LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT AND OFFICERS WILL BE ENFORCING THIS NEW LAW ALSO.

FROM THE CHIEFS DESK

LAST YEAR THERE WERE SEVERAL HOUSE FIRES WHICH WERE DETERMINED TO BE ARSON AFTER SOME EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY FIRE AND ARSON INVESTIGATORS. EVENTUALLY TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND DETECTIVES. LAST WEEK THE TWO SUSPECTS WENT TO TRIAL AND WERE FOUND GUILTY ON TWO COUNTS OF ARSON AND RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF 5 YEARS FELONY PROBATION.

A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR

REPEAT SERVICE

A POLICE OFFICER PULLED A YOUNG WOMAN OVER FOR SPEEDING AND POLITELY ASKED TO SEE HER LICENSE. "WHY DON'T YOU GOPS GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER," SHE SAID IN A HUFF. "YESTERDAY YOU TAKE MY LICENSE AWAY, AND NOW TODAY YOU EXPECT ME TO SHOW IT TO YOU!"

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.

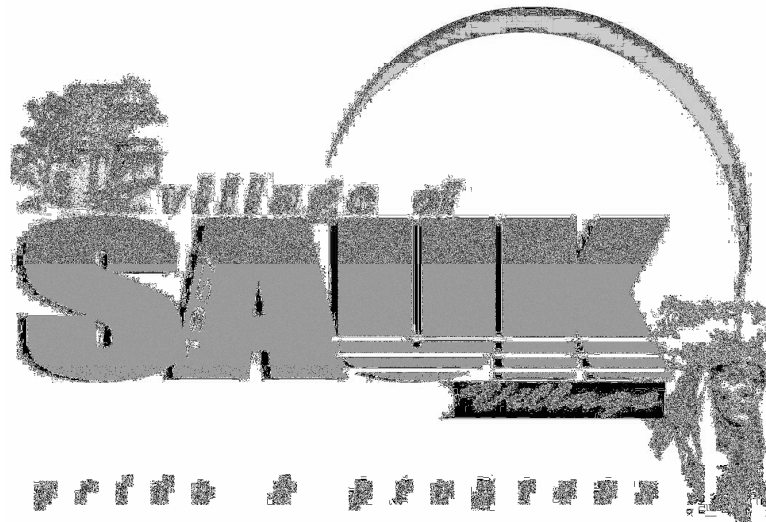
We also meet once a month at McConathy Public Library.

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

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

Mayor David Hanks

**Wishing all a happy and safe Memorial Day!
Please join us for the Independence Parade
and fireworks on Saturday, July 5th.**



News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Village Stickers are now on sale. Passenger stickers remain at \$30.00 and trucks remain at \$48.00. There is one \$20.00 senior discount per household. Your current village sticker expires on June 30th. You must purchase and display your new village sticker by midnight on June 30th, 2014. The sticker price will double and you could receive a \$100.00 ticket otherwise.

Reminder: The Sauk Village board meetings are held every Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm except on a fifth Tuesday. There are no meetings scheduled on a fifth Tuesday or prior to 7:00 pm unless a Special Meeting is required.

The first and third Tuesday is the Committee of the Whole where items are discussed at length and public comment is held after the discussion of all agenda items. Public comment is the time to ask questions regarding any topic in addition to the items discussed in committee.

Regular Board Meetings are held the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. This is an action meeting where the board will vote on items discussed in Committee as well as provide reports and updates from various elected officials, committees, department heads and vendors. Public comment is held at beginning of the agenda on agenda items only in order to allow residents the opportunity to comment or ask a final question before the board takes action.

Public Comment is encouraged; however, comments are limited to three minutes. All comments and questions should be addressed to the Mayor and stated within the three minute period. Any issues requiring research or further clarity will be directed to the appropriate party to respond at a later date if necessary.

Summer is near! There are lots of programs in the works including a Summer Camp, Independence Day Celebration (parade and fireworks), Community Clean Up and Garage Sales, Corn and Dog Roast, Battle of the Badges (Police VS. Fire) Rematch and National Night Out just to name a few. Watch for notices on the www.saukvillage.org and in the Sauk Village Email Alerts.

Thanks to all department heads, committees and outside sources for providing information for the Sauk Village email alerts and website. All information pertaining to the various departments of the Village such as Police, Fire, Public Works, Finance and Administration, etc... will only be posted on the email alerts and village website per the direction and or press release received by the head of that department. I encourage all departments, committees and other local organizations to continue to provide information that can be disseminated to our residents in a timely manner. To register for Sauk Village Email Alerts log onto www.saukvillage.org and "Get Access Today".

Sauk Talk

Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW...

The Sauk Village Public Relations Committee is looking for nominations for the new “Someone you should know” segments. In February, Sauk Village’s own Nathan “Sonny” Griffin was recognized for his contributions to the Negro Baseball League.

Do you know a resident that has somehow excelled in their career, gone out of the way to help a neighbor or their community, been an inspiration to others, etc...

Please send your nominations to Trustee Rosie Williams via email at rwilliams@saukvillage.org. Watch for our next nominee at the May 27th board meeting. Please include your name and the name of the nominee and the reason for the nomination. Nominations will be reviewed by the Public Relations Committee. Bios from both Nathan “Sonny” Griffin and our May nominee will appear in the July Sauk Talk.

Human Relations Commission

Trustee Lynda Washington

Sauk Village Human Relations Commission

Diversity Workshop

Friday, May 23, 2014

6:30 pm– 9:30 pm

Sauk Village Senior Center

21801 S. Torrence Avenue



Sauk Village, Illinois 60411

Guest Speaker:

Joseph Martin

Executive Director

Diversity, Inc.

Contact: svhrc@saukvillage.org

For more information

Definition of Diversity

The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. It means understanding that each individual is unique, and recognizing our individual differences.

These can be along the dimensions of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, or other ideologies.

It is the exploration of these differences in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment.

It is about understanding each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within each individual.

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 for technical support provided by Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauktalk@saukvillage.org.

Press Release



Jonathon Monken

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACTS:

May 1, 2014

Patti Thompson 217-557-4756

IEMA Encourages People to Include Pets in Disaster Preparedness Plans

“Animal Stories” radio spots to be featured as part of Pet Preparedness Month in May

SPRINGFIELD – While every household should have a disaster supply kit stocked with food, water, flashlights and batteries, homes with pets need to take additional steps when planning for disasters. Whether an emergency forces people to seek shelter within the home or evacuate, advanced planning can ensure the safety of pets.

Throughout May, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and local emergency management agencies throughout the state will be working to increase awareness of pet preparedness.

“The recent deadly tornadoes across the South are a grim reminder that disasters can happen with little warning,” said IEMA Director Jonathon Monken. “The better you’ve prepared in advance for the needs of everyone in your family, including your pets, the better chance you all have of weathering any disaster.”

Monken said pet owners should stock a pet preparedness kit with items such as:

- At least a three-day supply of food and water
- Extra supplies of pet medicines
- Copies of pet registration, vaccinations and other important documents
- Photo of your pet in case you are separated during an emergency
- Pet first-aid kit, including cotton bandage rolls, tape, antibiotic ointment, flea and tick prevention and isopropyl alcohol
- Collar with ID tag, harness or leash
- Crate or other pet carrier in case of evacuation
- Pet litter and box, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach for pet’s sanitation needs
- Toys, treats or other familiar items to help lessen your pet’s stress during the emergency

As part of pet preparedness month, IEMA and the Illinois Broadcasters Association (IBA) are reintroducing a series of radio spots based on the classic “Animal Stories” vignettes from WLS radio in the 1970s. The humorous spots feature the late Larry Lujack and Tommy Edwards reprising their roles as “Uncle Lar’ and Li’l Tommy” to highlight the importance of pet emergency preparedness. The seven spots were first released in 2012 and played on more than 200 IBA member stations throughout Illinois.

The “Animal Stories” pet preparedness spots and additional emergency preparedness information are available on the Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

Senior News

Rose Langston

FREE senior citizen monthly movie days co-sponsored with McConathy Public Library at the library. Mondays at 12:30 p.m. blood pressure screening precedes the movie: May 12th 'You Me and Dupree'; June 9th 'Breakfast at Tiffany'; July 14th 'Almost Famous'; August 11th 'Rat Race'; September 8th 'Chicago'; October 6th 'Gravity'; November 10th 'Waterboy'; and December 8th 'Christmas with the Kranks.'

Monthly FREE blood pressure screening on Mondays at the Senior Center office from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.- June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st. The Village Senior Committee sponsors a senior social activity time from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays.

Quarterly Senior Citizen Event – Many thanks to all participants for a very successful Chili Cook Off held on Saturday, March 29, 2014, no one went away hungry. There were thirteen chili chefs (Jim Alexander, Ardell Gilkey, Rose Ketcham, Rose Langston, Jim List, Bill Morgan, Debbie Morgan, Nadine Morgan, Heidi Parker, Delores Randall, Shirley Rowley, Mary Lou Stolenberg, and Chris Turner) providing large crock pot chili, unfortunately there could only be three winners. Congratulations to the winners – 1st prize Jim List, 2nd prize Debbie Morgan and 3rd prize Rose Ketcham. Also congratulations to our big 50/50 raffle winner Bob Ketcham and the many door prize winners. Wonderful musical entertainment provided by the Morgan Family and Larry Long. Professional line dance instructor Flora Haynes provided free dance instructions. Many thanks to our judges Bob Burchett, Trustee Derrick Burgess, Barb Dorman, Mayor David Hanks, and Heidi Quast.

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McConathy Public Library News

Memory Challenge---What's that Park's name?

An interesting question has come up. Do the Parks have names? The answer is yes, unfortunately, not all of the names were written down. At this point in time, Arrowhead Park is located behind Wagoner School. This was named in 1986. The Robert Werner Baseball Diamond is Field number 1 and the Doug Childress Baseball Diamond is Field number 2. The Boy Scouts built a fabulous walking trail behind Wagoner School that was named Heritage Trail. It was abandoned due a variety of equipment issues.

Friendship Park is the Carol Avenue Park. The park behind Village Hall is (according to the Ordinance) Veteran's Memorial / Al Welch Park. Now our question to the residents, "Does anyone know the names of the other parks? In 1986, a contest was held to name the parks and other than Arrowhead and Friendship, no one seems to recall the other names. If anyone has any information on other neighborhood parks names, please let the McConathy Public Library know. We are attempting to keep the history of Sauk Village as accurate as possible. Those who had lived here for at least 30 years---Remember the Sinclair Dinosaur in the Park at St. James?? The tennis court behind White Hen Pantry could be flooded to ice skate on.

Beautification Committee



Beautification Committee of Sauk Village Annual Community Yard Sale

Wanted: Vendors & Shoppers

The Beautification Committee of Sauk Village is hosting its annual community yard sale. This is an opportunity to find some really good bargains or turn your trash into treasure. Reserve your 10' x 10' space today for \$15.00 (Checks must be made payable to the Village of Sauk Village)

Where: Sauk Trail (from Cornell Ave. to Prairie Ave.),
across from Do It Best Hardware
Vendors should arrive at 7AM to set up

Rain date: Saturday, June 21, 2014

For more information, questions, or to register for this event, please contact Trustee Jeff Morden at (708) 753-5129 or jmorden@saukvillage.org.

Funds raised by this event provide ongoing support for the Beautification Committee of Sauk Village. See page 10 for application



SAUK VILLAGE COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 17, 2014

8 am - 12 noon



The Beautification Committee of Sauk Village is looking for volunteers to gather behind Village Hall (21801 Torrence Ave.) to form teams and select locations for our Spring clean-up at 8 am sharp. Village buildings, public rights of ways, and access roads are our focus for the day.

If you are unable to attend this event but would like to form a neighborhood Adopt-A-Block clean up group, those efforts would be welcomed and appreciated too! Take pictures and send them to jmorden@saukvillage.org.

***Light refreshments will be available at the meet site. ***

Contact Trustee Jeff Morden at (708)753-5129 or jmorden@saukvillage.org.

Reminder: Old electronics should not be put out with your regular garbage.

An electronic recycling bin will be available on May 17th and will soon be permanently placed at the east end of Municipal Center parking lot.

Alternatively, you can take them to Lynwood Recycling
21540 E. Lincoln Hwy Lynwood, IL 60411 (708)757-7300



Fire Department News



It's spring, which brings rain, thunder, lightning, and tornados. The name of the game here is **“Disaster Preparedness”**. If we plan ahead for any type of disaster everything will be okay. A great resource to use when preplanning is the internet. Go online and visit www.ready.gov, there you can see what you will need to plan ahead for your household

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The Sauk Village Firefighter's Association will be hosting a few events in the upcoming months, and those events and dates are as follows

June 6th & 7th we will be having boot drives to benefit the Illinois Burn Camp

June 21st we will be having our 2nd Annual Battle of the Badges Softball game

June 28th we will be hosting our 1st Annual Walk-A-Thon

September 13th 7th Annual Golf Outing

For any additional information on any of the above events find us on Facebook “Sauk Village Fire Department”. The page is regularly updated with useful information that can benefit you and your community.

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We are pleased to announce the First Annual Sauk Village Fire Association Walk-A-Thon will be held on Saturday June 28, 2014.

This event is great for individuals of all ages! We will kick off at St. James Church at 8am, rain or shine. Participants will walk a predetermined 4 mile route from St. James Church, down 223rd Street East to Burnham, down Burnham South to Steger Road, Steger Road West to Torrence, then Torrence North back to St. James Church. After the completion of the walk, there will be an after walk event where everyone can enjoy food items, vendors, and information booths.

This is an opportunity for our community to come together and help the men and women of the Sauk Village Fire Association raise money for additional equipment, gear, and other items needed to better service our community. It also provides a chance for the all of us to gather with friends, family, and our community, while making a valuable contribution to the community.

But we can't do this without your help!

We are looking for participants to walk, as well as vendors for the post walk party. Donations are also welcome. Every little bit helps – every dollar helps.

Those who participate are asked to raise a minimum donation of \$25.00. So sign up today for your chance at some great prizes! There will be a prize raffle for anyone who preregisters. As well as an additional prize raffle for any participant who raises at least \$100. There will also be a prize for the most money earned!

If you are unable to participate, don't forget to come out and show your support by cheering on walkers as they go by. And don't forget about the after walk event!

For more information or to receive your participation or vendor forms please feel free to contact me at 708-921-3559 or any member of the Sauk Village Fire Fighters Association at 708-758-2225. You may also stop into the Sauk Village Fire Department during normal business hours, email us at ltmyers4@comcast.net or go on our facebook page Sauk Village Firefighter Association.

Together we can make sure this event is a success!

Paul Myers, Chairman

Public Works Continued

Kevin Weller

[Street Sweeping](#) The street sweeping schedule for the 2014 season will be as follows:

The week beginning- **June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, and October 13.** Sweeping the month of **November** will follow our leaf pickup program. If additional sweepings are necessary, notification will be posted on the Marquee located on Sauk Trail at the corner of Cornell Ave.

Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.

[Hydrant Flushing](#) Hydrants will be flushed in the following sections of town on the specified dates for 2014.

- June 3** - Eastern section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- July 1** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- August 5** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- September 2** - Eastern Section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- October 7** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek

Actual flushing will begin at 11:00 P.M. of previous night, continuing through the morning until the area has been completed.

Residents should refrain from washing whites during flushing and for at least 24 to 48 hours after flushing.

[Tree Limb Pickup](#)

The second and final pickup for the 2014 season will begin **Monday September 1** and end on **Friday September 12.** Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday September 7.**

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

Anyone having questions concerning their pickup can call the Village Hall (758-3330) Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

[Leaf Sweep Program](#)

The leaf pickup program will begin November 6 through 10, skipping the week of 13 through 17; residents can still put leaves out up until November 19. Our final pickup will begin November 20; crews will be out to pick up each section on garbage day, **THEY WILL NOT COME BACK AFTER THIS PASS.** *Village Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.*

POTHOLES AND WHY

It seems that with the end of winter and the beginning of spring also comes potholes of all shapes and sizes. Potholes can not only be annoying to navigate, they can also do serious damage to your car. If you are lucky to get away without a ruined tire, you will likely still need to get your car realigned, which can add extra cost to your maintenance budget. However, potholes are an unavoidable circumstance on roads throughout the nation.

The beginning of a pothole starts after the temperature drops and snow begins to fall. As snow melts during the day or during a warmer period of the winter, the resulting water seeps into the pavement of the road. The added moisture softens the paving material. Once the temperature drops again, the water freezes and expands, widening whatever crevices it came through. This process repeats itself as the winter continues with varying temperatures until spring. Each time the moisture freezes, it will continue to expand the pothole.

After the final freeze has occurred for the winter, the ice slowly melts and the water is evaporated. This leaves the beginning of small potholes all over the road. The more water that was present, the more time the freezing and melting cycle was allowed to occur. That will determine how large the pothole will become.

The final piece of the pothole puzzle is car traffic. During the entire pothole process, the affected pavement is greatly weakened. So much so that the softer pieces of pavement easily break off and come out around the crevices left by the freezing process. The more cars that drive over these weak surfaces, the more pavement will break off. This slowly widens and deepens the pothole until traffic is no longer able to navigate on that road.

The goal of the Public Works Department is to keep the roads open and safe, temporarily repairing all potholes until spring when we can do more permanent repairs. We ask the public to help us in the locating process, because you as the resident drive down the street regularly, and if you see a pothole starting to get bad please contact us at **708 758 3330**, we will address as weather permits. We also ask that you the public, use caution and drive slowly when passing road crews they are out making the streets safe for you. Thank you for your help and patients.

Police Department

Tim Holevis

The police department’s newest recruit, Officer Andrew Vaughan has completed his Field Training successfully and is now assigned to the midnight shift under the watchful eye of Sgt. Langan. This will provide the midnight shift with much needed help.

All police officers recently qualified with their duty weapons and also with their off-duty weapons. All officers are now qualified according to state standards. Congratulations to the top shooters!

Officer Chad Frederickson and K9 Falco are now fully certified and have been assigned to the afternoon shift and as a team, have already received several commendations for their work in Sauk Village and also assisting other communities. Officer Frederickson recently applied for and was awarded a ballistic vest for K9 Falco, which was donated to the Police Department by Vested Interest in K-9s, Inc. Vested Interest is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of Law Enforcement and related agencies throughout the country. They have provided 937 vests so far. The cost of the vest is approx. \$2500.00 and was provided at no cost to the Police Department or the village. Great work Officer Frederickson!

MAY 30TH IS THE ANNUAL “**COP ON TOP**” FUNDRAISER FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS. PLEASE COME OUT TO THE SAUK VILLAGE DUNKIN DONUTS AND SEE YOUR LOCAL POLICE ON THE ROOF! YOU CAN HELP THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RAISE MONEY FOR THE ANNUAL POLICE SPECIAL OLYMPICS. SAUK VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOR OVER 25 YEARS AND HAS BEEN ONE OF THE TOP FUNDRAISING DEPARTMENTS IN THE SOUTH SUBURBS. PLEASE COME OUT AND HELP OUR KIDS.

ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

Memorial Day is fast approaching. Please remember, all Law Enforcement agencies will be out in full force for the holiday looking for drunk drivers. Also remember, cell phone use is now hands free. This means you must have a hands free device when talking on the cell phone in your vehicle. These devices are available through most cell phone stores and the internet.

A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR

New Recruit

Police Chief: As a recruit, you'll be faced with some difficult issues. What would you do if you had to arrest your



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Beautification Committee of Sauk Village Annual Community Yard Sale

Contact Information (please print)

Name: _____
 Street Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Home and Cell Phone _____
 E-Mail Address _____

Description of merchandise being sold: (i.e., household, automotive, arts & crafts, jewelry, food items)

A non-refundable fee of \$15.00 for a 10 ft. x 10 ft. space is required in advance;
Add \$15 for each additional 10'x10' space.

Spaces available on a first come, first serve basis

You must provide your own table(s) and chairs

Checks must be made payable to the Village of Sauk Village

Number of spaces _____ Total Fee _____ \$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____

Total fee paid _____ \$ _____

Set up from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. You must provide your own table(s) and chairs

Contact Trustee Jeff Morden at (708)753-5129 or jmorden@saukvillage.org with questions.

****Fees raised by this event provide ongoing support for the Beautification Committee of Sauk Village****

Sauk Village Independence Celebration Vendor Application



***Saturday, July 5, 2014 * 2 pm- close (Fireworks at dusk) *Rain or Shine**

VENDOR APPLICATION FORM DUE BY FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2014

Contact Person _____

Company or Product Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone/Cell _____

Best Time to Call _____ Email _____

Describe Power hook up needs _____

\$30.00 per space (food Vender) how many spaces do you need? _____

\$15.00 per space (non food vender) how many spaces do you need? _____

FREE space for Informational Booths only (no product can be sold) _____

WHEN YOU ARRIVE: Check in at the Information Booth located at 21801 So. Torrence Ave. Sauk Village, Illinois (Behind the Sauk Village Municipal Center)

SET UP begins at 12:00 pm. Parade participants will start filtering in between 2:00-3:00 pm.

SPACE SIZE: 10' X 10'- Be sure to indicate if you are reserving more than one space. No table, chairs or shelter will be provided. Vendor assumes all risks and liability.

Spaces are available on a first come first served basis. No duplicates on major direct sales.

Vendor Signature _____ Date _____

For Office Use Only Date Received _____ Amount \$ _____

Mail or Fax back Application
21801 So. Torrence Ave
Sauk Village, IL. 60411
708-758-1634 (FAX)



**SAUK VILLAGE
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

2014 Parade Entry Form

Contact Name: _____ Organization : _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____ Phone # _____

2nd Phone # _____

Please Describe your Entry: _____

How Many Walking?

How many Auto/Trucks?

How many Floats?

Please return all completed forms to:

Sauk Village Municipal Center

Attn. Trustee John Poskin

21801 Torrence Avenue

Sauk Village, IL. 60411

Phone: 708-758-3330

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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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July 2014

Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks

Sauk Talk

Budget Hearings in Record Time

On Monday, June 30th I presented the village board with a proposed balanced budget from the Mayor's office. The proposed budget included new vehicles for our Police and Public Works Departments and possibly Homeland Security (ESDA) and also included negotiated pay raises for union employees.

I am pleased to say that the proposed budget did not include any layoffs and allocated funding for our Police and Fire Commission to start the process of a hiring list for the police department.

Thanks to our State Representatives in Springfield and the Governor's office the proposed budget included anticipated grants for the following:

- \$175,000.00 for infrastructure
- \$135,000.00 for parks and equipment
- \$50,000.00 for b-boxes and curbs
- \$25,000.00 for fire hydrant replacements and repairs

The budget also included another anticipated \$200,000.00 in CDBG funding for additional road repairs and continued to support events for the coming year for all ages through our Parks and Recreations Committee.

While this year's budget was challenging, it could not have been possible without the cooperation and leadership of our department heads. Although, they may not have received everything they may have wanted they stepped up to the plate and we were able to come to common ground for the betterment of the village and its residents.

By the end of the night and only in about 4 ½ hours the board only added approximately \$14,000.00 to the budget which was mostly for needed repairs and upgrades. The proposed budget is available for the public to review at the Village Hall, McConathy Public Library and www.saukville.org. A Public Hearing is scheduled for 6pm on July 15th prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

I would like to personally thank the Finance Director Mohan Rao and all of the department heads Chief Tim Holevis, Chief Al Stoffregen, Director Art Johnson, Director Sherry Jasinski and Director Kevin Weller for their assistance in preparing this year's budget.

A special thank you to our Lobbyist Al Ronan, State Representatives Sims, Evans and Jones, Senators Harris and Trotter and Governor Quinn for their help from Springfield.

This next year remains challenging and we continue to address the tough issues like crime,

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

The deadline to purchase village stickers was June 30, 2014. The price of the village stickers is now doubled at a cost of \$60.00 for cars and \$96.00 for trucks. The ticket for failure to display a valid village sticker is \$100.00. The Village Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Mayor Hanks has requested stricter enforcement of the Walking in the Street, Littering, Loitering and Saggy Pants Ordinances due to complaints of several residents and for the safety of our residents. Have a Safe and Happy 4th of July holiday!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SAUK VILLAGE????



July 5th---Independence Parade- 1 pm (Line up at 11 am - Surreybrook Plaza)

Parade Participants and Vendors- **Register Now!**

Vendors behind Village Hall 2pm til dusk *******Fireworks at dusk**

Contacts : Trustee Morden 753-5129 Trustee Myers 753-5126 Trustee Poskin 753-5125

August 1st-- Game Night- Community Center 6pm Bring your family and favorite games.

Light Refreshments will be served. Contact: Trustee Poskin 708/753-5125

August 5th-- National Night Out- Behind Village Hall Time- 5:00 pm-Until Dusk

Bring the family and a picnic basket and meet your neighbors, village officials and staff.

Community organizations and vendors are welcomed to set up a table free of charge.

Contact: Village Clerk Debbie Williams 708/753-5121

August 30th-- Battle of the Badges 11:00 am Wagoner Ball field

Sauk Village Fire Department -vs- Sauk Village Police Department

Contact: Codi- 708/758-2225

August 30th---Annual Corn and Dog Roast 1pm-5pm Behind Village Hall

Contact: Trustee Poskin 708/753-5125

September 13th- -Fire Department Golf Outing-Cardinal Creek - **Register Now!**

11:00 am Check- In Noon- Tee Off

Contact: Fire Department 708/758-2225

September 13th—Gospel Fest Noon- 5pm Sauk Trail- Corners of Prairie & Cornell

Free food and entertainment

Contact: Pastor Bill Hall 708/476-1717

Check out www.saukvillage.org to register now for Sauk Village Email Alerts to receive immediate notice of events and village information.

(Revised June 28, 2014)



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McConathy Public Library News

McConathy Public Library RECEIVES \$700.00 GRANT FROM THE DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SUMMER LITERACY

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District a \$700.00 grant to support summer literacy. The library will be having weekly "Read-alongs." During the events, children will follow along with a story and will keep the book to build their own personal library. "We are very pleased to partner with the Dollar General Literacy Foundation in bringing more books into the hands of our children," stated Nanette Wargo, Library Director. To participate, children need a McConathy Public Library Card. Spaces are still available for events on July 8th and July 15th for children ages 6 to 9. Sessions on July 22nd and July 29th will be for children ages 4 to 6. Sign up for the July 22nd and July 29th sessions will begin on July 15th.

"At Dollar General, we are passionate about our mission of **Serving Others** throughout the communities we serve," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "It's exciting to see the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's outreach in action as we partner with organizations to further education and literacy and make a real difference in people's lives."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$92 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than five million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

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 for technical support provided by Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauktalk@saukvilleage.org.



Senior News

Rose Langston

Eligible south suburban Cook County seniors at least 60 years of age may apply for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition (SFMNP) checks at Park Forest Health Department (708-748-1118) or Argento Senior Center (708-832-1208) in Calumet City. The limited SFMNP checks are issued on a first come first served basis.

CEDA's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) offers case management and supportive services to suburban Cook County people with low income. CSBG program includes dental care, auto repair, vision care, scholarship, housing financial counseling and information and referral, and family nutrition. Application and/or additional information call south region CSBG office 708-371-1220 (or 708-385-6639) ext. 3057.

FREE senior citizen monthly movie days co-sponsored with McConathy Public Library at the library. Mondays at 12:30 p.m. blood pressure screening precedes the movie: July 14th 'Philadelphia Story'; August 11th 'Rat Race'; September 8th (lunch served at 11:30 a.m.) 'Chicago'; October 6th 'Gravity'; November 10th 'Waterboy'; and December 8th 'Christmas with the Kranks.'

Monthly FREE blood pressure screening on Mondays at the Senior Center office from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.- July 7th, August 4th, October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st. The Village Senior Committee sponsors a senior social activity time from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays: July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd, September 12th and 26th, October 10th (12:00-3:00 p.m.) and 24th, November 14th, and December 12th.

Three senior organizations welcome new members (2nd and 4th Sunday 3:00 p.m. SV Fun Club, 1st and 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. (except indoor family picnic July 21st at 5:00 p.m.) Sunshiners, and 2nd and 4th Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Leisure Timers) meeting in the Senior Center. Other groups meeting in the Senior Center are: the Sauk Village Blue Grass on Sundays from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m.; BMW Crossroads No. 55 every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.; and the Ceramics Group 3:00-5:00 p.m. summer schedule on Wednesdays, July 16th and 30th and August 1st and 20th. Thereafter, Ceramics Group will meet every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The Bloom Township provides – Annual Senior picnic Thursday, August 7th at Veterans Memorial Park in Glenwood. Tickets are available for \$3.00 from the township senior department and free bus transportation for township seniors to and from the picnic. Chair exercise every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 and every Friday from 10:00-11:00. Four week basic line dance class session through July. The Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counseling is by appointment. Flyers are available in the literature rack for detailed township events. Call the township senior department 708-754-9400 x244 for additional information and services. Call Senior Wheels 708-754-8200 one (1) business day in advance for transportation (at a nominal cost) within the township.

Quarterly Senior Citizen Event – Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 11th for the 11th Annual Senior Spaghetti Dinner.

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 Stewart, and Frank Williams.

Parks and Recreation

Trustee John Poskin

This summer is a busy time here at Parks and Recreations. In June we started our Right Start Outreach Center (RSOC) summer camp. We have over 70 of the village young people in this program which will be running until school resumes.

Now for the next couple of months, we will be having the July Festival on July 5th with our parade lining up at 11:00 AM at Surreybrook Plaza. If you have not registered to enter anything in the parade drop on by and we will get you in the parade. The parade will kick off at 1:00 PM going down Sauk Trail to Torrance and into the Village Hall parking lot. Starting at 2:00 PM behind Village Hall there will be a small festival with some food vendors and other table for information and items for sale. We will also have a bags contest going on, bring your two person team. The day will end at dusk with a firework display. What a great day we have planned.

Also going on in July the Sauk Village Summer Basketball league will start playing there games on the 12th. The games will be at the community center on Saturdays so come out and see the games.

Next up is the RSOC is presenting a trip to the Chicago Sky basketball game at the Allstate arena on July 11th. They have 150 tickets for the trip and busses will leave the community center at 5:30 PM sharp. Tickets are free but there is a \$10.00 charge for the busses. For more information contact John at 753-5125 or Patricia at gethelp@rightstartoutreachcenter.com or come up to the community center from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and ask for Pat.

Next the Parks and Recreation committees are proud to bring you the following baseball camps.

The Sauk Village Parks & Recreation

&

Skys The Limit Youth Organization, Inc.

Presents

2014 Red Hawks Baseball Camp

Camp will be held as follows:

Ages:

8 and under – 10am – 11am

9-10 (Mustang division) – 12 noon – 1pm

11-12 (Bronco Division) – 1:30pm – 2:30pm

13-14 (Pony Division) - 3pm – 4pm

Dates:

July 12 - 13, 2014

July 19 – 20, 2014

August 3 – 4, 2014

Cost: \$25

For more information please contact:

Email – davidlaxton1@live.com

David Laxton – 708 261 2685

July was a busy month and in August we have the Annual Corn and Dog Roast that is scheduled for August 30th at 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM behind the village hall. We are planning good food and games for the kids. More information on this great event will be coming out soon. I hope to see you all at these events. Have a safe summer



Fire Department News

Aaron Anderson



IT'S SUMMER TIME.

Yes it's finally here. The weather is starting to warm up, kids are outside playing, and everyone is starting to barbeque. There are a few things we should remember during this season;

Watch for children, they are out playing and riding their bikes. Drive carefully

Check on the sick and elderly, ensure their well-being.

People are out barbequing. Be mindful of your neighbors and their grills.

Never leave a grill unattended.

Fireworks are dangerous and deadly if they are misused.

Fire pits and bon fires can easily turn into brush and house fires so be careful.

Have emergency supplies in case of severe weather or floods.

If you have basements insure your sump pumps are working properly.

Continue to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure to replace the batteries periodically, they can go bad. Never be afraid to call the fire department because it is better to be safe than sorry.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The 7th Annual Sauk Village Firefighter's Association Golf Outing is coming up soon. It will be on September 13th at Cardinal Creek Golf Course in Beecher, IL. The cost will remain the same as the previous outings, \$90 per golfer. That includes green fees, cart, lunch at the turn, and dinner. It's a noon shotgun start. So come out and support your fire department.

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Tim Holevis

I would first like to take a moment to congratulate Officer Gary Luke who has once again been recognized for his efforts in DUI Enforcement by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM). Officers Luke's enforcement of DUI laws should make the citizens feel a bit safer when he is working. Thank you Officer Luke for a job well done!

Police have been working several saturation patrols in order to combat some of the more violent crimes that have been taking place, in certain areas. On Wednesday, June 18th Sauk Village Police in conjunction with the Cook County Sheriff's Police, conducted warrant sweeps throughout the village. Several other communities were also involved and the sweep was a huge success. Many criminal were taken off the streets.

This will be the 2nd year Sauk Village Police Department has joined National Night Out Against Crime, which will be on August 5, 2014 at 5:00pm behind the village hall. The police department again will have a number of activities and special vehicles on hand for the citizens to view. Police will provide informational handouts along with surprises for the children. Please come out and show your support against crime!

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FROM THE CHIEFS DESK

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A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR



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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
ALLIED DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks

**Governor Quinn Announces Investment in Sauk Village Water Supply Project
New Treatment System to Help Keep Drinking Water Supply Clean and Contaminant-Free**

Governor Pat Quinn announced a \$4.8 million investment to improve the drinking water supply system for Sauk Village. Funded by the Governor's Illinois Jobs Now! capital construction program, this project will help keep the village's water supply system clean and contaminant-free. The announcement is part of Governor Quinn's agenda to drive the economy forward and protect the environment by modernizing Illinois' water infrastructure. "Illinois is committed to ensuring all residents have access to safe, clean water," Governor Quinn said. "This investment will provide much-needed aid to Sauk Village that will help ensure their drinking water is safe. The new treatment system will utilize an innovative method to remove contaminants and provide peace of mind to all residents of Sauk Village." The village is currently operating a temporary water treatment system through two wells to combat contamination of vinyl-chloride. The state's investment will be used to construct a permanent treatment system and help develop maximum setback zones for community water wells in the village to protect the groundwater from future contamination. "It is important that Sauk Village residents have assuredly safe drinking water," Illinois EPA Director Lisa Bonnett said. "This grant will make needed drinking water treatment equipment more affordable for the community." "I would like to convey my personal thanks to the Governor and the IEPA for all their assistance in helping the village deal with our water contamination," Sauk Village Mayor David A. Hanks said. "The Governor's Clean Water Initiative was key to enabling Sauk Village to install the necessary treatment to provide safe water in sufficient quantity to the village's water users. We could not have done this without you!" "I also truly appreciate the IEPA's assistance in helping the village deal with our water contamination," Mayor Hanks added. "The IEPA was instrumental in keeping the project moving forward, from the early planning stages, through design and continuing during construction. I cannot thank you enough for your expertise, cooperation and dedication throughout this challenging period for our village." The Sauk Village project is part of Governor Quinn's \$31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! program, which will support more than 439,000 jobs



News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Happy Fall!
Village Hall hours are Monday through Friday 8am-5pm. The Village Hall will be closed on November 27 and 28, December 24 and 25 and January 1 and 19 in observance of the upcoming holidays. There will be no trash pickup on November 27 and December 25.

We are looking for ways to communicate with our residents. There is a lot happening that you may want to be a part of. Check out the "What's Happening in Sauk Village" included in this edition. Also, enroll now for Sauk Village email alerts at www.saukville.org, and like us

on Facebook- Sauk Village Information for OFFICIAL Sauk Village news and alerts. There are three Trustee seats up for election in April 2015. Check out www.cookcountyclerk.com for more information. See the flyer in this edition for the upcoming Resource/ Craft Fair taking place on November

Sauk Talk

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SAUK VILLAGE???

November 6th - Public Works offers a leaf collection program at no cost to you which will allow you to dispose of your leaves.

The leaf pickup program will begin November 6 through 10, skipping the week of the 13th through 17th; residents can still put leaves out up until November 19th. Our final pickup will begin November 20th; crews will be out to pickup each section on garbage day, **THEY WILL NOT COME BACK AFTER THIS PASS.** .

Village Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.

All leaves must be out for the final pickup no later than November 19th there are no exceptions.

In order for this program to be successful, we are asking all residents to follow the guidelines that are listed below.

October 31st - you may start raking leaves over the curb onto the street. **DO NOT LEAVE THEM ON THE PARKWAY.** Only leaves that are on the street will be swept and picked up.

During these scheduled sweeping/ pick ups we are asking all residents **NOT** to park on the streets Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Vehicles parked on the street greatly reduce the success of the program.

After November 30th any leaves must be bagged using the brown yard waste bags with the yard waste stickers. These will be picked up on the day of your garbage pick up. You must follow these instructions in order to avoid a fine.

We greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and support. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact the **Village Hall at 758-3330.**

November 19th - Town Hall Meeting- 7pm- 8:30 pm Village Hall Contact Trustee Burgess for additional information 708/758-3330

November 20th - Sauk Village 2nd Annual Resource Fair- 3 pm- 8 pm Sauk Village Municipal Center – See www.saukvillage.org for a list of vendors and resources that will be available. Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams for more information 708/351-8922

December 6th - Santa Parade starting at 10:00am. Watch for Santa and his sleigh to ride down your street throughout the day. The Santa Parade will finish at the Community Center later in the day (Time not determined) for refreshments and the tree lighting ceremony at dusk. Sponsored by Sauk Village Parks and Recreation. Contact Trustee Poskin at 708/753-5125 or jposkin@saukvillage.org

December 7th - Breakfast with Santa- 8am- noon Join Santa for all you can eat pancakes (with sausage and beverages). Cost \$5.00 Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa. Sauk Village Fire Department. Call 708/758-2225 for more information.

December 8th - Neighborhood Watch Committee- Christmas Party- Pot Luck 6:30 pm Fire Station Contact Trustee Lynda Washington to RSVP or for more information 708/753-5130

December 11th - Deputy Registrar Class- 6:30pm-Paesel Community Center- bring a Picture ID and one other proof of identification.

*****Bloom Township now has a satellite office in Sauk Village every Thursday from 11 am – 1pm** in the Village Hall. They are available to serve all Bloom Township residents with a variety of services including utility bill and other housing assistance. Contact Keith Lott for more information. 708/754-9400

*****Enroll Now for Sauk Village Email**

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 for technical support provided by Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauktalk@saukvillage.org.



Fire Department

Aaron Anderson




**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA**

**DECEMBER 7TH
8AM TO 1PM**

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO
TOWN AND HE IS HUNGRY FOR
BREAKFAST**

**COME ENJOY
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES
ADULTS \$5
KIDS (11 OR YOUNGER)
AND SENIORS \$4
ALSO GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN
WITH SANTA**

**COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA
AT THE SAUK VILLAGE FIRE
DEPARTMENT
1804 222ND ST.
SAUK VILLAGE, IL**






IT IS STARTING TO RAIN AND GET COLD.

Watch for leaves on the ground when driving, they are just as slippery as ice. Check and change your furnace filters. We will soon be getting snow, I know that nobody likes to hear that but its coming so take caution when driving.

We would like to congratulate Codi Ramaeker on his promotion to the rank of Acting Engineer. We wish him the best on this new journey.

We would like to welcome Monica Ciarlo, and Scott Booth back to the fire department. They have been and will continue to be great assets to the department and the town.

Continue to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure to replace the batteries when daylight savings time changes or every six month, they can go bad. Never be afraid to call the fire department because it is better to be safe than sorry.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – December 7th from 8am to 1pm

Come out for the Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and his helper firefighters.

We will serve pancakes, sausage, bacon, and eggs.

Come get your picture taken with Santa. Bring the entire family.

For any additional information on any of the above events find us on Facebook at “Sauc Village Fire Department”. The page is regularly updated with useful information that can benefit you and your community. If you ever have any questions feel free to message the Facebook page.

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 driver’s license, and are 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.





2nd Annual Sauk Village Resource Fair
Thursday, November 20, 2014
21801 S. Torrence Avenue
3pm-8pm

Village Woods- 3pm- 5pm Retirement - Assisted Living and Senior Day Club

Campaign for Better Healthcare- What benefits are you eligible for? Make an appointment for free assistance with Open Enrollment on Medicaid or the Affordable Care Act. Open enrollment period- Nov 15- Feb 15.

Illinois State Treasurer's Office – I-CASH Program

Sauk Village Walgreens – FREE Flu Shot

ComEd's Smart Ideas® Energy Efficiency Program offers tips, tools, and rebates to help you save money and energy. Learn More. Save More.

Neighborhood Housing Service- “Realizing the American Dream”- Receive information about the home buying process and learn how you may qualify for up to \$32,500 in assistance

Bloom Township- Provides Counseling, Assistance with Utilities and Resume Writing/ Food and Pet Pantry Applications- Keith Lott

UBER and PACE - Expanding Transportation Options

Special Presentations:

3:00 pm- 3:30 pm Village Woods – Elyssia Roozeboom

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Campaign for Better Health- Jessica Palys

5:30 pm- 5:45 pm Illinois State Treasurer's Office – I-CASH Program-
Debbie Meyers- Martin

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Sauk Village Walgreens – FREE Flu Shot

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm ComEd's Smart Ideas® Energy Efficiency Workshop

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm Neighborhood Housing Services- Sandra Wells

For additional information please contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams 708/351-8922 or enroll for Sauk Village eblasts. Login to www.saukville.org and Get Access Today!



Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington-House



THANK YOU TO ALL THE SUPPORTERS THAT CONTRIBUTED FOR OUR Back to School Book Bag give a ways. Also, The safety rally and swearing in of the Block captains was great!

Remember we meet the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station 1802 222nd Street. Also we are looking for Block captains for every block. We need your support. We are winding up our NO TEXTING while driving and NO Bullying campaign. You can retrieve copies of the Pledge to sign at the Village Hall during regular business hours.

Lastly, we have a few copies of our video HAPPY . You can also purchase a copy at the Village Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (708) 758-5130.

We welcome volunteers to come and join The Neighborhood Watch Committee!



Mayor David Hanks With Trustee Lynda Washington-House at the Back to School Safety Rally on September 8, 2014

McConathy Library News

Victoria Dettloff

Now in session McConathy Library will be doing crafts and movie days alternating on Mondays.. Crafts are for grades

1st thru 3rd sign up at front desk. Space is limited.

3p.m. to 4 p.m.

Movies are 3p.m until approximately 4:30. No limit or sign up required for movie..

Children must be accompanied by an adult

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE LIBRARY STAFF!!!!!!!



Senior News

Rose Langston

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period deadline is approaching soon, December 7. Medicare recipients can: enroll in a Medicare Part D drug; enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan; and change to a different Part D or Medicare Advantage plan. These changes will be effective January 1, 2015.

Annually, insurance companies that offer Medicare Part D coverage are allowed to change their premiums, deductibles, co-pays and also allowed to add or remove medications from the list of medications an insurance plan covers. Insurance companies are required to send Annual Notice of Change packets to their Part D plan with the explanation of changes to a plan's benefits, drug list and costs.

Assisting with evaluating your current plan or switching to a new one is available from your local township offices (some are Bloom 708-754-9400, Crete 708-672-8279, Rich 708-748-6722, and Thornton 705-596-6040) or Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN) agency. Call Age Option at 708-383-0258 for referral to your local ADRN. Assistance is also available by calling 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) or the website www.medicare.gov clicking 'Find health & drug plans.

Beware of Medicare scams especially during this enrollment period. It is imperative that you do not give out any of your personal information, especially your Medicare or Social Security number, when someone makes the call or via e-mail the request. Banks and Medicare do not call requesting your personal information, they already have the information. Be sure to check your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) carefully for errors or possible fraud or abuse. Call the Illinois SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) at AgeOption at 800-699-9043 for assistance in reading your MSN or to report a suspected fraud or abuse

FREE senior citizen monthly movie days co-sponsored with McConathy Public Library at the library. Mondays at 12:30 p.m. blood pressure screening precedes the movie: on November 10th 'Waterboy'; and on December 8th 'Christmas with the Kranks.' Monthly FREE blood pressure screening on Mondays at the Senior Center office from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.- November 3rd, and December 1st. A new program 'Silver Sneaker FLEX' meets every Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for a low cost of \$2.00 per class, no charge for Silver Sneaker members. The Village Senior Committee sponsors a senior social activity time from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays except for one on November 14th, and December 12th.

Three senior organizations meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday 3:00 p.m. SV Fun Club, 1st and 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. Sunshiners, and 2nd and 4th (except in November and December) Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Leisure Timers in the Senior Center. Other groups meeting in the Senior Center are: the Sauk Village Blue Grass on Sundays from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m.; BMW Crossroads No. 55 every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.; and the Ceramics Group meet every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The 11th Annual Senior Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success, thanks to our wonderful volunteers Alici Comge, Belinda Dekruiff, Rose Ketcham, Bill and Donna Luedtk, Roberta Martinez, Nadine Morgan and Chris Turner. Our special thank you to line dance instructor Flora Haynes and the musicians 'The Morgan Family and Larry Long.' Congratulations to the many door prize (donated by Rose Langston, Nadine Morgan and Delores Randall), special prize (donated by Bob Ketcham and Delores Randall) and a 50/50 raffle (Wayne Ravesloot) winners. Not to forget to thank committee members chef Gary Holcomb, Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett and Larry Stewart.

Police Department

Tim Holevis

As the Chief of Police, I would like to inform the community of a great loss. Police Officer Jason Gondek lost his fight with cancer on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Jason was and always will be a 6 year veteran of the Sauk Village Police Department and a member of SSERT. I remember when Jason first approached me about being assigned to SSERT, the South Suburban Emergency Response Team. These are the guys that go after people like the Boston Bombers. I thought maybe he was pulling my leg! Turns out, Officer Gondek was the best officer and person that I could have assigned to SSERT. Officer Gondek has continued to thank me for that assignment, time and time again. Even at a recent benefit for Jason he found the time to thank me and stated being assigned to SSERT was the best thing for him and how he would be coming back to work the desk. I told Jason, "you deserve it, you earned it" and "I will be holding that desk job open for you".

My condolences to the entire Gondek Family and the entire police family. May God Keep You All Safe!



The Police Department is also sad to report that Records Clerk Emily Walker lost her battle with cancer on Friday November 14, 2014. Emily was a long time, hard working employee who will be sorely missed.

Housing Commission

This has been a summer to remember both as a learning curve dealing with state government and trying to remove some of the blight with the summer grass cutting program.

A limited number of vacant homes had their lawn cut every two weeks for a total of 900 plus cuts over a five month period. The sad part was we were unable to cut every property that needed it because many of the homes have owners of record and the grant was for abandoned properties only. The commission was granted an inside track onto some hard working residents that played a major role in cutting the grass and cleaning up a lot of eyesores throughout the village. Next year should be less hectic for one and all. I for one as Chairperson of the Housing Commission cannot thank the commissioners, residents, and public works personnel who stepped up to the plate and did their part not only for the money but for the pride of doing something beneficial to their community. Thanks to every one of you!

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