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From the Mayor's Corner

Roger Peckham

The summer of 2008 is now officially in progress and so is the construction season. The typical back ups and traffic delays are waiting to make our travels to work and on recreational trips subject to the inconvenience of delays and detours. Again this summer here in Sauk Village a small portion of streets will be resurfaced. *So allow for extra travel time in all your travels and be prepared for the traffic disruptions.*

With warm weather you can be sure that the kids are out of school which means they are out on the streets, walking and playing. The children or our community must understand that the

streets are neither playgrounds nor paths for their travels on there trips through out our community. While each year kids in the streets are a major complainants, this problem seems to grow even while I, the police chief and others write warnings in the Sauk Talk and the police ticket those caught in the street. *Residents have proposed that our tickets should be increased to \$1000 for violations not simply to raise money for the Village, but merely to hope to get compliance and to prevent accidents.* The police department every year has special programs to issue tickets for walking and playing in the streets and this year the number of

such programs will be increased and the fines may become very expensive.

Warm weather during the summer season also mean neighborhood and outdoor parties which mean noise and parking problems. If you plan to have a party at your home this summer please consider your neighbors. While enjoying your day do not through noise and late hours and be inconsiderate of your neighbors. *If you are expecting extra parking needs please contact the Police department six to eight weeks before your plan your party to request special parking arrangements.*

Enjoy your summer!

News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

Let me first start with a correction to the information I relayed to you in the last issue, regarding Village Stickers. *The fine for not having a Village Sticker starts at \$100, not \$50.* This fine is in addition to the cost of the sticker. So, if you haven't already purchased stickers for your vehicle(s), please do so. *The Police Department will be setting up random (unannounced) check points throughout the Village to ensure compliance.*

Now, onto the good stuff! As you know, the Presidential election will be held this November 4th, the first Tuesday in November. Voter turnout is expected to be higher than usual. If you are not registered to vote, you have plenty of time. *The deadline for registering to be eligible to vote in the November election is Tuesday, October 7th.*

Four easy ways to Register on next page, as well as the paperwork you will need.

(Clerk's article continued on page 2)

Your *Vote* Counts! *(Continued)*

Ways you can register:

- via mail by either downloading the registration form at www.voterinfonet.com/sub/register.asp
- call the Cook County Clerk's office at 312-603-0906 to request a registration form. Know that if you register by mail, you may be required to provide ID when you vote at the polls on Election Day.
- in person by visiting one of six Cook County Clerk's offices (Markham is the closest to Sauk Village), your local Illinois Secretary of State drivers license facility, or right here at Village Hall. Village Hall is open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday; there is usually someone available who can register you to vote. On Tuesday evenings, Village Hall is open from 7 pm to 9 pm and someone may be available to register you. In all cases, it is best to call ahead (758-3330)



To register, you must be

- 1) a citizen of the United States on the day of registration,
- 2) be 18 years old by the next election,
- 3) reside at the address on your registration, and
- 4) display two pieces of identification. At least one of the IDs presented must include your current address.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

Illinois Drivers License, Illinois State ID, Social Security Card Utility Bill in applicant's name, Valid US passport, Employee or Student ID, Credit Card, Birth Certificate, Mail postmarked to the applicant

Know that your address cannot be a business address or PO Box. And, convicted felons currently serving time cannot vote (this includes those on electronically monitored devices).

After your registration application has been processed, you will receive a voter identification card in the mail from the Cook County Clerk's office. This card is important, as it contains your precinct information, letting you know where to vote.



If you are already registered at your current address, there is no need to re-register. If you are not sure of your current status, you can check online at voterinfonet.com/sub/am_i_registered.asp

Note: If you miss the October 7th deadline, there is a two week grace period, where you can still register to vote by appearing in person at the Cook County Clerk's office at 69 W. Washington St, Room 500 in downtown Chicago. If you register during this two week window, you can only vote right after registering or via absentee ballot (you cannot vote at the polls on Election Day).

If you have specific questions about the registration process, you can call the Cook County Clerk's office at 312-603-0906, or check out their website at voterinfonet.com.

Get ahead of the rush and register now!

Sauk Talk Produced by volunteers of the *Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams Trustee/Editor and Staff Members Suzanne Downing, Angela Harris, Javette Jones, Maxine Towers, Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams.*

Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at: 708-758-3330 or emailed to: sauktalk@saukvillage.org

Food Bank Open to All

The Sauk Village Food bank is open to all. Respond Now operates a *satellite food pantry* in the Sauk Village Senior Center (21701 Torrence Avenue) The non-profit food bank, which is open Tuesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm, is intended to satisfy food needs in the village.

Respond Now, an emergency social services agency located in Chicago Heights has more than 38 years of experience in operating a community food bank. *Carl Wolf*, Respond Now's Executive Director, said the food bank's services are open to everyone. "The only thing we require is hunger and food needs," Wolf said.

The pantry will serve those who:

- simply show up for groceries,
- meet the USDA Income Guidelines and
- produce an ID showing they live nearby.



Typical bags include canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, rice, pasta, juice, bread, peanut butter, soup, tuna, canned meat and much more.

Each client is given approximately a three day supply of nutritionally balanced food on a monthly basis - or 10% of total food needs - to supplement other food resources.

HOST JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

Beverly Sterrett, Chairperson

The Human Relations Commission hosted Junior Achievement programs for youth during June and July. Junior Achievement is a program that helps young people learn about the business world. It reinforces the value of education and teaches students about the future economic benefits of staying in school. Junior Achievement is funded by corporations both large and small. Completing Junior Achievement programs can help youth earn college scholarships offered by Junior Achievement sponsors.

On June 12th Commissioner Rhoda Sancho taught our youth about "JA Global Marketplace". This program is designed to provide practical information about the key aspects of the global economy, what makes world trade work, and how trade affects students' daily lives. Along with other activities Commissioner Sancho brought in currency from different countries for the youth to see first hand.

June 19th Commissioner Sarah Ridder's topic was "JA Economics for Success" this explores personal finance and students' education and career options based on their skills, interest and values. The young people prepared a budget on a salary of \$13.00 per hour (a real eye opener). Additional topics to be covered include entrepreneurship, enterprise in action and personal economics.

SVCEO

Special Thanks

Sauk Village Citizen's Empowerment Organization sponsored its 4th Annual Senior Fair on Thursday June 19, 2008. Thanks to the seniors for coming out and seeking information and screenings to keep them healthy.

Extra Special Thanks to the following organizations for their participation, Cook Dept. of Public Health, Catholic Charities Senior Services, Bloom Township Senior Services, Cook County Tax Assessor's office, Illinois Eye Institute Glaucoma Van.

Submitted by Francine Anderson

Sauk Village Lions *Recycle for Sight*



Donations Needed

As spring cleaning gets under way, the Sauk Village Lions are asking people to look through dresser drawers and closets for used eyeglasses and donate them to the Lions Recycle For Sight program. During the month of July, the Sauk Village Lions Club will be collecting used prescription eyeglasses and prescription and non-prescription sunglasses as part of a unique recycling program. The collected glasses will be cleaned and prepared for distribution in developing countries where eye care is often unaffordable and inaccessible.

In most developing countries,

an eye exam can cost as much as one month's wages and a single eye doctor may serve a community of hundreds of thousands of people. The donated glasses will be shipped to a regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where they will be cleaned, categorized by prescription and prepared for distribution by Lions and other groups. To donate used glasses (including sunglasses and reading glasses), place them in the specially marked Lions Recycle For Sight collection boxes located at the *Village Hall, St. James Church and Park National Bank*.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly

1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at www.lionsclubs.org Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Sauk Village Lions Club, please contact Mary Howard at 708-268-6766.

Bloom Trail Class of *1978 Reunion*

The Bloom Trail Class of 1978 has planned their 30 year reunion. The event will be held on Saturday, August 9th at 6:30 pm at the Villa De Bruno in Lynwood, Illinois. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and \$100.00 per couple. Classmates can RSVP via Classmates.com—Bloom Trail/Class of 1978.



Seeking Thirteen More

Tom Hasse, one of the organizers of the event, is searching for thirteen former class members from Sauk Village. "We have no e-mails, no phone numbers and no addresses

for thirteen of our former classmates," explained Mr. Hasse.

Our reunion committee is actively searching for: *Richard Almquist, Steve Appleby, Sandra Briggs, Laurie Hoffman, Tim Kirkpatrick, Karen Kudio, Dan MacCauley, Pam Parker, Mark Sova, Steve Spearson, Denise and Diane Ward, Jackie Wilson and Laura Whittle.*

If anyone has any information on how to reach these 1978 Bloom Trail Graduates, they may contact the McConathy Public Library at 757-4771 and leave the contact information.

Sharing Our Favorite Recipes



Local Community Author

After baking her first cake, at five or six years old, on a wood-burning stove, *Rose Mary Mogan* developed a passion for cooking. Born in Chicago and raised in Arkansas with her eight brothers and two sisters, Rose Mary's kitchen skills were in high demand. As the oldest in a poor family, Rose Mary's mother taught her "how to utilize whatever resources we had to make a meal." "I was twenty years old and had come to Chicago before I realized that cake mix was available in box form."

According to Nanette Wargo, Director of the McConathy Public Library, "Rose Mary Mogan and her daughter, Briana, have been library patrons for years. I was always asking Rose Mary for a good recipe and Rose Mary always had something quick and tasty to suggest." We often talked of her great recipe collection and I was thrilled when she came by the library to show us her book.

Rose Mary Mogan's book, Sharing our Favorite Recipes, is a cookbook that offers up great recipes for all ages and skill levels. Sauk Village residents can take great pride in having such a wonderful author in their community.

Housing Authority: Summer Safety Tips

Most of the over two million home break-ins every year (one every 15 seconds) happen in July and August, when vacationing families leave their houses empty and vulnerable. Summer travel season has arrived, so before you hit the road, make sure to take simple steps to keep criminals out of your home.

No one wants to come home from a relaxing vacation to broken windows and stolen valuables, but in the rush to leave, people often forget to secure their houses. You can rest easy and enjoy your vacation with these smart, simple and affordable ways to keep your home safe.

*** *Make your home look lived in***
Ask a friendly neighbor to make sure the lawn is mowed and keep an eye out for unusual activity around your house. Suspend newspaper and mail delivery or have someone collect them for you and make sure the trash cans are put out and brought in on time. The more lived-in your home appears to be, the less inviting it is to thieves.

*** *Leave a light on***

Put a few lights and a radio on timers set to go on and off at random times during the day and evening. Leaving one light on the entire time you're away is an obvious sign that no one is around to turn it off. Close most of your window shades, but keep a few open on upper floors for light to



Prevent Uninvited Guests

shine through and make it look like someone is home. Install motion detector lights by each entry to your home, including the garage. Thieves don't want to be in the spotlight!

*** *Don't invite a climber***

Don't leave toys or ladders around your yard, they can easily be used to stand on or climb up to break into your home. Likewise, prune back any tall trees with branches near upper windows.

*** *Lock it up***

It sounds obvious, but lock the doors and windows - more than 50

percent of thieves burglarize homes by walking right in. Use deadbolt locks that can only be opened with a key and forget about hiding the key under a doormat. If you must keep a key nearby, purchase a steel lockbox with a combination that is specifically made to store keys.

*** *Sound the alarm***

A survey by Temple University found that alarm systems, when used with other precautions, reduce the likelihood of burglary by more than 60 percent.

*** *Don't squirrel valuables away***

Thieves aren't dumb; they know people like to stash their goods under the bed, between the pages of books and in the sock drawer. Store your valuables in a safe-deposit box at the bank or in a safe you can bolt to the floor.

Taking a few simple precautions before taking off for vacation can provide the peace of mind you need to relax during your time off and come back to home sweet, secure home.

Sauk Village Parks & Recreation Committee News

Trustee Derrick Burgess



Children Summer Camp

SV Parks & Recreations' annual Children Summer Camp 2008 program is in full swing. Sixty four children are enrolled and have already enjoyed field trips to a bowling facility, Deep River Water Park and Great America Amusement Park. Two additional field trips are planned before the program ends on July 27th. We would like to thank *Ms. Palmer, Ms. Bouma, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bintz, Mr. Crutcher, Ms. Roscetti, Mr. Banghart and Mr. Kersh* for their hard work and dedication.

SV Parks & Recreation will sponsor its annual Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty contests on Saturday, August 23rd. To qualify, applicants must be residents of Sauk



2008 Pageant

Village and families will submit the proper entry form along with a small photo or snapshot for our files. Applicants must be available to attend all scheduled Sauk Village events as this is the biggest responsibility of being a titleholder. All participants will automatically become an official member of the Queen's Court. So, enter TODAY and start your reign in the appropriate age division (your age as of July 1, 2008). Applications will be available at Village Hall.

SV Parks & Recreations will host its annual back to school Corn & Dog Roast featuring School District 168 on Saturday, August 30th from 3pm – 6pm behind the new Village Hall. Besides the traditional Corn & Dog Roast events; including the crowning of Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty. School District 168 has even more games, prizes and activities planned. Mark your calendar to attend this exciting event!



Back-to-School Corn & Dog Roast

Faith | Family | Fun



Free Crafts and Education

Emmanuel Church at 22515 Torrence Avenue is having *Bible School* for ages 4 through 12 on August 4th through 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This is FREE events where kids will learn fun songs, make crafts, learn about our loving God, and be entertained by our puppet team.

There also is an informal group time for ladies and a nursery is provided. Call 758-3343 for more information.



Seniors: Did you know....



The Senior Committee has planned our first trip to the RAILCATS baseball game for Thursday July 24, 2008. The cost will be about \$10 per person which will include admission to the game, food, and transportation.

All Three Senior Clubs have openings for *new members*. They offer social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, tours and all around fun.

Blue Grass meets every Sunday at 5:00pm.

Sunshiners meet every first and third Monday of the month at 6pm.

Fun Club meets every second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30pm.

Leisure Timers meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6pm.

Respond Now has a satellite food pantry here at the Senior Center every Tuesday from 10am to 2pm. Consider *volunteering* with them.

Youth & Seniors on the Move Senior Committee and Park and Recreation



Committee has come together to form another group have intergenerational activities. The group's name is Youth & Seniors on the Move. The motto is "Youth Today – Senior Tomorrow" The first Youth and Seniors on the Move activity is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 12:00pm noon to 3:00pm. "Old School Craft Day" everyone will have a take home item. We are looking for more senior volunteers to share their craft talents such as wood carving, leather crafting, quilting, arts, needle works, floral designing. For more information, contact Trustees Anderson & Burgess.

Sauk Village Senior Committee is now sponsoring a Free Movie Day at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the fun at our next showing scheduled for July 14, 2008 & August 11, 2008.



Special Thanks to all the seniors for making our Spaghetti Dinner held on Saturday, June 28, 2008 a great success. Extra special thanks to *Joe Vega* for entertaining us.

Kudos to *Rose Langston* for receiving an award from Age Options of Illinois for her volunteering with their organization.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

We all hate storms, but as the summer progresses there is bound to be storms, some will have heavy rain, heavy winds and other conditions out



After the Storm, Prepare for Cleanup

of our control. To help the public understand what the public work department is up against, we will try to explain what type of procedures are in place to make residents safe while at home and out on the streets.

Our first priority is to keep streets open for police and emergency vehicles. This procedure starts by clearing debris collecting on manhole covers. These items are usually yard waste, grass clippings, and other items such as garbage which flow to these locations. Streets are cleared in specific order to allow for proper upstream

flow and proper drainage. Therefore, please have patience if your street is still flooded. Please do not open manhole covers to help the flow. You will flood someone's basement or even be sucked in. Instead, be patient and let us do our job, we will get to each street. Also, if high winds are present, we must make the street safe to pass by removing all dangerous tree branches hindering public safety and once we are comfortable that it is safe, we start our storm branch pickup.

Residents are given one week after large storm events to put their branches out; we will not come back after our cleanup dates. When cleanup is complete we end up with a large pile of wood chips which we will deliver free



Use Caution on the Streets




Wood Chips Provided to Residents

of charge to any resident who requests. They are great for gardens and landscaping projects. Please call the village hall to request delivery.

Please note that the minimum amount we will deliver is a one ton truck load and we will not be responsible for picking up any surplus on your property. Please request only the amount you will use. Residents may also make appointments to come to the public works garage to take smaller amounts.

Code Enforcement

- This year we have an overwhelming amount of residents that are not maintaining their lawns. Please be advised the ordinance states grass/weeds can not be over 8" in height. That includes weeds growing in fences and around the general vicinity. We strictly enforce this & have issued several hundred tickets. When cutting your grass please do not cut it into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street.
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- Maintain Your Lawn*
- Residents clean your gutters. We have several homes with trees growing out of them. This causes gutters to break away from the fascia and water will not drain properly.
 - Parking on a non-hard surface is against the Village ordinance. Please make sure you park on concrete or asphalt.
 - Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem & it is prohibited.
 - All pools must have a fence around them whether it's a kiddie pool or a full size pool. This is for the safety of the children. Also, if a pool has a filter system it can not be plugged into an extension cord, it has to have its own GFI outlet. With extension cords you run the risk of getting an electrical shock. Pools need permits.
 - Garbage can placement must be to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage stored in the front of your house overflowing with lids that can't be shut.
 - Please be reminded Building Permits are required for most work being done to the home. Please call the Building Department if you have any questions.
 - If you experience graffiti on your property there is a program available through the Cook County Sheriff's Department. The Program Coordinator is Mary Donohue and the phone number is (773) 869-4710. They will give you instructions on what needs to be done for removal. Or, pick up a form at the Sauk Village Police Department.

To view a particular ordinance go to www.SaukVillage.org under *Community Development* and you will be able to access the municipal code.

All items above are ordinances that we are and will strictly enforce. Please comply with the Village ordinances and you will not be hearing from us.

Graffiti Gone



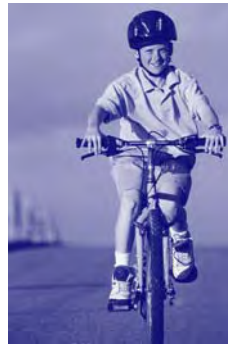
Graffiti Removal Available

The Sauk Village Police Department in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office is offering free graffiti removal. Those

interested in having graffiti removed should pick up a form at the Sauk Village Police Department any time. Or, call Program Coordinator, Mary Donohue, at the Cook County Sheriff's Department at (773) 869-4710.

Once the form is returned, you will be scheduled for the damage to be removed at no cost to you. Please do not phone in your graffiti to the radio room or 911 Center; this will take valuable time from the staff.

Bring your Bike



Bikes Rule

The Sauk Village Police Department will be conducting a Bike Safety & Rodeo this fall at local schools. Each student will have the opportunity to bring his or her bike to school on the scheduled day and participate in this

event. Literature will offered to the students on bike rules and prizes will be given to the winners of this event by age group. More information to follow once school starts back!!!



Welcome Back

Complimentary Gun Locks



The Sauk Village Police Department is still offering free gun locks to anyone interested. No questions asked. Adults should visit the police department and ask for these locks. We are asking at this time that you limit your request to 3 locks per adult. These locks come with two keys and the metal cable is plastic coated, keeping scratches from your firearms. PLEASE, if you have a gun and a

child in the house at the same time, THESE ARE A MUST and they are FREE!

Save the Date: Weekend Celebration

This year's festival is guaranteed to be even more spectacular than last year's. Mark your calendar now! See the proposed events...

- CARNIVAL – BRACELET DAYS/ SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2pm-5pm
- BEER GARDEN WITH MULTIPLE FOOD VENDORS
- ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES:

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

COUNTRY NIGHT

NATIONAL ACTS: TIN HORSE

BILLY CHILDERS & BAND

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

MIX-IT UP

JERRY ARMSTRONG - RAT PACK

KAREN HEART BAND - 70'S, 80'S, 90'S

REDLINE - HIP HOP, RAP

TRIBUTE ACT: KASHMIR (LED ZEPPELIN)

CHICAGO LEGEND OF THE STARS: ELVIS PRESLEY, NEIL DIAMOND, FOUR TOPS, Etc...

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

FAMILY DAY

GAMES SHOWS FOR THE KIDS

LOCAL TALENT

KARAOKE

Look for updated info on the Sauk Village website www.saukville.org and bestinentertainment.net or contact Trustee Rosie Williams at rwilliams@saukville.org



Unlimited Rides Saturday and Sunday

History / Pride / Tradition



Here's a little history lesson courtesy of the *Sauk Village Fire Department*.

When a courageous band of crusaders, the Knights of St. John, fought the Saracens for possession of the Holy Lands, they were faced with a new device of war - FIRE!

As the crusaders advanced on Jerusalem, the Saracens pelted them with glass bombs full of naphtha (a very flammable liquid) and then threw down flaming torches. Hundreds of knights were burned alive while others risked their lives to save their kinsmen from painful fiery deaths. Thus these became the first firefighters. Their heroic efforts were recognized by fellow crusaders who awarded them with a badge of honor similar to the cross firefighters wear today. Since the Knights of St. John lived nearly four centuries on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean Sea, the cross came to be known as the Maltese Cross. The firefighter who wears this cross is willing to lay down his life for others, just as the crusaders sacrificed their lives for their fellow man so many years ago.

The American Fire Service is steeped in over 200 years of history, pride, and tradition dating back to Benjamin Franklin. If this is a legacy that appeals to you, or more importantly, is one that you believe you can live up to, the Sauk Village Fire Department can be a good place to start.

Like any thing in life though, you will get out of the Fire Service what you put into it. Stop by the Sauk Village Fire Department or Village Hall for an application and let the adventure begin.



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Sauk Village, IL 60411
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IMPORTANT LOCAL NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE NON- EMERGENCY	758-1331		
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	758-9115
BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	McCONATHY LIBRARY	757-4771
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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From the Mayor's Corner

Roger Peckham

The year of 2009 is just around the corner. The presidential elections are on everyone's mind now as both party's conventions are dominating the paper and television coverage. While all this is going on our community is going through hard times with the impact of the downturn of the economy in the country. Please help our Village by helping your neighbors if their lives are being impacted by financial or other burdens during this period. Help your community by keeping up the maintenance on our homes and upkeep of our yards, picking up litter and volunteer for youth or other village programs.

The final quarter of every year means the end of summer vacation for the community's children and

schools openings. Keep your eye out for our kids as they travel back and forth to school and give special attention around the schools in the mornings and afternoons.

I hope everyone had time to spend at the Family Festival to celebrate the end of summer.

For Sauk Village, November marks the grand opening of our new Village Hall. As many of you have likely noticed, the exterior construction of the new Village Hall (located next to the current Village Hall) is complete; contractors are currently finishing the interior portions of the building. Details have not been finalized, but mark your calendars... *the Grand Opening and Dedication of the new Village Hall will be Saturday, November 1st,*

starting at 11 am. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a reception and tours of the building. Then, later in November, we hope to have the new Sauk Village Veterans Memorial completed. It will be located by the new Village Hall. Watch your water bills for more information on both events as we get closer to November.

This new facility will provide the opportunity for the expansion for our police department when they take over the entire old Village Hall. The youth center will take over the entire Edward Paesel Center to accommodate programs for recreation and other needs of our community. Finally, the senior groups will move into their new facilities in the new Village Hall.

News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

This coming November will be an important month for both our Country and Village. The Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 4th promises to be exciting. One way or another, a new chapter in the American History books will be written that day. Make your voice heard by getting out to VOTE.

Voter registration reminders: you can still register to vote for the November Presidential election until Tuesday, October 7th. Bring two forms of identification with you to Village Hall (one must have your current address) And, if you need an absentee ballot, they are also available at Village Hall. Call 758-3330 if you need more information.

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News from the Village Clerk (Continued)

The *Sauk Village Veterans Memorial Committee* is holding a 50/50 raffle to benefit the *Sauk Village Veterans Memorial*. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00 and are available from *Committee members (including the Sauk Village 50th Anniversary Committee), the Sauk Village American Legion, and VFW*. The drawing will be held on Veteran's Day: Tuesday, November 11th, following the 11am service.

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FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

The Human Relations Commission objectives are in the interest of the entire community.

- Are you having difficulty making your *mortgage payment on time*?
- Have your *mortgage payments increased* due to an interest rate adjustment?
- Have you made *late mortgage payments* within the *past six months*?

*Take action now! Don't delay.
There is help for you...*

FREE HOME OWNERSHIP PRESERVATION SEMINAR

Saturday – September 20, 2008

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Diversity, Inc.

1906 W. 174th Street

East Hazel Crest, IL

Presented in Cooperation with the

*REGIONAL FAIR HOUSING CENTER &
HOMEFREE/USA*

Registration required.

Call (708) 922-4603 *Holly Campbell*

Registration is limited to 25 people per session.

All information will be confidential.



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Parks and Recreation Committee News

Trustee Derrick Burgess

SV Parks & Recs, featuring School District 168, successfully hosted its 16th annual Corn & Dog Roast on Saturday, August 30th. "This joint venture themed "*Building Bridges between Community and Schools*" illustrates how a community can come together for its children and shows what is needed in this community" *said Superintendent Rudy Williams.*

Arleta Bazile, School District President said, "We all look forward to promoting community involvement".

SV Parks and Recs Committee kicked off the event with the crowning of Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty. Congratulations to *Marivel Sandoval*, winner of Miss Sauk Village, *Phalen Barnes*, winner of Junior Miss Sauk Village and *Haley Williams*, winner of Little Miss Liberty.



Marivel Sandoval, Phalen Barnes, Haley Williams

Everyone enjoyed the traditional food, fun and games with prizes given to all participants. Teachers and the Administrative staff of District 168 sponsored "*Are You Smarter than Our Students?*" Needless to say, it was very challenging to the adults who had to "poll the audience", "phone a friend" or "ask a student" in order to answer some of the harder questions. All

participants of the game won either a backpack or a backpack filled with school supplies. District 168 also passed out school supplies and canvas bags.

Trustee Derrick Burgess said, "I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted with this event. No event can be successful without them. I would also like to thank *McConathy Library* for the books donated to the children as gifts.



Teachers and the Administrative staff of District 168 distribute school supplies

Parks and Recreation is now planning its upcoming *Halloween and Christmas events!* If you would like to volunteer and or submit donations of articles, please contact either *Trustee Derrick Burgess* or *Parks & Recs Director, Sandy Cosey* for more information.





Public Works Branch Pick Up

The *Public Works Department* prepared for its second and final branch pickup for the season. All branches must have been at the curb no later than Sept 7, 2008.

They should be neatly stacked with cut ends facing the street. This will make the process move quicker, and also make it safer for residents and personal.

Only piles of branches will be picked up, all other material such as stumps, rootballs, construction material and

garbage of any kind will be left. Homeowners will be responsible for all material left behind, there will be no exceptions. Any piles put out after a section has been completed, will be referred to the *Code Enforcement* for further actions, tickets will be given. We are asking residents to please be patient, the last pickup of the year will take a bit longer and the rain will slow the process down. We assure you that all piles put out properly during the scheduled times will be picked up.



ALL STORM DAMAGE BRANCHES MUST BE OUT NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK AFTER EVENT.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY WHEN PASSING WORKERS OR TRAVELING THROUGH WORK ZONES.

Public Works Leaf Pick Up

Public Works offers a leaf collection program at no cost to you which will allow you to dispose of your leaves. There will be two scheduled sweepings/ pick ups. The first during the week of November 3rd through November 7th . The second and final sweep/ pick up will be the week of November 17th through November 21st . All piles must be raked down no later than November 15 to be picked up for final collection.

In order for this program to be successful, we are asking all residents to follow these guidelines:

1. Beginning October 27th,

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.

2. 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.

3. After November 21st ,any leaves must be bagged using the brown yard waste bags with the yard waste stickers. *Skyline* will collect them on the day of your garbage pick

up. You must follow these instructions in order to avoid a fine.

4. And our final yearly sweep will start November 24 no piles will be picked up during this process.

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





From The Desk of Community Development

I would like to thank everyone that has completed their property maintenance this year and we encourage everyone to participate with this program. It enhances the overall appearance of the community and also it keeps animals from getting into the home which can cause extensive damage. Any resident that received a property maintenance letter time is running out for the work to be completed. If the work has not been done and you failed to acknowledge the letter you are & will keep receiving tickets.

The Village has adopted a *new zoning ordinance* which prohibits temporary signs of any kind to be placed in public ways throughout the Village. If signs are placed in any public way they will be removed and thrown out and tickets will be issued. Garage sale signs are included.

With fall approaching we recommend you have your furnace cleaned and certified. Also make sure you check your smoke/co detectors to insure that they are functioning properly.

- When cutting your grass do not cut it into the street. When it rains the grass clipping's get washed down the manhole. When it clog's it causes flooding.
- If you own a pool please make sure at the end of the season it has a proper pool cover on. All pools that are not in use have to be covered.
- Please store garbage/containers towards the rear of the property. It is unsightly to have garbage containers overflowing in front of houses.
- Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem and it's prohibited.
- Please be advised there is no parking on a non-hard surface. All vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.
- Please be reminded building permits are required for most work being done to the home. Call the building department if you have any questions. We will be happy to assist you.

To view particular ordinances go to www.SaukVillage.org under *Community Development*. and you will be able to access the municipal code.

Sauk Village Business Updates

There are two new businesses in town...
Visit the new *Family Dollar* at Torrence and Sauk Trail. Look for Sales Ads for the Family Dollar specials.
Thrifts and Gifts is located at 1715A Sauk Trail. The Thrifts and More shop offers many new and gently used items at a very reasonable price.

We bid a fond farewell to *Theater Time Video*. Theater Time Video has been a long standing business in Sauk Village for 18 years. They will be missed.
Urban Fashion have also closed their doors.
We wish these business owners well.

Hometown Gyros, located at 30 Surreybrook Plaza (behind Marathon) will be *servicing breakfast from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 am starting September 11, 2008.*
\$2.99 Special; Dine-in, Carry-out, and Drive-Thru!

Please support our local Village businesses. They are the backbone of Sauk Village.

Police News

Chief Appoints New Radio Room Supervisor

To Sauk Village Citizens:

We have recently decided that our 911 center requires some modifications to better serve the public while maintaining a professional and courteous atmosphere to the public. At this time the *Chief of Police* has appointed me, *Lisa Gibbons*, as the new Director of Communications. I would like to advise the citizens of Sauk Village that my first change is that I have implemented a new policy that allows you to help us keep track of the good and sometimes not so good greetings when you call, as well as the service that is given by our staff. I will be sending out random surveys to citizens that have called in to the dispatch center. On this survey I will be asking how your experience went and if your needs have been met.

If you would like to be selected for a survey you may contact me in my office at 708-757-2434 ext 223 (these calls do not go through the 911 center) to leave your name and phone number and address. I would be happy to assist you in any way. However please request a survey for only specific calls into the center for police assistance.

Also remember, any comments, questions, praise and or problems that you may have with the 911 center can be directed immediately to me at the number and extension above.

Thank you,

Lisa Gibbons

Director of Communications

Sauk Village Police Department

FREE Gun Locks



Putting a Lock on Safety in Sauk Village

The *Police Department* is still offering free gun locks to anyone interested. No questions asked. Adults should visit the police department and ask for these locks. We are asking at this time that you limit your request to 3 locks per adult. These locks come with two keys and the metal cable is plastic coated, keeping scratches from your firearms.

PLEASE, if you have a gun and a child in the house at the same time, these are a must and they are free!

Fire Department News



Prevent Home Fires

The week of October 5th-11th, 2008 is National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Prevent Home Fires." Fire Prevention Week is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The NFPA's website contains a

wealth of information on

fire prevention for all age groups. The website is nfpa.org

The NFPA's statistics for 2006 show there were over 1.6 million fires in the U.S. Of those, 524,000 were in people's homes resulting in 2700 fatalities, 14,350 injuries and \$9.6 BILLION in property damage. Don't become another statistic- follow the basics of home fire prevention. Some examples include:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- Keep anything that can catch on fire away from the stovetop.
- Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.
- Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms.
- An oven should not be used to heat a home.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a

locked cabinet, out of the reach of children.

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Use flashlights for emergency lighting.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

This is just a small sample of the life saving tips that can be found on NFPA's website. Check it out.



Meet Your Firefighters at the Pancake Breakfast

During Fire Prevention Week, representatives from the *Sauk Village Fire Department* will be doing presentations at Sauk Village

schools. To wrap up the week, there will be an *Open House/Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station: 1804 222nd Street on Sunday October 12, 2008 from 9 am -12 pm for \$5.*

Come out meet your firefighters, see our new truck, play some games, and win a door prize. We hope to see you there.





Sauk Village Lions Club Info

Looking For New Experiences?

Are you interested in helping others? Meeting new people? As a Lion, you will use your time and talents to make an impact locally and around the world. Through experiences as a Lion, you will acquire new skills, meet challenges head-on, cultivate lasting friendships and discover more about yourself. Volunteering your time not only helps those in need, but also gives you a sense of pride and accomplishment that comes from deep within.

Who Are Lions?

As part of their mission to help others, Lions take on roles as organizers, advocates, fund-raisers and hands-on volunteers. Lions are:

- Nearly 1.35 million men and women volunteers who strive to make a difference in their local communities, as well as worldwide
- From every part of the world, from small towns to big cities

- United in helping others, serving more effectively as a group than alone

What Can You Do as a Lion?

Lions Clubs International has what you are looking for – an opportunity to help people, broaden your horizons and fulfill your goals. Lions membership offers you an amazing spectrum of possibilities. Projects can vary from cleaning up your neighborhood park to helping end river blindness in Africa. Lions clubs provide extensive opportunities for men and women to learn and grow while serving locally and internationally. Lions continue to:

- Address needs that are often unmet in their communities, such as teaching life skills to school children, building playgrounds and homes and supporting the elderly
- Assist the blind and visually impaired by providing preventive screenings, offering resources and equipment

- Reach out to youth through mentoring and educational programs
- Raise awareness of health care issues, such as diabetes, hearing loss and vision impairment
- Provide disaster relief, including food, supplies and healthcare screenings
- Work collectively and individually to build stronger communities

As a Lion, you will make life better for others while enriching your own life in the process. As a Lion, you can make a difference.

Interested in Lions Membership?

Membership is by invitation. Complete the contact information below and email to: dhanks@saukvillage.org , drop it off at the Sauk Village Hall to the attention of *Trustee David Hanks* or tell a Sauk Village Lion that you are interested in membership and want to attend a meeting to learn more.

Name _____

Home Address _____

Home City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

E-mail _____

I prefer to be contacted: Home Business

Comments/Questions _____



To learn more about Lions Club International, visit www.lionsclubs.org

Housing Authority News

Dates: September 19–20th 2008

Time: 8:00 am - 3:00pm

Location: 800 University Parkway, University Park IL

Vacant Parking Lot (1 mile east of Governor's State University,
½ mile west of Western Ave)

Tires will be accepted if you meet ALL of the following guidelines:

1. You are an Illinois Resident
2. You have never participated in a State of Illinois tire collection
3. You bring only car, tractor, and small truck tires (200 maximum)
4. You DO NOT bring business tires, industrial tires or off road tires
5. You DO NOT bring heavily soiled tires
6. You must be able to unload your own tires



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Will County Land Use Department / Waste Services Division

For more information contact 815-727-8834 or visit us on the web at www.willcountylanduse.com and click on Waste Services Division

Seniors: Did you know...

Trustee Francine Anderson

Sauk Village Senior Committee is now sponsoring a Free Movie Day at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the fun at our next showing scheduled for September 8, 2008 & October 13, 2008.

The quarterly senior activity for October 2008 has been postponed. The Senior Committee and Groups are preparing to move into the New Senior Center. Mayor Peckham has announced November 1, 2008 as the date for the open house.

All Three Senior Clubs have openings for new members. They offer social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, tours and all around fun.

Fun Club meets every second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30pm.

Sunshiners meet every first and third Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

Leisure Timers meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Blue Grass meets every Sunday at 6:00pm.

Senior Committee and Park and Recreation Committee has come together to form another group to plan intergenerational activities. The group's name is *Youth & Seniors on the Move*. The motto is *Youth Today – Senior Tomorrow*. Keep your calendars open for future activities.

The Senior committee welcomes our new member, Mr. Floyd Morgan. There are two open seats on the senior committee. We're recruiting seniors who would like to help plan activities for other seniors in our community.

Respond Now has a satellite food pantry here at the Senior Center every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm. Consider volunteering with them.

Concerned Citizens Youth Group News



The *Concerned Citizens Youth Group*, acting as an affiliate of *South Suburban Disproportionate Minority Contact (SSDMC)*, competed in the *Chicago Area Project (CAPS)* games for the second year in a row. About 1500 athletes from 33 organizations in *Cook, DuPage and Lake counties* participated in the August 2nd CAPS games.

Youth from the Sauk Village organization took first place honors for overall team performance. Youth group *President Denzel Clayton* took on the full responsibility of coaching the kids well in advance of the games. Great Job Denzel!

Youth Leaders *Lewis Towers, Debbie Williams and Javette Jones* accompanied the youth to *Hanson Stadium* in Chicago, along with several parents and chaperones. The CAPS provided transportation, lunch and free book bags to all participants. The SSDMC organization has been very instrumental in bringing several opportunities to the youth group.

The youth group, ages 10-18, will resume this fall on Mondays from 4-5:30 PM at the Library beginning September 17, 2008. We will offer tutoring again this year and will explore new ways to keep the Village youth active in a positive format. Tutors of all ages who are willing to volunteer their time are greatly appreciated. If you have a particular program idea for the group please contact a youth leader.

Anyone interested in joining the Concerned Citizens youth group please call *Debbie Williams* 708/351-8922, *Lewis Towers* 773/848-0596 or *Javette Jones* 773/501-1612.

Sauk Village Police Summer Camp

Kudos to *Sauk Village Police Officer Josh Morris and his wife Stephanie* for their work with Sauk Village youth. Most recently the Morris' organized a group of young men to attend Sauk Camp throughout this summer. Officer Morris has been a great leader and mentor for these men and many of the young people who he reaches out to daily. His wife, Stephanie, also enjoys his passion for children and volunteers many hours working along his side. The picture shown is the Sauk Camp graduates of 2008. GREAT JOB!



Sauk Camp graduates of 2008



Calling all girls!!!!

Do you enjoy making friends and learning new things?

Do you want to experience new things and go new places?

Girls ages 5-17 (grades K-12) that are interested in Girl Scouts please call:

Mrs. Helen Harris at 708-758-0684 or
Ms. Jessica Brown at 708-957-8100!

See ya' there!!



2nd Annual Sauk Village Family Festival

A Special Thank You to our 2nd Annual Family Festival Sponsors!

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THIS FESTIVAL WAS PRESENTED BY THE SAUK VILLAGE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE TRUSTEE ROSIE WILLIAMS, SUZANNE DOWNING, ANGELA HARRIS, JAVETTE JONES, MAXINE TOWERS AND DEBBIE WILLIAMS. TRUSTEE ROSIE WILLIAMS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL OF THEIR HELP WITH THIS EVENT!

ESDA News: Emergency Warnings

In conjunction with the *National Weather Service* each town across the *State of Illinois* tests their *Emergency Warning Systems*, this includes overhead siren testing as well as testing through television sets and *NOAA Radios*. *This test is performed the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.* Many of you may be asking the question, "What if there was an actual emergency on the first Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., how would we know the difference between a test and the actual emergency?" During a test, *Sauk Village* sounds the overhead siren for a total 3 rotations, lasting approximately 1-2 minutes. If an actual emergency were to occur, the overhead siren would be sounded for an extended length of time, approximately 5 minutes. When the imminent danger has passed, the siren sounds again for 3 rotations indicating the danger has passed.

If you hear the siren for an extended length of time, you should immediately take action to protect yourself: Seek shelter in the lowest level of your dwelling. If no basement is available, seek shelter in a closet or bathroom, staying clear of any windows. People in mobile homes should move to a sturdy building only if it is safe to do so. If it is not safe, they should seek shelter in a closet or bathroom. If you are in your vehicle and there are no sturdy buildings around, you should immediately pull off to the side of the road and lie flat in a ditch or the lowest level of ground. Do not pull under overpasses. Never take shelter under a tree. You should not call the Police Department, Fire Department or 911 unless you have an emergency. These departments are inundated with numerous calls during severe weather with actual emergencies. Many people call these departments for updates on the weather, hence jamming the phone lines for true emergencies. When severe weather strikes, updates on the weather can be found on a NOAA radio, regular radio, or television. Each of these venues announces weather updates frequently.

For further information regarding severe weather, contact *Sauk Village ESDA* at 708/758-3330.



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From the Mayor's Corner

Roger Peckham

We face many challenges today. A slowing economy, unstable gas prices, changing employee benefits and decreasing government revenues are taking a toll on all. Even during these difficult times our *village tax rate decreased* from 2.248 for 2006 to this year's 2007 tax rate of 2.204. While this decrease is not sizable it does demonstrate the taxpayers have elected officials that are working for the taxpayer's of Sauk Village. While the Village Board has continued to provide quality basic services for the residents of our community, many expanded programs in Recreational and Relief Support Services, without assistance of a strong volunteer system, can not be provided. In addition, the Board recognizes that economic development pays off in local jobs, contributes to Village revenue and builds other community assets and many programs to attract new businesses to town have been initiated. The majority of the Village's expenses are salaries, pensions and other benefits negotiated as part of union

contracts. In light of these difficult times, it is important for all of us to *maintain a sense of community in Sauk Village* and participate in volunteering in our Community.

A few months ago the Village Board reviewed and discussed the so called "*red light cameras systems*". The cameras help police officers enforce traffic law by automatically photographing vehicles whose driver run red lights. The system continuously monitors the traffic signal, and the camera is triggered by any vehicle entering the intersection after the signal has turned red, cameras record the date, time elapsed since the beginning of the red signal, vehicles speed and license plate. The Police department cannot afford to monitor with a police officer at every lighted intersection so, by the use of cameras, officers can spend more time providing service to residents. Privacy of all drivers is respected since only vehicles that enter the intersection after the

light has changed to red are photographed. All photographs taken by these cameras are reviewed before tickets for violations are issued. The equipment, installation and maintenance are paid for by revenue generated through the violations. Signs will be posted at each intersection warning drivers that photo enforcement is being used. The Village's main objectives are *detering violations and prevent accidents* at intersections that have records for serious injuries. The decision is still being reviewed by the board if any resident has comments on this item let the Board hear from you.

The new Village Hall is now open, please come in and see what has been built by fees generated from our business park development.



News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

Yes, I'm talking about Village Stickers again this issue. This time, though, it's good news - to announce a *contest to design next year's sticker*. All you young artists out there (grades 6 – 8), start practicing. This will be your chance to have your name on the Village Sticker, along with your winning picture framed and on display at Village Hall. Prizes will be awarded to the winner as well. *The subject of the contest is the new Municipal Center*. Details (picture size, deadline for submitting entries, etc.) will be available in late November. Flyers will be distributed at school, along with being available at Village Hall. *Judging will take place in January, with the winner announced in early February. Good Luck!*

Sauk Village Has a New Home

Mayor Roger Peckham and the Board of Trustees hosted a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony on Saturday, November 1st for the new *Sauk Village Municipal Center* located at 21801 Torrence Avenue. Following the dedication, refreshments were served and tours were conducted of the new facility.

The new 18,500 square foot municipal center will house the Village's administrative offices, a new Board/Community meeting room, and space for the senior citizens of Sauk Village.

Because of the new space provided, the *Sauk Village Police Department* will undertake a much needed expansion in the current Village Hall/Police building. In addition, space in the current *Community Center/Senior Citizen Center* vacated by the seniors *will be made available to the young people of the community*. Improvements have been made to this



Mayor Roger Peckham and the Board of Trustees

facility as well. "This comprehensive project benefits all ages and interests in our community and allows Sauk Village to better meet the needs of our growing community" said Mayor Peckham. He added that "this \$5.5 million project is being financed entirely from impact fees generated by the *LogistiCenter at Sauk Village Business Park* and will require *no local property taxes* to pay for this major improvement."

The new Municipal Center was designed by *zpd+a Architects of Chicago* and built by *Chicago Heights Construction Company*. Ground was broken for this project in July 2007 as part of the celebration for Sauk Village's 50th anniversary of incorporation.

(see page 11 for New Village Hall Information and Phone Numbers)

In addition to the municipal center, the *Sauk Village Veteran's Memorial* was constructed adjacent to the new facility. The Veteran's Memorial was dedicated on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2008 and features bricks purchased by Village residents to honor and remember Veterans and loved ones.

Sauk Talk is Produced by
Volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams
 Trustee/Editor and Staff Members *Suzanne Downing, Angela Harris, Javette Jones, Maxine Towers, Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams*.
 Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauktalk@saukville.org

Parks and Recreation Committee News

Trustee Derrick Burgess



On Friday evening, October 24th, over 150 Rickover Junior High students braved strong winds and driving rain to attend *SV Parks & Recreation Committee's Fall Dance*. Once inside the dry confines of the newly remodeled Community Center, the youth enthusiastically greeted their classmates, mingled, ate and danced to the DJ's music for two hours! The two separate viewing rooms gave them the option to sit, rest, talk, and eat "quietly" to rejuvenate while still being able to watch their not-yet tired classmates "boogey" on the dance floor. All of the youth thoroughly enjoyed themselves and asked when the next dance will be.

The next day, Saturday, October 25th, children and parents donned their Halloween costumes to participate in the *Parks & Recreation Committee's Annual Halloween Parade* walk from Rickover Junior High to the Community Center. Upon arrival, everyone was given a *free pumpkin and a Halloween treat bag*.

I would like to thank our dedicated Committee members *Sandy, Nancy, Debbie, Jackie* and volunteer, *Juanita* for organizing and executing back-to-back events. The Parks and Recreation Committee would also like to thank *the parents and District 168* for their participation and cooperation.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus' have already returned their RSVP to Parks & Rec's invitation to kick off Sauk Village's Christmas Season. Our Committee is feverishly planning for their arrival as well as a *Holiday Dance* for the youth. We will *need more volunteers* for this double event.

If you would like to volunteer and/or submit donations of articles, please contact *Trustee Derrick Burgess* or *Parks & Rec's Director, Sandy Cosey* at 758-4115

Wishing you an enjoyable Holiday Season!

Rollin' Against Violence Event

The Y.E.S. Leadership youth group of Sauk Village has hosted a Rollin' Against Violence night of roller skating in October and November.

The next Rollin' Against Violence event is Thursday, December 18, 2008. The event will take place at the *Lynwood Sports Center* located at 2030 Glenwood -Dyer Road from 5 PM-8 PM and is open to children from 4th through 12th grades. Cost of \$10.00 includes admission, skate rental, hot dog, chips and pop. Transportation is available on a first come first served basis.

Other upcoming events include the *Christmas Cookie Bake* on Thursday, December 11, 2008. The cost of \$2.00 includes all of the supplies to bake cookies and hot chocolate refreshment. This will take place at the Paesel Center (behind the Police

Department) from 7-9 PM.

Winter break activities will take place on December 22, 23, 29 and 30th also at the Paesel Center.

Watch for more information on those activities. All children from 4th - 12th grades are welcome. Pre registration is required.

The Y.E.S. group is sponsoring a *Christmas Party* on Tuesday, December 23, 2008 at the Paesel Center from 1 PM- 4 PM. The cost of \$1.00 includes pizza and pop/ juice will be available for .50 each.

The Y.E.S. group meets every Monday from 4-5:30 PM at the Mc Conathy Public Library.

To find out more about these events please attend the Monday meetings or call youth leaders *Debbie Williams* 708/351-8922, *Javette Jones* 773/501-1612 or *Lewis Towers* 773/848-0596.

Public Works Snow Removal



responsibility for clearing enough of this snow to allow them to get in and out of there driveway, blowing snow back out into the street is prohibited, tickets may be issued.

There are 27 center lane miles of street, in Sauk Village that the plows must keep clear and salted. While we regret any inconvenience we trust you will understand.

The Public Works Department salts and plows the village streets, village ordinance states no parking on village streets after 2" snow or till completely removed . As plows clear the streets, they push the snow toward the curb. Inevitably, the snow will be pushed in front of the driveway entrance. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid this. Each resident must assume

Residents who are incapable of removing this snow themselves or who do not care to do so may choose to hire a teen or plow service to assist them.

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



Season's Greetings

from your

Sauk Village

Public Works team!

FREE English as a Second Language CLASSES

Free ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are being held at the Library.

Tuesdays and Thursdays

12:00pm to 2:30 pm

Classes starting in January 2009

To Register call 708-709-3618



McConathy Public Library

21737 Jeffery Ave.

Sauk Village IL, 60411



From The Desk of Community Development

- With fall here and winter approaching we recommend you have your *furnace* cleaned and certified by a licensed heating contractor. If you have a *wood burning fireplace* you should have a chimney sweep clean and inspect your fireplace.
- *Storage of wood* for fireplaces should be elevated not less than 12" above ground with a clear space underneath to prevent harborage of rats and other animals. All wood is required to be stored only in the rear yard.
- Make sure your *smoke/co detectors* are functioning properly. Don't forget to change the battery.
If you own a *pool* make sure it has a proper pool cover on it. All pools that are not in use have to be winterized and covered. All quick set (temporary) and *inflatable pools* have to be removed during winter months.
- Please store *garbage/containers* to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage overflowing in front of houses. We will be ticketing for this, too many residents are not complying with this ordinance. It's creating a nuisance for surrounding neighbors that have to pick up trash that is blowing into their yards & into the streets.
- Please be advised there is no *parking* on a non-hard surface – all vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.
- Any resident that received a *property maintenance letter* time is running out for the work to be completed. If the work has not been done and you failed to acknowledge the letter you are & will keep receiving tickets.

I would like to thank everyone that has completed their property maintenance. We encourage everyone to participate because it enhances the overall appearance of the community; also it keeps animals from getting into the home which can cause extensive damage.

Our Department would like to wish all the residents a Happy Holiday season!

Human Relations Vacancy

The Human Relations Commission will be accepting letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the board. This is a volunteer board and we are seeking a strong community-minded individual who will assist us in our long-term goals as stated in our mission statement:

"The purpose of the commission is to promote a truly open community with long-term population diversity and integration and to stimulate the improvement of human relations among all persons, so as to provide all citizens with an equal opportunity to grow participate in and share to the best of their ability the economic, educational, political and social benefits of the community."

Meetings are held at the Village Hall the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm.

Some of the projects the commission has completed are:

- Maintaining a historical and ethnic and cultural bulletin board
- Sponsored a Village wide Voter Registration Drive
- Hosted diversity dinners
- Help to organize Neighborhood Watch groups

Letters of interest should be addressed to:

*Human Relations Commission
Beverly Sterrett, Chairperson
Village of Sauk Village • 21810 Torrence Ave.
Sauk Village, IL 60411
(708) 753-5120*

Police News



Signs are clearly posted in front of both Wagoner and Strassburg Schools making it illegal to park in front of those properties. Each building has many signs that read "NO STOPPING, NO STANDING, NO PARKING BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 3:30 P.M."

These signs were created with these specific words to stop any movement in front of the schools that allows the vehicle to stop even for the shortest times.

The idea of no parking in this area is for the safety of the children. Since 911 both the Police and Fire departments operated differently and require the front of the school to be empty other than emergency vehicles. These signs are clear. So, "I was just dropping off my child's lunch" or "I was picking up my ill child" or "I am just letting my child out of the car, and I have done this a million times before" may be the legitimate reason for stopping or parking, but they will not be a viable defense to a ticket.

For *Wagoner*, park your cars on the side streets following all signs and postings listed there. Also, people living in the homes on Olivia, Cynthia and Gailine may need to come and go from their homes and blocking their driveways is both rude and an action that will also get you ticketed.

Strassburg School has parking on the North side of 223rd Street. This school has the same signs like those at Wagoner and leave very little to interpretation. Parking in front of Strassburg during those times will be ticketed. Standing, stopping and unloading children will also get you a ticket.

Rickover Jr. High has off street parking. Please use same. Parking in front of the school on or near the yellow line painted area will also result in a ticket being issued.

In these hard economic times we need to watch every penny. Paying tickets is a costly expense that you can control simply by following some very easy to read signs. The enforcement will increase at all of these schools and we felt that fair warning to those that make a habit of not reading signs, was fair.



Happy Holidays from the Sauk Village Police Department!

Every year children are killed by the mishandling of firearms in the home. The Sauk Village Police department has invested in this program, to prevent a tragedy from happening in our area.

The Sauk Village Police Department in cooperation with Project Childsafe is offering gun locks for anyone in Sauk Village or the Sauk Village area.

We will not ask your name, your age, if you have a FOID card, and we won't even ask if you live in our community. All we ask is how many locks? (up to 5 locks per person, per visit)

These locks are steel cable with a plastic coating, two keys and a safety booklet. Please stop by the Sauk Village Police Department anytime day or night and receive your lock(s).

"If just one of these locks makes it on a gun that will keep a child in town from getting hurt or killed, then this program is a great success!" ~ Chief Lacheta

Fire Department News



The newest addition to the Sauk Village Fire Department's fleet is now in service. The new 5120 is a 2008 Crimson with a 100 ft aerial platform and it replaced the 27 year

old snorkel truck. The new truck has been around town quite a bit in the last couple months and was a big hit at our annual open house on October 12.

Besides getting to see the new truck, the *open house* was well attended as folks came in to enjoy a pancake breakfast and tour the station. The *elementary school Fire Prevention poster contest* entries were on display during the open house too. As people came in for a tour, they were encouraged to help the Fire Department judge each grade level for winning posters.

It was some tough competition, but the winning posters were:

Pre-K: Ms. Clayburn's AM class, Wagoner

Kindergarten: Ms. Koontz's class, Wagoner

1st grade: Ms. Stone's class, Wagoner

2nd grade: Ms. Ivie's class, Wagoner

3rd grade: Ms. Mucklow's class, Strassburg

4th grade: Ms. Greeson's class, Strassburg



5th grade: Ms. Carroll's class, Strassburg

Ms. Monko's Bilingual class, Wagoner and Strassburg

Ms. Boam's Cross Cat Special Ed. Class, Strassburg

Congratulations to these students! The winning classes were treated to ice cream by the Fire Department. All the posters were incredible and showed a lot of effort.

As we now get into the holiday season, please keep in mind some basic safety tips to help insure a safe and happy time.

- Don't leave candles unattended.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from anything.
- Only use "power strip" extension cords for your holiday decorating.
- Use extra caution in the kitchen, especially around the stove when cooking.
- Keep those real Christmas trees watered

On behalf of the Sauk Village Fire Department, we wish you a safe and joyous holiday season!

Sauk Village Police Alliance Committee

Sauk Village Police Alliance Committee will be celebrating its first year anniversary on December 8, 2008.

Special thanks goes out to committee members Doreen Bennett Mayno, Derek Bobo, Mary E. Howard, Emelinda Perez, Chief Tom Lacheta, Trustees Rosie Williams and Francine Anderson.

Here's to a year of accomplishments for the PAC:

- Completed research on:
- Amber Alerts
- Crisis Interventions
- Assistance for crime victims
- Illinois CHIPS
- Developed a structure of two way communications between citizens and the police department.
- Held Police Department Meet & Greet



Come join the PAC. We continue to seek citizens to participate on this committee. Our next meetings are scheduled for November 25, 2008 and December 16, 2008 at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

Keep the date of Saturday, January 17, 2009 open and come out for The Police Department Open House from 11am to 2pm.

Diversity Inc. Dinner Honoree

Beverly Sterrett, Chairperson

Human Relations Commissioner *Debbie Williams* was honored at the annual *Diversity, Inc.* Dinner held September 24 in Olympia Fields with the *Diversity Community Spirit Award*. Diversity, Inc. is an organization consisting of 23 south suburban communities that deal with common issues in:

- housing,
- discrimination,
- economic development and
- common issues that we face in the south suburbs.

At the annual dinner every year Diversity, Inc. presents diversity awards to deserving individuals

throughout the southern suburbs that have made contributions to diversity issues and this year we are very proud that our commissioner was presented with one of these prestigious awards.

Debbie received the award for her *philanthropic contributions* to our racially and ethnically diverse community of Sauk Village. Congratulations again to Debbie!



Seniors: Did you know...

Trustee Francine Anderson

The New Senior Center is Open!!! Seniors and other citizens enjoyed the official open house at the New Sauk Village Municipal Center held on November 1, 2008.



Sauk Village Senior Committee is now sponsoring a *Free Movie Day at the McConathy Library* every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the fun at our next movies

scheduled for November 10, 2008 & December 8, 2008. Free movie day will continue in 2009.

Seniors come join the fun at the New Senior Center. We're offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities for seniors:

- Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.
- Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.
- Leisure Timers meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm, except for November and December 2008. There will be no meetings in January 2009.



- Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.
- Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am – 12:00noon
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Sauk Village Senior Committee will begin the New Year with our quarterly events by having a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday January 24, 2009 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.



Respond Now will continue to have a satellite food pantry here in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm. Consider volunteering with them.



On behalf of the Sauk Village Senior Committee members John "Bob" Barnes, Noella "Noel" Dahlman, Robert Fallon, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall and Trustee Francine Anderson wishes you and your family a Blessed Holiday Season. We hope that you will join us in 2009 for great Senior activities and growth.

Public Relations Committee News

Trustee Rosie Williams



The Public Relations Committee would like to thank everyone who supported and attempted to attend this year's *Sauk Village Family Festival*. As we all may remember, we had the largest rainfall in a long time, which unfortunately ruined all plans for a successful festival. Gladly enough, the Public Relations committee of Sauk Village is resilient and we never let a little rain stop us!! So please look forward to another attempt for next year!!! Until then, we have plenty to keep us busy!!

We are beginning the preparations for this year's *Student Government Day*. We will be submitting all information to schools a month earlier to allow students to perfect their essay. This will allow enough time to make the necessary preparations for the meetings and dinner, which the winners must attend. If you know an 8th grader in this town, please tell them to begin preparing!!!



*I would like to close this article with a hope for kindness and health for you and your family.
May your holiday season be joyful!*

Emmanuel Church Provides Food Pantry



"Our Daily Bread" is in operation for Sauk Village residents, and is open each Saturday morning from 10am until noon. Please bring proof of residence and proper ID. Emmanuel is excited about helping those in our community who have a need. We provide non-perishable items, meat items and currently some fresh produce.

Emmanuel Church is located at 22515 Torrence Avenue.

New Village Hall Information

NEW VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Beginning in November the new hours for the Village Hall will be Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The second and fourth Tuesdays (board meeting Tuesdays) the hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. The last Wednesday of the month the hours are 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.

AFTER HOURS DROP BOX

Payments made after hours can still be placed in the drop box at the Police Station until the new after hours drop box is installed at the new Village Hall.



ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Roger Peckham	753-5124
Village Clerk Beth Zupon	753-5121
Trustee Francine Anderson	753-5138
Trustee Derrick Burgess	753-5127
Trustee David Hanks	753-5129
Trustee Jim Schultz	753-5126
Trustee Jim Slawnikowski	753-5130
Trustee Rosie Williams	753-5128
Treasurer Jim Griegel	753-5119
Village Manager Richard Dieterich	753-5122

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (Water Dept.)

Main Line	758-3330
Finance Director Beverly Sterrett	753-5120
Customer Service Joanne Paesel	753-5110
Customer Service Cindy Wagner	753-5111
Accounts Payable Sandy Dieterich	753-5133
Utility Billing Pam Plamondon	753-5134

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Department Main Line	753-5112
Dept Receptionist Amanda Miller	753-5112
Director Sherry Jasinski	753-5118
Code Enf. Officer Beverly Steffens	753-5116
Code Enf. Officer Sue Dobrzniecki	753-5114
Code Enf. Officer Mike Bartnikci	753-5115



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Season's Greetings

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IMPORTANT LOCAL NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE NON- EMERGENCY	758-1331		
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	758-9115
BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	McCONATHY LIBRARY	757-4771
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460	<u>VISIT US ON THE WEB:</u> www.SaukVillage.org	