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Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks

From the Mayor's Desk

By: Mayor David A Hanks

As we approach the end of the year, first I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

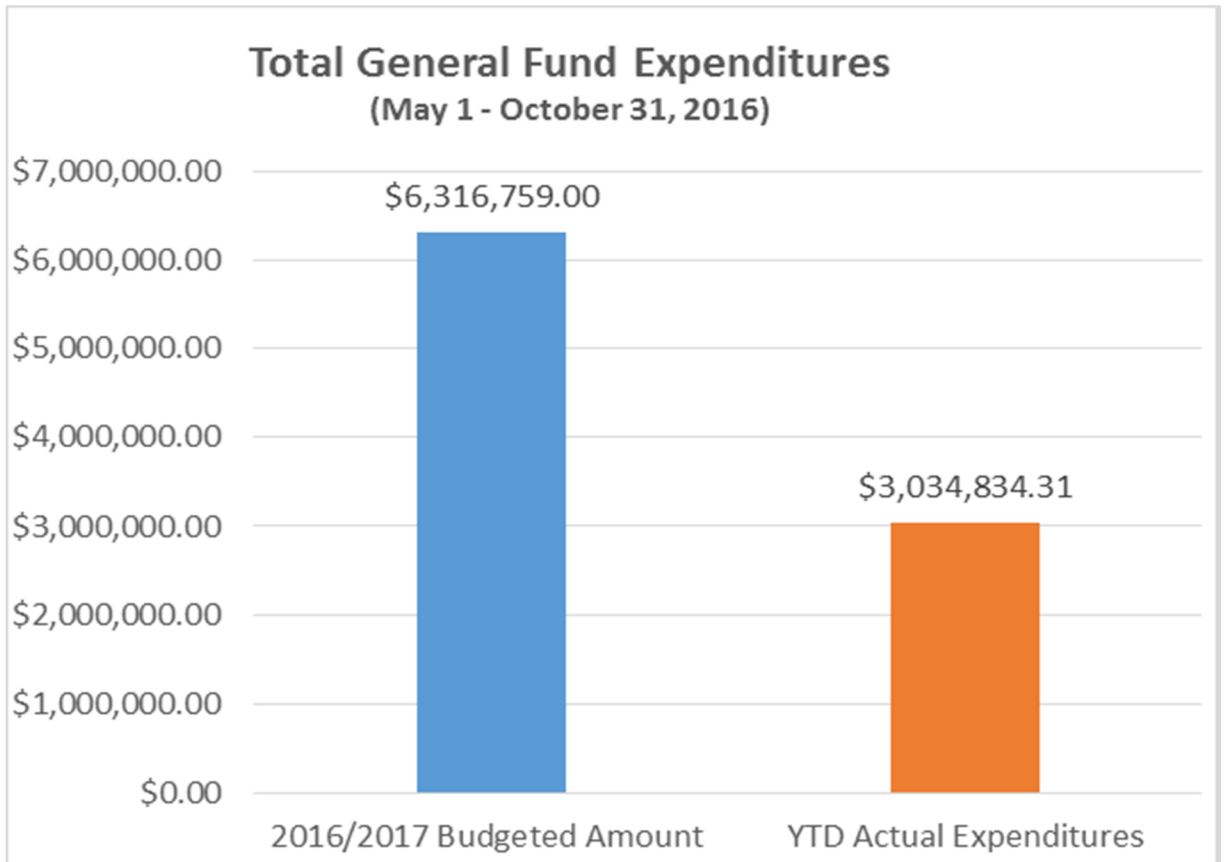
On October 31st, Sauk Village approached six months into the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget. I would like to take this opportunity to provide the residents with a mid-year review summary. The mid-year budget review for 2016-2017 focuses on the village's four major funds:

General Fund, Fire Fund, Water Fund and Sewer Fund.

Below is a snapshot of how the General Fund is performing half-way through our 2016-2017 fiscal year.

General Fund - Operating expenditures through October 31st were \$3,034,834.31 which represents

48% of the annual budget of \$6,316,759.00. With 50% of the fiscal year elapsed at the end of October, this appears to be a positive result.



Mayor's Article Continued...

General Fund

Department	2016/2017 Budgeted Amount	YTD Actual Expenditures	% of Budget Spent - (May 1 - October 31, 2016)
Administration	\$1,741,982.00	\$1,168,168.19	67.06%
Elected Officials	\$116,332.00	\$54,538.86	46.88%
Public Grounds & Buildings	\$67,500.00	\$30,622.03	45.37%
Police Department	\$3,588,598.00	\$1,439,966.28	40.13%
Community Development	\$77,397.00	\$44,056.11	56.92%
Homeland Security (ESDA)	\$44,913.00	\$21,225.34	47.26%
Streets	\$75,461.00	\$4,967.10	6.58%
Parks & Recs	\$34,195.00	\$13,596.94	39.76%
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$6,316,759.00	\$3,034,834.31	48.04%

Bottom line expenditures in departments from each fund are projected to be under budget at fiscal year-end, however, over budget in certain line items. As the administration reviews the actual expenditures from each department and fund, there is still room for improvement and the following areas will continue to be monitored over the remaining six months:

- Overtime
- Vehicle Expense
- Contractual Expenditures
- Litigation

Mayor David A. Hanks

THE ENTIRE REPORT INCLUDING A BREAKDOWN BY ALL FUNDS AND DEPARTMENTS IS AVAILABLE AT www.saukville.org.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

We encourage everyone to update their voter registration.

There has been an ongoing effort to purge voting records due to the extreme amount of vacancies and registered voters in Sauk Village who have either moved or are deceased.

Please remember name changes and moving from one Sauk Village address to another Sauk Village address still require a change of address in your voter registration. Any questions on your voter registration please refer to www.cookcountyclerk.com or call Sauk Village Clerk Debbie Williams at 708/753-5121.

Please register for Sauk Village OFICIAL Email Alerts at www.saukvillage.com to keep up with current events and emergency situations occurring in and around your community.

The FREE rain barrel program will be ending soon. If you have not received your rain barrels or wish to return them please contact the Village Hall at 708/758-3330.



60TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER

ENTERTAINMENT DIGITAL SAVINGS MEMBERSHIP –Can be used throughout the US and Canada.

Register now- \$20.00 each. Great for Christmas! Taking orders now!

We will be collecting for the **December Holiday Toy and Food Drive** starting October 1st. Donations of new toys for children of all ages are appreciated. Food items that will be collected include canned corn, sweet potatoes and green beans, stuffing, brownie and corn meal mixes. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams or Trustee Rosie Williams for more information 708/753-5121.

Check out Page 5 for the latest “**What’s Happening in Sauk Village**” for more information on our November 10th **Resource/Job/College Fair** and **upcoming events honoring our Veterans**. Best Wishes for a Safe, Happy and Peaceful Holiday Season!

Neighborhood Watch

Lynda Washington-House

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday season! Thank you for supporting the Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch Program. It is our pleasure to serve the community with a positive group of block club captains and volunteers. IF you would like to be a Block Club Captain on your block, or additional blocks contact me today at (708) 753-5130. Your committed involvement is key to our success.

It is our endeavor to identify a captain for every block in Sauk Village. Our committee has done a lot over the last 3 years. This year inclusive we have distributed over 1, 500 back to school book bags!!! In August we enjoyed our 500 book bag give away, making a Sauk Village Video off the song Happy, implementing Neighborhood Watch Signs throughout the village, and working with the Housing Commission identifying vacant homes. Our Committee has doubled the calls to the Police and we are still growing. KNOW there is room on Neighborhood Watch for you. Come join the winning team today!

Trustee Lynda Washington-House, Chair

BLOSSOMS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

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.

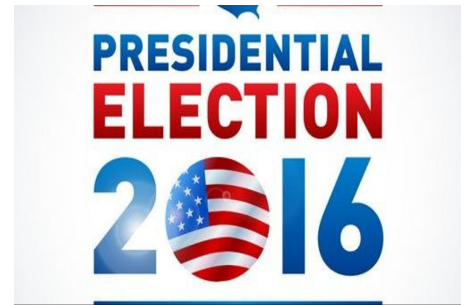
Call the Blossoms Family Center at (708) 758-0319 to register or for more information.

Election Day News

Key Dates for remaining for the November 2016 Presidential Election

Date Event

11/3/2016	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
11/7/2016	Last day of early voting
11/7/2016	Last day of grace period registration and voting
11/8/2016	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
11/8/2016	Election Day



November 8, 2016 Election

Precinct 7

First Apostolic Church
22709 State Street
Steger, IL

Precinct 16

Lynwood Municipal Center
21460 Lincoln Hwy
Lynwood, IL

Precinct 26 & 55

Rickover Junior High
22151 Torrence Ave.
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 23 & 53

Paesel Center
2700 Kalvelage Drive
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 27

McConathy Public Library
21737 Jeffery Ave.
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 32

St. James Church
22400 S. Torrence Ave.
Sauk Village, IL

*A street index will be available at the Village Hall and at each polling place
for voters to verify their polling place*

The fire station is no longer a polling place.

CHECK OUT www.cookcountyclerk.com for additional election information and to verify your voter's
registration or polling place.

2017 Consolidated Election News

Nominating petitions for the April 2017 election can begin circulation on Tuesday, September 20th.

Offices up for the April 2017 Consolidated Election:

Mayor (Vote for One)

Village Clerk (Vote for One)

Trustee (Vote for Three)

Anyone interested in seeking either of the elected offices above please refer to the 2017 Candidates Guide available at www.elections.il.gov.

What's Happening Now!!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SAUK VILLAGE?????



Election Day- November 8th- Polls open 6am – 7pm. Check out www.saukvillage.org or www.cookcountyclerk.com for polling locations and other election information.

Early voting- Now until November 7th

Nearest Early Voting site is: Lynwood Senior / Youth Center 21490 S. Lincoln Highway

<p><u>Monday-Friday</u> Oct. 24 - 28 9am-5pm Oct. 31 - Nov. 4 9am-7pm Nov. 7</p>	<p><u>Saturday</u> Oct. 29 Nov. 5 9am-5pm</p>	<p><u>Sunday</u> Oct. 30 Nov. 6 9am-3pm</p>
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Annual Resource/Job /College Fair- November 10th- 3pm -8pm Community Center/ Gym Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams 708/351-8922. Including Mortgage Relief, Smart Meter and Financial Aid / FAFSA presentations. Employment -United Parcel Service (UPS), Fed Ex Ground, Illinois State Police, Job Corps and more.

Veteran's Day Memorial event- November 11th 11:00 am – Veteran's Memorial- Village Hall Contact Trustee Derrick Burgess 708/753-5127

60th Anniversary Fundraiser- Horseshoe Casino –November 11th 1pm- 7pm - Cost \$35.00 includes bus transportation and free buffet. **RSVP by November 4th**. Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams 708/351-8922.

Veteran's Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner- FREE to all Veterans. NEW DATE-Thursday, November 17th 5:30 – 8:30pm. Senior Center -Call Village Clerk Debbie Williams to RSVP. Seats are limited. Veterans are asked to provide a photo and bio as soon as possible for slide presentation.

FREE 95 Gallon Recycle totes have arrived courtesy of Republic Services including bi-weekly pickup at no additional charge. The Sauk Village website will have a list of items that can and cannot be recycled, the pickup calendar and the Senior citizen discount application. You can refuse the recycle tote by calling Republic Services after they are dropped off.

The Senior Discount application may now be turned in at the Village Hall. Proof of residency and age are requested. Discounts previously given through Skyline Disposal will need to be updated with Republic. Republic Services 708/754-5460

Please share this information and encourage others to register for Sauk Village Email Alerts at www.saukvillage.org.

Save the Date- 3rd Annual Carols, Cocoa & More- December 15th
First Come, First Served Holiday Food Baskets and Toy Drive. Starting at 6:30 pm.

More information will follow later in November.

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Public Works

Kevin Weller

Leaf Sweep Program

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 7 through 11, skipping the week of the 14th through 18th, residents can still put leaves out up until November 20. Our final pickup will begin November 21, crews will be out to pick up each section on garbage day.

THEY WILL NOT COME BACK AFTER THIS PASS.

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 20th 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.

1. November 6th, 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/ pickups 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 pickup. 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.**

Street Sweeping

The Street Sweeping schedule will be as follows:

The street sweeping schedule for 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.

Thanks for your help keeping Sauk Village clean



Police Department

Police Chief Robert Kowalski

Since we are in the heart of the political season both federal, state and soon to be local elections I would like to take this opportunity to clarify that the Sauk Village Police Department is a non-partisan, apolitical organization that does not endorse any political party or person running for a political office. When I was a federal employee, we had to abide by the Hatch Act of 1939, officially known as an "Act to Prevent Pernicious Political Activities". The basic premise or purpose of the Hatch Act was to maintain a federal workforce that is free from partisan political influence or coercion. As a federal employee, we were prohibited to be a candidate for nomination or election to public office in a partisan election. We could not use our official authority or influence to interfere with or affect the result of an election in any way. We were also not allowed to use our official title or position while engaged in political activity.

Being employees of the Village, we will abide by the current Sauk Village Employee Handbook which states under Article 5, Section 6, "An employee may not participate in political activities during work hours or when otherwise engaged in the performance of official duties. No employee shall engage in any political activity while wearing a uniform required by the Village. Unless restricted by State or Federal law, an employee may participate in political activities on personal time. An employee of the Village elected to a position in the Village shall be terminated on the first Monday following the election".

I want to be clear as a Police Department we will not engage in any political activities and will enforce the laws to their fullest extent for anyone engaging in illegal political action.

I would like to take this time to discuss a meeting we had recently hosted at the Police Department that was termed "Bridging the Gap". The premise of this meeting came from President Barack Obama's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. In the report the Task Force believe there has to be a trust between law enforcement agencies and the people they protect and serve. As mentioned in the summary of the report, the trust is key to the stability of our communities, the integrity of our criminal justice system, and the safe and effective delivery of policing services. Trust and legitimacy happens to be the first of six Pillars or main topic areas recommended by the Task Force to the President as action items that need to be addressed.

In our meeting I chose to begin focusing on the first pillar with Trust and legitimacy. This gave us, the police department, a chance to meet with the citizens in order for the community to get a better understanding of what the Police Officers do on a daily basis. We decided to make the setting an open forum where people had a chance to talk to an officer outside of an environment that isn't confrontational or stressful. The citizens who decided to attend had great questions and ideas. Their concerns were legitimate and informative. The problem we face in law enforcement today is we have to wear many "hats" and handle a variety of issues that might have been traditionally handled by a social service agency. The police are called upon to handle just about everything and we had great conversation with those in attendance about those issues.

I found this first meeting to be very productive and plan on building upon what we began. We are looking at several different scenarios where the police are more accessible to the community. I believe this is a long term project that will take time but with the patience and help of the community we can "bridge that gap".

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.

Sauk Village Fire Department



The Sauk Village Fire Department would like to thank everyone for participating during our Fire Prevention Week and Open House. As a reminder as we change the time back 1 hour on at 2:00 A.M on Sunday, November 6th, 2016. When you change your clock make sure you change the batteries in your Smoke Detectors as well as your CO Detectors. It is very important that you remember to do so. According to American Red Cross, a working smoke alarm reduces the chance of death in a fire by 50 percent

Also as we enter into the winter months if you already haven't did so, please check your furnaces. Make sure that they are working properly. Change your filters if needed. Manufacturers typically recommend that the high-efficiency filters be changed every three month. Also as the weather changing so are the roads please drive slow and arrive safe.

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. 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.

Sauk Village Girl Scouts

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Wagoner

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