The election season for the April 2017 Consolidated Elections has begun. As I look back it’s hard to believe that there is only seven more months before the next Mayoral election and the end of our first four years.

I would like to inform the residents of Sauk Village that I will not be seeking re-election as your Mayor and will be retiring from politics at the end of my term in 2017. Let me ensure you that no one is pushing me out of office nor am I running from anyone. This was a difficult decision because politics is in my blood, I’ve always been a fighter and I would really enjoy facing the mayoral candidates in the next election but I’ve served the residents of Sauk Village well and as the Apostle Paul stated in II Timothy I hope to be able to say at the end of my term “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”

I’m reminded to a little less than four years ago when a group of residents asked me to run for Mayor. I asked why and explained that I was thinking about retiring from politics. At that time, I was Acting Mayor filling the vacancy when former Mayor Lewis Towers abruptly resigned. At the end of that term I would have served as Trustee for approximately 13 ½ years and Acting Mayor for 6 months for a total of 14 years as an elected official. However, in the end they convinced me that it was in the best interest for Sauk Village and its residents to run and it was bigger than my retiring from politics….so I did.

I reminded a group that I met with last night what I said when we met just under four years ago. At that time, I told the small group prior to saying yes that if I ran and was elected I would run one term and I would also make the hard/tough decisions which, some they may agree with and some they may disagree.

If you look back, this administration has made decisions that no other past or future administration could/would have made.

To name a few:

- Joint Police Dispatching (as mandated by the State)
- Retain and recruit new business to Sauk Village
  - Winpak
  - Advance Auto
  - Title Max
  - Day Care Center
  - Bella’s
  - US Post Office
  - Dry Cleaners
- Tax Incentives for local businesses
  - Dunkin Donuts
  - Winpak
  - Behr Paint
  - Jacobson Companies

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Blossoms

If you have a child under five years old, then BLOSSOMS is for you!

School District 168 offers many early childhood programs. BLOSSOMS is a FREE program that is available to families with children ages 0-5 who live in our area. We offer parent/child playgroups, a pre-kindergarten program, parent workshops, family nights, field trips, personal visits, a lending library and more throughout the year. Events and playgroups are held at Wagoner School. Personal visits can be held right in your own home or at school. The program also offers developmental screenings for children from ages birth to five.

We also meet once a month at McConathy Public Library.

Call the Blossoms Family Center at (708) 758-0319 to register or for more information.
Nominating petitions for the April 2017 election can began circulation on Tuesday, September 20th.

**Offices up for election:**
Mayor (Vote for One)
Village Clerk (Vote for One)
Trustee (Vote for Three)
Anyone interested in running for either of these offices can check out the 2017 Illinois Candidates Guide at www.elections.il.gov

November 2016 election information can be found on Page 4.

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**60TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISER**
ENTERTAINMENT DIGITAL SAVINGS MEMBERSHIP –Can be used throughout the US and Canada.
REGISTER NOW- $20.00 EACH
GREAT GIFT FOR CHRISTMAS!
TAKING ORDERS THROUGH MID NOVEMBER 2016.
SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER
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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.

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Republic Services has added a new service to our regular garbage collection. Republic will be distributing 95 gallon totes to be used for recycling only. A list of what is eligible to be recycled will be included with your tote. This is a great time to begin recycling if you do not already do so. If you do not want the blue tote you may call Republic and ask them to pick it up 708/754-5460. Senior Citizens may apply for a $1.00 discount by completing the application on the back of the Sauk Talk and returning the application to Republic Services. Republic Services is located at 66 East 24th Street, Chicago Heights, IL.
Election Day News

Key Dates for the November Presidential Election

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November 8, 2016 Election

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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.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN SAUK VILLAGE ?????

Open Gym last Saturday of every month from 11am-3pm-Community Center
Family Fun Night every Friday evening 5-8 pm in the Community Center.
Trunk or Treat- Saturday, October 29th 1pm-3pm. Costume parade starts at 12:30 pm in front of Rickover Junior High ending at the Community Center.
Contact Trustee Kelvin Jones 708/753-5125
Election Day- November 8th- Polls open 6am – 7pm. Check out www.saukvillage.org or www.cookcountyclerk.com for polling locations and other election information.
4th Annual Resource/Job Fair- November 10th - 3pm -8pm Community Center Gym
Veteran’s Day Memorial event- November 11th 11:00 am – Veteran’s Memorial- Village Hall
60th Anniversary Fundraiser- Horseshoe Casino –November 11th 1pm- 7pm- Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams 708/351-8922

INTERESTED IN WORKING ON THE SAUK VILLAGE 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE?
Want to get involved in your community? Have questions on Voter’s Registration? Have comments or suggestions?
Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams or Trustee Rosie Williams
708/753-5121 or 708/351-8922

MORTGAGE RELIEF IS STILL AVAILABLE- Are you paying too much for your mortgage? Are you behind/ need help paying your mortgage? Do you need to refinance or do you need home repairs? Is your home underwater? Money saving programs are available. Learn more by contacting Neighborhood Housing Services 708/794-6660.

Register for Free Sauk Village Email Alerts- log in to www.saukvillage.org and enroll now. (Must reply to confirmation email.)

COMING SOON- 95 Gallon Recycle totes 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.
Republic Services is located at 66 East 24th Street, Chicago Heights, IL.  708/754-5460

Revised- 9-29-16
Neighborhood Watch Committee
3rd Annual Back to School Book Bag Drive
August 18, 2016
5:30 p.m.

Trustee Lynda Washington-House

Thank you to all who contributed to our 3rd Annual Back to School Safety Rally and FREE 500 Book Bags with supplies give away! Neighborhood Watch is Chaired by Trustee Lynda Washington-House & Co-Chaired by Trustee Ed Myers. We meet the 2nd Monday monthly at the Fire station located at 1822 222nd Street, at 7:00 p.m. Sharp.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR BLOCK CLUB CAPTAINS! Join the winning team today! Call (708) 753-5130.

This project was made possible with the support of the following businesses, private and public donors: THANK YOU!!

Neighborhood Watch Committee
Marti Patterson

Tokelia Williams
Arlene Stephens

David Atkins
Tom Lewis

Marko Transport Inc.
Marion Towing

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Nanette Wargo

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Heidi Parker

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Debbie Williams

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Dr. Lenell Navarre

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DIGUTE INC.

Lewis & Maxine Towers
John Howard & Friends

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Cast for LIVE Play!

Sauk Village Fire Station
Demitri Best Food

Chris Penn -Motorcycle & Community Service Committee & SV Residents & Friends that gave to Taggers!

Trustee Ed Myers

Gregg Schweiger
Bishop Terry L. House
Shannon Hinkle
Set Enterprises, Inc.
Gary Holcomb
Pat Couch (Glitter Bags!)
Robinson Engineering
Pastor Mel Seaton
Mz. Tina Line Dancers
Home Town Gyro
State Rep. Elgie Sims
Sauk Village Café’
Nikki Smith
Terri Jenkins
PJ BASH Team
Tony’s Food & Liquor
Elizabeth Drop Zone ~ EDZ
Frank Harvey
Anonymous :) You Rock!
D. J. Chuck Edwards

WARNING NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM IN FORCE
Scam Alert! Many Medicare beneficiaries are contacted by scammers pretending to be from Medicare. Questions are often asked if Medicare will legitimately contact beneficiaries. There are times the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), which runs Medicare program, may contact you, but there are two important things that can CMS or Medicare will not do:

- Medicare or CMS will never call or come to your door without first sending you a letter in the mail explaining why they are trying to contact you.
- Medicare will never ask for your Medicare number or Social Security Number because they already have it.

This fall, CMS is sending a letter to random selected Medicare beneficiaries in part of Illinois and other states inviting them to take part in the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey (MCBS). The letter sent to this random sample of people explains that a researcher from NORC at the University of Chicago, the CMS contractor conducting the survey, will be contacting them. The survey will include a phone number to call for more information, as well as a brochure about the survey.

If you get this letter, remember that participation in the survey is optional. If you do not receive this letter but receive a call or an in-person visit from someone saying they are from Medicare or NORC , be cautious. Do not share any information or let them in until you verify they are truly who they say they are. You can call Illinois SMP at Age Option (800) 699-9043 for help verifying their identity.

For the past three years, CMS has placed a moratorium (or ban) on new Medicare Home Health Agencies becoming Medicare providers in the Chicagoland area, now statewide. This also bans new Home Health Agencies from gaining providers number to bill Medicaid and CHIP. The goal pf the moratorium is to control the number of Home health providers and allow law enforcement to focus on controlling fraud, waste, and abuse.

Senior Committee Open Senior Activity – every Fridays 12:30-3:30 p.m. with coordinators Steve Shymkus and Frank Williams. No meeting, no membership and no dues, just come and join the fun with your peers. Light refreshments and bottled water served. The Rummikub game (a tile game similar to the rummy card game) is very addictive. Other games are available plus computer, TV and our library program. The first monthly Saturday Open Senior Activity with a potluck meal was a huge success. This activity is open to all seniors 50 years and older regardless of residency. The next monthly event will be on Saturday, September 24th at 5:00 p.m. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and the potluck will be appetizers and/or finger type food. Please sign-up with Steve or Frank with the type of food items you will bringing.

The Bloom Township Community Lunch Program will resume on Thursday, October 13th (Country Fall Fest) with Jerry Vernon at the Serbian Social Center, 18550 Stony Island Ave., Lansing, IL. Tickets will go sale at the township office at a new cost, $6.00 per person for township seniors and $12.00 for non- township seniors. See poste flyer for details of the 2016-2017 program. For further information, call (708) 754-9400 ext. 7270.

Senior Committee meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
I would like to take this time to honor two of the Sauk Village Police Officers, Officer Frank White, who went above and beyond the call of duty and Officer Brad Aguayo for his work with the DEA Strike force. A citizen recognized Officer White it and wrote the following letter:

Chief Kowalski,
I wanted to bring to your attention the commendable service that Officer Frank White gave to my Mom on August 14th. My Mom has lived in Sauk Village for over 50 years and as of last year became a widow. She woke up on Sunday morning to find that her garage had been broken into and left with a large hole in its side. He treated my Mom with such care and kindness. He helped to secure the garage until my husband and I could get there that afternoon. When she thanked him for his help, he replied "I am only doing what I would want someone to do for my Mom".
In a time when I feel Officers are only given recognition by the media for what the media feels they have done wrong. I wanted to make sure that Officer White's Superior and the community that he serves, were told that his Officer went above and beyond what most would expect of him. Please make sure that he is recognized and if you would extend my deepest thanks to him for everything he did that day for my Mom.
Sincerely,
Shari Lott-Steiskal

Officer Aguayo was recognized by his Strike Force Supervisor who wrote the following email.

Sir,
I wanted to convey to you that Richard “Brad” Aguayo has been a tremendous asset for the DEA Strike Force 3 (SF3). I am SF3’s supervisor and have had the opportunity to work with Brad for over a year. During this past fiscal year he was a case agent on a significant OCDETF investigation that targeted the pipeline between Illinois and Indiana. Brad’s efforts have led to the disruption of this organization with federal prosecutions pending.

He is always willing to learn and help his team. This has allowed him to become a better investigator. Brad is a great ambassador for your department and an integral member of this team.

GS Ibrar A. Mian
Drug Enforcement Administration
Chicago Field Division
Strike Force 3

Lastly, I would like to make everyone aware that Sauk Village Vehicles stickers were due July 1st, 2016. If you have not yet purchased your sticker you need to do so immediately, Officers will begin issuing parking citation to those who are not in compliance with having a Sauk Village vehicle sticker affixed to their vehicle. Also, the police department has received complaints that vehicles are parked in driveways blocking the street. Beginning immediately Officers will write tickets in accordance with Sauk Village ordinance to those vehicles parked on a driveway that is blocking a sidewalk path. Please be sure you pull your vehicle off the sidewalk so that pedestrians have a clear pathway to walk on the sidewalks. Your attention to these matters are very much appreciated.
Due to inability at this time to continue with the Sheriff’s “RENEW” demolition program because of lack of funding {$68,000.00 Plus} to complete Asbestos Abatement/dumpsters on the 6 remaining properties the commission looked for alterative ideas. The commission had $4,500.00 left in its account and contacted Public Works Director Kevin Weller asking what would we be able to provide to assist in maintaining vacant properties. Kevin informed the commission other than manpower his main issue was due to the height of the grass/weeds he was lacking some of the equipment. Kevin was asked to get pricing on a Field & Brush mower, also the cost of poll saws to speed up and assist with the Ash tree removal.

After some research on Kevin’s part the commission was able to purchase 1 brush mower capable of cutting up to 2” brush and 2 poll saws for a total of $4,180.00 for the Public Works Department.

The Sauk Village Housing Commission; Gary F. Holcomb, Sr. Chairperson, John Poskin Vice-Chair, Heidi Parker Secretary, Wanda Lemell Treasure, Sharon Nowak, Kerry Pratt, Terry House.
APPLICATION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT

NAME: ________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ____________________________________________________

HOW LONG. HAVE YOU BEEN AT THIS ADDRESS: _____________

AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD IS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HAS OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY. 
________YES    ________ NO

“Senior Citizens shall be charged one dollar less from the current resident rate that is being charged provided the resident provides proof that at least one of the individuals residing at the location has ownership interest in the property and is 65 years if age or older”

Upon oath, the undersigned, swears that the information herein given is true and correct.

____________________________________  ______________________
Signature                                Date