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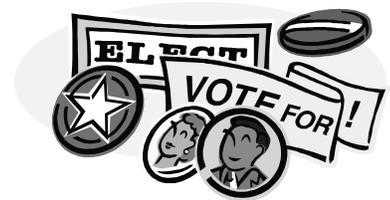
Debbie Williams

Happy New Year! Here's hoping that you and yours had a wonderful holiday season.

Check out the election information for the February 2, 2010 Gubernatorial Election posted on page 2 Changes have occurred to precincts and polling places. To get more information on candidates, polling places and important dates- check out www.voterinfonet.com. Sauk Village is in Bloom Township.

Offices up for election in 2010 include:

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representatives
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- State Comptroller
- State Treasurer
- State Senators (some)
- State Representatives
- Cook County Board President
- Cook County Commissioners
- Cook County Assessor
- Cook County Clerk
- Cook County Treasurer
- Cook County Sheriff
- Cook County Board of Review Commissioner (1st district)
- Appellate and Circuit Court Judges
- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioners (some)
- Regional Superintendent of Schools
- Democratic, Republican & Green Party Township Committeemen



Public Relations News

Happy New Year!! The Public Relations Committee has been busy over the last few months. We are in the process of preparing for Student Government Day 2010.



Student Government Day is an opportunity for the 8th Graders in Sauk Village to assume the roles of elected officials during an actual board meeting. The winners are chosen based on essays written about a topic chosen by this committee. The students always enjoy the tour of Municipal

facilities, performing at the board meeting, and the dinner held in their honor.

Due to the budgetary constraints of the village, the Public Relations Committee has been working diligently to raise the funds necessary to fund our events. Student Government Day has been a tradition for over 35 years and we would like this event to continue without cutting back in any way. We have held many fundraisers and will continue to do so until we have achieved the funds necessary to hold this and other annual events put on this committee.

Also, the Public Relations committee is still looking for more members. Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Center. For more information on these fundraisers, or to join the committee, please contact Trustee Rosie Williams at Rwilliams@saukville.org.

On behalf of the Public Relations committee, may happiness and health be bestowed upon you in 2010!!



Election News from the Village Clerk

February 2, 2010 Primary Election Key Dates

Date	Event
12/24/2009	First day <u>absentee ballot applications</u> are accepted
1/5/2010	Last day to <u>register to vote</u>
1/6/2010	First day of <u>grace period registration and voting</u>
1/11/2010	First day of <u>Early Voting</u>
1/26/2010	Last day of <u>grace period registration and voting</u>
1/28/2010	Last day of <u>Early Voting</u>
1/28/2010	Last day <u>military and overseas voters</u> may request an absentee ballot
1/29/2010	<u>In-person absentee voting</u> begins at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers Last day voted mail-in absentee ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office
2/1/2010	Last day of in-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers

Precinct 7 - First Apostolic Church
22709 State Street Steger IL

Precinct 26 & 55- Rickover Jr High
22151 Torrence Avenue

Precinct 27 - McConathy Library
21737 Jeffery Avenue

Precinct 16- Candlelight Village
4 Candlelight Drive

Precinct 23 & 53- Paesel Center
2700 Kalvelage Drive

Precinct 32 - St. James Church
22400 S Torrence Avenue

SAUK VILLAGE POLLING PLACES- REVISED 2010

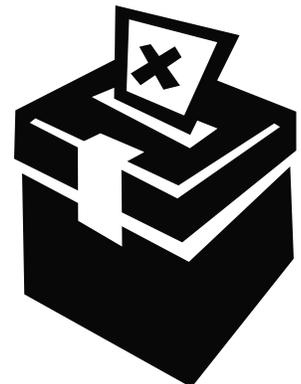
Precinct Changes

Bloom Precinct 28 is now Pct 27

Bloom Precinct 93 is now Pct 53

Bloom Precinct 79 is now Pct 55

Bloom Precinct 89 is now Pct 26



Check out www.saukvillage.org for information or call Village Clerk Debbie Williams at 708/753-5121.

Sauk Talk is Produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams Trustee/Composer and Staff Members Barbara Hamlin, Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams. With special appreciation to and technical support from Deputy Village Clerk Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauk-talk@saukvillage.org.

Seniors Do You Know?



- **It's Chili Cook Off time!!! Volunteers needed.** If you think you make the best Chili in town? Then come and participate in the Senior Chili Cook Off. Monetary prizes will be awarded. For more information contact Trustee Francine Anderson.

- **SENIORS** come sample the best Chili in Town at **The Chili Cook Off** being held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. The cost is \$2:00 for all you can eat.

- **Free Movie Monday** at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. The next Movie Dates are January 11, 2010, February 8, 2010. There will be a speaker preceding the movie, beginning at 11:00 am. Lunch will be served afterward, please contact the Library to make you reservation.



- Seniors come join the fun at the Senior Center.

Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

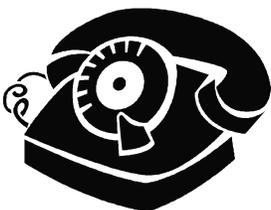
Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

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.

- The telephone number to the Senior Center is 708-753-5141.



Public Works News



PUBLIC WORKS SNOW REMOVAL

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 driveway entrance. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid this. Each resident must assume responsibility for clearing enough of this snow to allow them to get in and out of their driveway, **without putting it back into the village street. VIOLATORS WILL BE TICKETED**

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.

There are 32 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. As a side note the salt supplies this year seem to be stable but the cost is still up, so purchasing will be slow due to the economic times. When traveling give yourself plenty of time and be courteous to others. Be safe and happy holidays from the Public Works Dept.

Respectfully, Sauk Village Public Works



Calling All Out of District 8th Grade Students

It's time once again to write your essays for the 36th Annual Student Government Day. For those eighth graders who do not attend District #168 Schools you are still welcome to participate. Please come by Village Hall from Tuesday, January 19th through Friday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to pick up the informational packet and register to participate. All participants must register by Friday, January 22nd at 4:30 p.m. Winners of the essay contest will spend March 23rd touring Village operations and preparing for the Board Meeting where they will act on behalf of Village Officials that evening at Village Hall. Winners will also attend a dinner in their honor at Villa De Bruno on Thursday, March 25th.

Fire Department News

We at the Sauk Village Fire Department sincerely hope that you had a safe and pleasant holiday season. Now that we're in to the New Year, and a new decade, it's a time for reflection as well as looking ahead to the future. Looking back over emergency call responses for the last several years, here's a Top 10 list of things that will get you in trouble, hurt, or burn down your house. We know this because it has happened!

1. Fires caused by space heaters- keep space heaters at least three feet from walls or furniture.
2. Candles- never leave lit candles unattended. When you go out- BLOW OUT.
3. Fireplace owners- get your chimney's inspected and/or cleaned annually.
4. If you have an attached garage, do not warm your cars up inside the garage on cold days. Even with the garage door up, the carbon monoxide will get in your house.
5. Bathroom ceiling vent fans need to be vacuumed out occasionally or they will eventually cause a fire.
6. Empty out your clothes dryer lint trap with every load. Boy scouts use lint to start campfires- it only takes one or two little sparks to ignite and static electricity is a spark.
7. Do not transport gas cans in the passenger compartment of your vehicle... especially while smoking.
8. Open burning (leaves, garbage, scrap wood) is NOT allowed in Cook County UNLESS you have one of those nice store bought backyard fire pits with the lid on it.
9. Fireworks are not only illegal in IL, but they will burn down your house as well as your neighbor's house. Nobody wins a bottle rocket war.
10. And finally (drum roll please)... while driving, these are five locations where you want to be on your toes paying close attention.

The five most common places for vehicle accidents are (in order of frequency) 1) the Sauk Trail "S" curves particularly the first curve just west of the Moose Lodge. Just a little rain and for some reason this curve becomes an ice skating rink. And there's Burnham Ave on the east end of the curves- lot's of traffic; 2) Torrence Ave and Steger Rd- there is a blind spot in that little valley on Steger Rd just east of Torrence. If you're turning on to Steger Rd, wait a couple seconds to see if a car comes flying out of that valley; 3) Burnham Ave at Steger Rd- little hills and trees mean you have to pull out from Burnham to see traffic on Steger Rd. Don't pull out too far; 4) Sauk Trail at 394. This intersec-

tion is not the place to try beating that yellow light; and 5) Torrence Ave at Rt. 30- not sure what the problem is, but we get crashes here pretty frequently.

There you have it- these "top ten" represent some of the most frequent calls, and in some cases, not the most frequent, but perhaps some of the most severe calls that the Sauk Village Fire Department has been on in the last ten years. This list is by no means all inclusive. Thinking back, it is amazing some of the predicaments that people get themselves into that require fire department intervention. But that's ok!! That's why we're here.

So looking ahead to the future, January will see the delivery of a new fire engine. This engine will replace our 1989 open cab providing a safer ride for firefighters and a more reliable fire response for you. That will leave just one last white fire engine which will be moved over to the reserve spot.

Also looking ahead to the future, what are YOU doing for your community? Make this the year that you step out and do something positive for Sauk Village. You can be a role model for younger generations and be that knight in shining armor when somebody's having a bad day. The Sauk Village Fire Department is always accepting applications for new firefighters. The pay isn't much, but we don't do this for the pay- we do because we love it. If you are at least 18 years old, a Sauk Village resident, have a high school diploma, and can pass a background check and physical, come to the Sauk Village Fire Department to get an application and to schedule an interview. This could be the start of a new adventure!





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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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