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Sauk Talk

From the Mayor's Corner

Roger Peckham



To the residents of Sauk Village thank you for allowing me to serve you for the last 12 years. To the employees of Sauk Village and Volunteers: thank you for your hard work and dedication to our Village. Thank you and I wish you well!

Letter from the Editor

Rosie Williams

As chair of the *Public Relations Committee* of Sauk Village, I would like to thank the citizens for taking the time to get to know the candidates for the upcoming election. All candidates running for a position were offered the opportunity to submit a brief questionnaire prepared by the Public Relations Committee. Some questions had to be cut from all questionnaires due to space issues. Submitted pictures were not included due to the same problem.

Also, we understand that many Sauk Talk's have been sent out later than we would like. This is due to technical difficulties, as well as lack of articles submitted timely. Because of this, the *Village Board and Department Heads*

submitted a list of policies and procedures regarding Sauk Talk in March of 2008 stating specific deadlines. As a committee, we apologize for not being rigid with our deadlines while waiting for late submissions of articles. We are now strictly enforcing our deadline and have reported this as such for the past several Board meetings.

Please look on *page 11* for a list of polling places and early voting information!!! Happy Voting!!!

VOTER'S REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009.

News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

Spring is in the air, or at least it will be shortly! And with Spring comes *animal licenses*. Annual animal licenses go on sale *Wednesday, April 1st*. Cats and dogs are \$15 a piece; if you bring your current rabies vaccination papers with you to Village Hall when you purchase the license, the price is discounted to \$7. Owners of animals found without licenses after *April 30th* are subject to fines. Following the calendar, *Village vehicle stickers* go on

sale *Friday, May 1st*. The stickers this year focus on recycling. As a reminder, Skyline recycles the following items: #1 and #2 plastic containers, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, telephone books, corrugated cardboard (flattened), boxboard such as cereal and tissue boxes (flattened, with liners and cellophane removed), food cans, and clear & colored glass. Please rinse all cans, containers, and bottles;

this helps reduce the cost of recycling. Items such as mirrors, light bulbs and ceramics (plates, etc.) are not recyclable. As promised last issue, I'm back with more recycling facts. *Did you know that it will take a plastic bottle 700 years before it starts to decompose in a landfill?* And, worse yet, *aluminum cans in landfills are still aluminum cans after 500 years*. We all need to do our part.



Candidates for MAYOR

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Derrick N. Burgess for Mayor of Sauk Village

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 27 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Juanita for 34 years.
Four adult children and 12 grandchildren.

4.) *Employment History:* Plant Operating Engineer at University of Illinois at Chicago for the past 21 yrs.

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Sauk Village Board Trustee from 2006–Present Chairman of Parks & Recreation Committee, Member of Police Association of Sauk Village, Founder & Co-Chair of Deer Creek Community Watch Program, Member of the Deer Creek Homeowner's Association, Member of Concerned Citizens, Member of St. James Catholic Church, Former Vice President of St. James Catholic School Board, Former Finance Chair of St James Catholic School Board, Former Sauk Village Planning & Zoning Commissioner.

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

As Mayor I plan to actively seek commercial investments to bring new businesses and employers to Sauk Village... Improve public safety through community watch programs and increase police presence... Renew community partnerships between residents, businesses and schools... Revitalize community programs and reenergize the spirit of Sauk Village.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Lewis Towers for Mayor of Sauk Village

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 10 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Maxine (35 years).
Two children and two grandchildren.

4.) *Employment History:* 18 years - Cook County Assessor's office (11 years as Office Manager) - Markham, IL

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Commissioner-Sauk Village Fire and Police Board/Chairman, member of Sauk Village Parks & Recreation Committee, President of Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village organization and director of Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village Y.E.S. youth group organization, member of Sauk Village Bible Church and former member of Sauk Village Zoning Board.

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and plans:* 4 Year Term

As your mayor, I will have an open door policy, will embrace the challenges of a growing community and will rebuild confidence and trust in Sauk Village government. I will reduce crime and promote public safety by putting more police officers on our streets and implement a neighborhood watch program through out the village. I will put together a strong economic development plan and seek developers and investors to bring businesses and jobs to Sauk Village which will help stabilize our property tax base. I will also hire a full time program counselor to implement more programs for our seniors and our youth.

Candidates for VILLAGE CLERK

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Debra "Debbie" Williams for Village Clerk

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 22 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Frank for 31 years.
Two children who attended Wagoner, Rickover and Bloom Trail Schools.

4.) *Employment History:* Pammer Research - 20 years
Administrative Assistant / Field Researcher

5.) *Village Involvement/Current Involvement:*

Original Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the S.V.
Human Relations Commission - 6 years
S.V. Public Relations Committee - 4 years
Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village, Secretary - 4 years
Concerned Citizens Y.E.S. Youth Leadership Group
Co-founder and Youth Leader - 2 years
McConathy Public Library, Treasurer - 2 years
2008 Sauk Village Volunteer of the Year
2008 Diversity, Inc. "Spirit" Award
2008 SSDMC "Community Spirit" Award

Past Involvement:

S.V. 50th Anniversary Committee, 2007 & 2008
Co-organizer of the Sauk Village Annual Family Festival
Girl Scout Leader - 12 years

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and plans:* 4 Year Term

To continue to seek resources available to the residents of Sauk Village through networking with other communities and governmental agencies. Open lines of communication and create ways to funnel information to the residents.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Elizabeth "Beth" Zupon for Village Clerk

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 9 years.

3.) *Family information:* I have been married to Albert for 16 years and counting. We share our house with two Dalmatians; Domino and Milo.

4.) *Employment History:*

I am a Vice President for Northern Trust, having been employed there for 10+ years. I manage a team of Business Analysts who support the development of technology solutions for two of the Bank's mission critical systems. Prior to Northern Trust, I worked for Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh for 13 years, again, primarily in a managerial role.

5.) *Village Involvement:*

My community involvement in Sauk Village includes volunteering with the Parks & Recreation and Senior Committee events. I have also participated as a member of the Ordinance Review Committee and Housing Authority Commission, having resigned both positions when I was appointed Village Clerk in December, 2007. I live in the Deer Creek subdivision, where I am an active member (and former multi-term president) of our Homeowners Association.

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 year term.

As acting Village Clerk, I have started to automate many of the formerly manual processes. I plan to continue that effort.



Candidates for TRUSTEE

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Enoch Benson IV –Trustee

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 21 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Eunice;

Sons – Bernard, Jermaine, Mark;

Daughters – Natasha, Felicia

4.) *Employment History:*

City of Chicago Fire Department: Firefighter/Paramedic, 31 years

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village, Precinct Captain and Youth Counselor.

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

To support and work carefully with the Mayor and Village Board. To assist in bringing forth progress. To work for each citizen with an open door policy. To address the main problems associated with the Village of Sauk Village. (youth, water and crime) I will work closely with Park and Recreations in creating activities 12 months a year being fully devoted to both seniors and our youth. To work with the Mayor and Village Board to research carefully and improve water crisis. Our seniors must be able to walk down our streets without fear of anyone or anything Our children should be able to play in our parks without parents worrying about the possibility of sudden gang activity. I will work diligently with the Police Department to counsel and reform our young and help incarcerate those who want to reek havoc in our community. We must improve the strength and bylaws of our police force.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Edward "Ed" Myers–Trustee

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 40 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Carol.

Three children, Debbie Szela, Paul Myers and Phillip Myers, and four grandchildren

4.) *Employment History:*

Calumet Steel 1972

Fire Investigator 1985

Building and Code Enforcement, Sauk Village 1986-2002

Building and Code Enforcement, Steger 2002– present

5.) *Village Involvement:*

37 years on Village Fire Department, Boy Scouts and Auxiliary Police Officer

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

Create better communication between departments and residents. Find solutions for juvenile problems in town. Provide after school activities for kids. Improve village image to attract more businesses.

Candidates for TRUSTEE

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Jim Slawnikowski –Trustee

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 37 years

3.) *Family information:* Married to Jacque for 41 years.

Four children and Four Grandchildren with a 5th on the way!

4.) *Employment History:*

Retired General Motors Tool and Die Maker

Adjunct Faculty Member of Moraine Valley Community college from 1996-1999

Business owner-previously Chain Saw Central, currently Uline Lawn Equipment

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Served in the Zoning and Planning Commission for 3 yrs

Served on the Sauk Village Fire Department, 1974-1990 as a Fire Fighter, Engineer, Lieutenant, Instructor, Fire Inspector, EMTID, and Cadet Advisor

Currently Sauk Village Trustee serving as the chair of the Economic Development Committee

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

In these trying and uncertain times the best plan is to maintain the "A" bond rating Sauk Village has achieved along with maintaining a balanced budget. This will require all departments to be accountable and stop all nonessential spending. Until our economy and country get back on their feet. We can only spend what we must, not what we want.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*

Rosie Williams –Trustee

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 22 Years

3.) *Family information:* Live at home with parents while finishing school and working

4.) *Employment History:*

Interim Director of Marketing at St. James Manor and Villas

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Current Village Trustee

Chairing the Public Relations/Website Committee

Co-organizer of the '07 & '08 Sauk Village Family Festival

2010 US Census Village Liaison

Member of Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village

CCSV youth group volunteer

Attended all Sauk Village Schools

Participated in SVSA softball

Girl Scouts

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

Continue to improve communication between the Village Board and the citizens we serve. Provide continual information and education to Village processes and progress to residents. Advocate for more youth programs and support for SVPD to ensure the safety of our town.



Candidates for School Board - 4yr Term

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Mary E. Howard for School Board Member

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 32 years

3.) *Family information:* Father: Dr. John A. Hanks, Pastor of Sauk Village Baptist Church for 33yrs.
Mother: Wagoner Elementary School, Teacher
Two brothers: David, Sauk Village Trustee and Scott, Pastor in Lawrence, KS. Sister: Susan, Teacher of Jr. High students.

4.) *Employment History:*

Elementary Teacher at Sauk Village Baptist schools - 7 yrs
Substitute Teacher at Bright Start childcare and preschool for 5 years

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Member of the S.V. Lions club for 3 years, newly appointed Secretary
Attend Village Board & Committee meetings
Charter member of the Sauk Village Police Alliance Committee

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

I like what I see and plan to help in anyway possible to further educate the youth of our town. I would also like to learn and grow with each board member so that I can serve to the best of my ability.

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Jimo A. Kasali for School Board Member

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 13 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married; Children: 4 girls, 1 boy

4.) *Employment History:*

Financial advisor/ Insurance broker
Small business owner

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Zoning Board Commissioner

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 4 Year Term

Improve parent involvement... Improve public confidence...
Protect public interest... Ensure ever dollar spent produces maximum benefits for people of Sauk Village.

Candidate for School Board - 2yr Term

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Kimberly L. Johnson for School Board Member

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 3 Years

3.) *Family information:* Proud Mother of a 15 year old honor student at Bloom Trial High School and encouraged to Ontario Evans May 2010

4.) *Employment History:*

Illinois CPA Society as a Member Services/Marketing Manager in downtown Chicago.
14 years of non-profit experience working on various committees with extensive board involvement.

5.) *Village Involvement:*

Member of the Sauk Village Human Relations Commission
Attends Village Board, School Board meetings and Committee meetings
Junior Achievement Volunteer through the Human Relations Commission

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 2 Year Term

My goals are to work with the current school board members to establish goals and objectives that will expand the vision and goals of District 168 schools as it relates to technology, education and the overall welfare of our children

1.) *Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):*
Dennis Wolski for School Board Member

2.) *Years of residence in Sauk Village:* 14 Years

3.) *Family information:* Married for 18 years with five children

4.) *Employment History:*

Automotive Technician for 45 years

5.) *Village Involvement:*

School Board member since 2008
Previous member of the negotiating team that led to a four year contract with our teachers

6.) *Number of yrs. for your Term and Plans:* 2 Year Term

I want to see the school system of Dist. 168 stay on the path that we are on, and not go back to what we worked to overcome!!! The residents of Sauk Village & Dist 168 seem to be very satisfied with what we are doing.

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@saukvillage.org

From the Desk of The Finance Director

As a reminder , the new drop box for after -hour bill payment is located at the southeast corner of Village Hall located at 21801 Torrence Avenue.

Residents can deposit water bill and any other bill payment in the box after 5:00 pm and on the weekends.

Business Hours for Village Hall are:

Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm

8:00am to 8:00pm, the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

9:00am to 5:00pm on the last Wednesday of the month

In addition to the general telephone number: 758-3330

Direct lines for:

Community Development	753-5112
Finance Director	753-5120
Village Manager	753-5122
Payroll/Accounts Payable	753-5133
Water Billing	753-5134



Human Relation Committee News

The Human Relations Commission serves a diverse community through economic, educational and social activities. In that role, we will participate again this year in the *Southland Diversity Dinners*. On the evening of *Thursday, April 23, 2009* people throughout the southern suburbs will be getting together for the *Twelfth Annual Diversity Dinners*. They will be invited to celebrate the diversity that typifies and enriches the South Suburbs. Guests are encouraged to partake in small dinner parties, in groups of ten, to serve as the backdrop for the evening's discussions. Each group will consist of people of various races, creeds, communities, backgrounds and professions. In their 12 year history, the diversity dinners have attracted over 4,000 participants. If you are interested in attending one of the diversity dinners this year, contact *Beverly Sterrett, Chairperson Human Relations Commission at 753-5120*. Space is limited and guests are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

SSDMC NEWS – New Youth Programs!!!

The South Suburban Disproportionate Minority Confinement (SSDMC) (Youth Expecting SOULutions) Y.E.S. Leadership youth group, with assistance from members of the *Concerned Citizens Group* and the *Sauk Village Parks and Recreation department* will be offering a 4 day a week after school program at the *Ed Pasel Center*, as well as a girls mentoring program at the *McConathy Library* on Saturday mornings. This program will merge the Monday Y.E.S. youth group activities. The Y.E.S. Leadership youth group is open to all Sauk Village children ages 10-18.

This after school program is made possible by a grant secured by the *SSDMC Foundation* through the *Chicago Area Project*. SSDMC Foundation Project Director, *Angela Greene* and SSDMC board members have been involved with the Y.E.S. Leadership youth group since the beginning approximately two years ago.

SSDMC will continue to seek additional grants, including two that are currently under consideration at this time. The *YAR (Youth as Resources) grant* will be used to implement an "*Increase the Peace*" program which will help to bridge the gap between teens and seniors. The third grant will focus on gang prevention and preventing juvenile delinquency. The proposed activities include *Modern Dance, Crafts, Computer Lab and Recreational Sports*. Field trips and other special programming are also under consideration at this time.

Please call SSDMC Foundation office for more information as to location and program dates.

Angela Greene SSDMC Foundation Project Director: 708-596-4018 or Youth Leaders,

Debbie Williams: 708/351-8922, Javette Jones: 773/501-1612, or Lewis Towers: 773/848-0596



Sauk Village Police News



Burglary Alert: Keep your eyes open in your neighborhood!

The Sauk Village Police Department has made many arrests for burglary over the last several months and continue to make them currently. One tool that is almost impossible to do without is *your help!*

Many concerned and involved citizens have helped with the arrest and prosecution of burglars that prey on our residents. A person that just doesn't look familiar, a person in a back yard in the middle of the day when the residents are at school and work, and in one case a person pulling a safe on a handcart down the side walk looked just odd enough that the involved and concerned resident thought a call to the police might be a good idea. If anything, just to ask the "*delivery person*" why he didn't have a truck or a uniform or where a juvenile gets a job as a safe mover?????

Your help is needed very much. Our seniors who spend some of their time at home during the day have solved many burglaries as well. If you see something odd, call us! We would rather check on suspicious persons and find out if it is the ComEd meter reader or Nicor than have someone lose their possessions, so call us when anything looks out of order. Although we would like your name and address to help further in the case, we will take information from you even if you don't want to leave your name and address. Again, calls without names get the same action as those with a named caller! 708-758-1331

Disorderly Conduct: No Tolerance



Over the past few weeks, we have experienced some very nice, spring-like weather, and it felt great. Unfortunately with this great weather came the same problems of last year with school dismissal, including damage to property, battery, assault, walking in the street and disorderly conduct. Each year the Police Department increases staff during the school dismissal time making many arrests, but the problem continues.

The Department will take a “no warning” approach this year to these problems. Arrests will be made, when possible, in an attempt to make it safer for our kids and preserve the property of our residents. Parents of children who damage property or injure other children can be held financially liable for the acts of their children.

Please take time to talk to your children and explain that they are responsible for their actions and that they can impact their family financially when using poor judgment.

Speed Limits: Be Alert



Before we know it, warmer weather will be upon us which brings out the children in our community. Please make sure that you are following the *speed limits* and *stop signs* in our neighborhoods. Most of our side streets are posted at *20 miles per hour*. This speed is set low because of the concentration of children, parked cars hiding kids entering the roadway and smaller children playing in close proximity to the roadway. For this reason, speed limits are set accordingly. Remember, slow down and watch for children making sure a special effort is made *at dusk and after dark*.



Public Works News

Street Sweeping : The street sweeping schedule for the 2009 season will be as follows:

- The week beginning: *April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 14, and October 19.* Sweeping the month of *November 23*, will follow our leaf sweeping program.

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

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

Hydrant Flushing : Hydrants will be flushed in the following sections of town on the specified dates:

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

Actual flushing will begin at 11:00 P.M. of previous night, continuing through the morning until the area has been completed. Residents should refrain from washing whites during flushing and for at least 24 to 48 hours after flushing.

Tree Limb Pickup

- The first pickup for the 2009 season will begin *Monday, May 4* and end on *Friday, May 15*. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than *Sunday, May 10*.
- The second and final pickup for the 2009 season will begin *Monday, September 7* and end on *Friday, September 18*. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than *Sunday, September 13*.

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

RESIDENTS CAN START PUTTING BRANCHES OUT THE WEEK BEFORE PICKUP DATES

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

Leaf Sweep Program

- The leaf sweep program will begin November 2nd through 6th, skipping the week of 9th through 13th. Residents can still put leaves out up until November 15.
 - Our final sweep will begin November 16 crews will be out to sweep each section on garbage day only.
- 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.*

Code Enforcement

With spring/summer just around the corner, the Sauk Village Community Development Department would like to point out a few of our ordinances that we have had numerous complaints on.

We want to make our residents aware that tickets can and will be issued for violating these ordinances.

50.05	Garbage cans cannot be stored in front of your house
72.10	Parking where prohibited - i.e. in front of Wagoner school, on the wrong side of the street and blocking residents driveways
72.11D	Parking in the street on garbage day prohibited from 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.
151.037(A)	Parking on a non-hard surface is prohibited
79.02	Village stickers required
94.50	Grass and weeds over 8" tall prohibited
90.01	Junk auto and parts prohibited
150.34	Failure to maintain pool
151.38	Failure to maintain property



90.01 Junk Auto and Parts Prohibited

In order to help the appearance of our community, please pick up litter that is lying around your property.

Public Works: Pothole News

Spring is in the air and with it the ground thaw. Every winter when the ground freezes from snow and rain seeping in to the soil it creates a frost line, which can go down several feet, and the end result is the ground heaving up. This causes stress on the pavement usually cracking it. As the season moves on, we get several up and down surface thaws which cause the road to settle back down. In most situations the street will not form potholes, but where there is heavy traffic, or cars driving on the edge of the road surface the potholes form and they spread as traffic hit them or the plows scrape over them.

The goal of the *Public Works Department* is to keep the roads open and safe, and temporarily repair all potholes until Spring / Summer so we can do a more permanent repair. We are asking the public to help us in *the locating process* because you, as the resident, drive down the street regularly, and if you see a pothole starting to get bad, please contact us at the Village Hall (708) 758-3330. We will repair as soon as the weather permits. We also ask the public to *use caution and drive slow* when passing road crews, they are out making the streets safe for you. Thank you for your help and patience.

Sauk Trail, Torrence Ave, RT 30, 394, Burnham Ave and Steger Road are MAINTAINED BY OTHER AGENCIES.

Seniors: Did you know...

Trustee Francine Anderson

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 10, 2009
To: Senior Club membership
From: Trustee Francine Anderson
Re: Senior Center Activities

There has been ongoing discussion and conflicts about the use of space in the New Senior Center. This memo is designed to clarify the concerns that might be held by the citizens of Sauk Village concerning the priority from my perspective. I was not a trustee when the building was designed, planned or developed. But all three clubs shared some input with the previous Trustee Luther. But I'm the current trustee sponsor of senior activities for Sauk Village. It is clear to me that some members of the Clubs are still having a difficult time with the implemented changes.

It is imperative that you remember that it will be expected for everyone to share the space. Your clubs have your scheduled meeting and activity times. If you're going to need additional time for other activities then they must be brought before *the Senior Committee and Trustee Anderson*.

In my speech during the open house, I set a vision for my expectations for the ongoing use of the center. The following priorities will remain the focus of the Senior Committee and senior activities:

- Quarterly senior activities to encourage participation of all citizens that are senior.
- Help with social services and specialized needs similar to AARP, Catholic charities and Bloom Township.
- Help with out-patient health care needs, such as: well care and prevention, immunization, counseling and workshops on different health topics.
- A fitness center where seniors can remain active and experience different types of exercise such as low impact aerobics, Tai chi maybe line or square dancing.
- A Golden Diners Club where seniors can socialize and enjoy delicious meals together.
- Recreational facilities where seniors just relax, become comfortable, just talk and enjoy games or other activities.

All of these services just mentioned are coordinated through a *Senior Center Director*.

If you have any questions I can be contacted at 708-758-3330.

FREE SENIOR CITIZENS MOVIE DAYS

Monday 1:00 p.m.

April 13, 2009

Light refreshments

Co-Sponsored by:

Sauk Village Senior Citizens Committee

and

McConathy Public Library





Fire Department News

What is "honor?" Is it just a word thrown around, given to lip service more than action? Emblazoned on the back of every Sauk Village Firefighter's t-shirt as well as in huge gold leaf lettering on both of our newest vehicles is the phrase "*Duty First - Honor Always.*"

Honor means different things to different people. In this context, it refers to the honor, the privilege that comes with doing our duty - coming to the aid of our citizens and neighbors in their time of need. It's this sense of collective honor that results in the brother/sisterhood that is the Fire Service.

A United States Marine once told me, "There's no such thing as an Ex-Marine. Marines are for life. There are only Marines and Former Marines." And so it is with firefighters. A clear



cut example of this comradeship presented itself during the February 5 house explosion/fire on Talandis Ave. A retired SVFD firefighter of 15 years, *Don Clark* lives just a few houses down from the incident. For just about the entire time we were out there, Don was right there in the freezing

cold, if nothing else, lending his moral support while his wife *Jan* brought out a constant supply of much appreciated hot coffee. To the average reader, this may not seem like much, but the Clarks' actions that night spoke volumes for their character and... well, level of honor.

The Sauk Village Fire Department has been in existence for over 50 years. In that time, there have been many that have come and gone, some moving on to careers in the fire service, some simply deciding this wasn't the life for them. On the other hand, there have been those that served Sauk Village with honor and dedication for many years and have gone on to retirement. For all of the former Retired Firefighters out there who have served this community with commitment and sacrifice over the years - a hearty and sincere THANK YOU! It is with honor that we stand in your shoes today.

For more information on how you can become a part of the unique and rewarding Fire Service brother/sisterhood, call (708) 758-2225 during normal business hours or stop by the fire station at 1804 E. 222nd Street. You can also visit us on the web at www.saukville.org.

APRIL 7, 2009 POLLING INFORMATION

Precinct 7	First Apostolic Church 22709 State Street • Steger, IL
Precinct 16	Candlelight Village 4 Candlelight Drive
Pct. 23, 28 & 93	Paesel Senior Center 2700 Kalvelage Drive
Pct. 26 & 79	Rickover Junior High 22151 Torrence Avenue
Pct. 27	McConathy Public Library 21737 Jeffrey Avenue
Pct. 32	St. James Church 22400 Torrence Avenue
Precinct 89	Sauk Village Fire Station 1804 East 222nd Street

EARLY VOTING TAKES PLACE BETWEEN 3/16/09 AND 4/2/09

- DRIVER'S LICENSE, STATE ID OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO ID MUST BE PRESENTED AT THAT TIME

WHERE: CHICAGO HEIGHTS CITY HALL
1601 CHICAGO ROAD
CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL

TIME: M-F 8:30am - 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00am - 5:00 pm

Polls OPEN at 6am / CLOSE at 7pm



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