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ELECTION DAY NEWS



ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY , APRIL 5, 2011
POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 6:00 AM – 7 PM.



Election Calendar

2/24/2011	First day absentee ballot applications are accepted
3/8/2011	Last day to register to vote
3/9/2011	First day of grace period registration and voting
3/14/2011	First day of Early Voting
3/29/2011	Last day of grace period registration and voting
3/31/2011	Last day of Early Voting
3/31/2011	Last day to request a mail-in absentee ballot, including military and overseas voters.
4/1/2011	In-person absentee voting begins at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
4/4/2011	Last day voted mail-in absentee ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office Last day of in-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers

Check out www.cookcountyclerk.com for more information.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Sauk Village has just survived the blizzard of 2011 thanks to the dedicated and hardworking employees in all of the Emergency Services Departments. The Public Works Department struggled for 36 straight hours to keep up with snow plowing while two water main breaks occurred during the same timeframe. The Police, Fire and ESDA Departments also operated Emergency operations and shelters during those hours.

Great Job!

Look for the Election News on the following page to get information on polling places and important dates for the upcoming April 5th Trustee Election. Voter's registration ends March 8, 2011. Register to vote at the McConathy Public Library, Village Hall and the Motor Vehicle Department.

There is a purge of vacant homes from the voter's registrations

currently on file being conducted with the help of the Cook County Clerk's office. If you have recently moved to Sauk Village or changed addresses within the Village your voter's registration needs to be updated.

Just a Reminder- The Village Hall is closed on Wednesdays.



Sauk Talk


Polling Places


SAUK VILLAGE POLLING PLACES- REVISED 2010

Precinct 7

First Apostolic Church
22709 State Street
Steger, IL

Precinct 16

Candlelight Village
4 Candlelight Drive

Precinct 26 & 55

Rickover Junior High
22151 Torrence Ave.

Precinct 23 & 53

Paesel Center
2700 Kalvelage Drive

Precinct 27

McConathy Public Library
21737 Jeffery Ave.

Precinct 32

St. James Catholic Church
22400 S. Torrence Ave.

A street index will be available at each polling place and the Village Hall for voters who are unsure where to vote.

The fire station is no longer a polling place.



Public Works Department

Kevin Weller

Potholes the spring time Headache

Spring is in the air and with it, the ground thaws. 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 hits 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 when we can do more permanent repairs. With our workforce cut in half, we are asking the public to help with the locating process, because you as the resident drive down the streets regularly. If you see a pothole starting to get bad, please contact the Village hall at (708)758-3330 and we will repair as soon as the weather permits. Thank you for your help and patients.



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 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 sauktalk@saukvillage.org.

Economic Development

Trustee Derrick Burgess

While the U.S. economic recovery is still weak, economists are predicting an optimistic growth rate of 3.3% in 2011, up significantly from the 2.6% growth rate forecast in November. In light of this news, the Sauk Village Economic Development Committee has been networking with surrounding communities to see what is on the horizon for future growth in the South Suburbs.

The Economic Development Committee realizes Sauk Village needs to be prepared and ready for the economic boom that is just ahead of us. So that your ideas and opinions are taken into consideration, the Committee is asking residents to complete and return a short survey. This survey will be used to let us know the type of business development we should encourage in our community.

We have provided examples in each question below, however, do not feel you are limited to these choices. Be creative and give us your ideas for the future business district of Sauk Village.

Which fast food business would you most like to see in Sauk Village? (Some of the Top 10 chains are: Wendy's ___ Taco Bell ___ Jack In the Box ___ Burger King ___ Church's Chicken ___ Kentucky Fried Chicken ___ Pizza Hut ___ Domino's Pizza ___ White Castle ___)

Your Choice _____

Which grocery or food store would you most like to see in Sauk Village?
Food for Less ___ Pete's Produce ___ Sav A Lot ___ Dominick's ___ Meijer ___

Your Choice _____

Which clothing or shoe store would you most like to see in Sauk Village?
Payless Shoes ___ Fashion Bug ___ Rainbow ___ Marshalls ___ Burlington Coat Factory ___

Your Choice _____

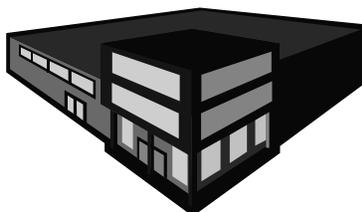
What type of recreational activities would you most like to see in Sauk Village?
Movie Theater ___ Arcade ___ Billiards/Pool ___ Skating Rink ___ Fitness Center ___

Your Choice _____

What other types of businesses would you encourage to move to Sauk Village.
(Please be as specific as possible).

The responses to this survey will appear in the May Sauk Talk.

Your Opinion Does Matter!



ESDA NEWS

Art Johnson, ESDA Coordinator

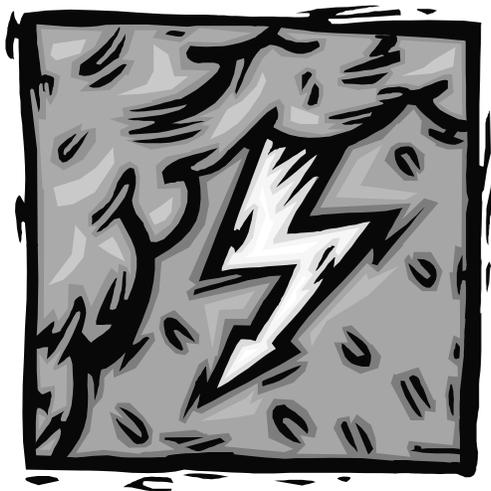
Nobody likes to think about it, but disaster can strike at any time. It's our job to think about it, but it is important that our citizens know and understand the possibilities and prepare. Some basic knowledge and preparation will help the Sauk Village emergency response agencies to better help you.

Of all the possibilities, Sauk Village is most at risk for natural disaster. In the last six years, there have been at least five "micro-bursts" that caused significant wind damage and prolonged power outages. In 2008, there was a close call with an actual tornado that took the roof off of an apartment building in Richton Park. There were no fatalities and only minor injuries. According to the National Weather Service, there has not been significant tornado activity in Cook County since 1967 (Oak Lawn). Since then, there has been one significant and deadly tornado in a neighboring county which occurred in 1990 (Plainfield). The website says that "according to trends in Chicago's tornado history, we are due for a significant tornado outbreak in the near future."

With that in mind, you can do your part by watching the weather, staying tuned to tornado watches and warnings, and listening for the tornado siren. In this situation, your basement is the safest place, or at the very least go to the center of your house, usually a bathroom. In public buildings, go to an inside wall and avoid windows or doors.

The latest focus in terms of disaster is on earthquakes. Geologists have the New Madrid fault line of southern Illinois on a 200 year clock. The last significant earthquake on the New Madrid was in 1811 when an earthquake actually reversed the course of the Mississippi River. The good news is that even a relatively major event on the New Madrid will most likely not have any catastrophic results in our area. The bad news is that there are number of smaller fault lines all across central and northern Illinois that are much less predictable. The bottom line is that a little preparation can go a long way.

Much like with a tornado, "duck and cover" are the two big words to remember. With an earthquake, if you are outside, stay away from buildings, trees, or anything that can fall on you. As with any major disaster, keep in mind that Sauk Village will not be the only community affected and our limited resources will be taxed immediately. The rule of thumb is to be prepared to be self sufficient for at least 72 hours with food, water, medical supplies, pet food, and what ever else you may need to survive.





Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



The great “Blizzaster” or “Snowmageddon” of February is well behind us now and the piles of snow have faded fast. Incredibly, during that 36 hour “emergency” period, the Fire Department only responded to eleven calls (two of which were mutual aid to other towns). There were a number of stranded motorists and well-being checks that the Fire Department assisted with, but eleven calls were not nearly as bad as anticipated.

A number of pre-storm measures were taken in preparation. An Emergency Operations Plan was in effect for the Village putting all agencies and administration on the same page. The Fire Station was staffed around the clock and responded to all ambulance calls to assist Bud’s Ambulance with manpower during the storm. We also had a snowmobile on loan if needed. Fortunately, we didn’t need it, but it was available. We credit good weather forecasting and planning for how

well things went. It’s safe to say that residents planned ahead for the storm and everything worked out just fine.

In other news, the new Sauk Village website is nearing completion. Be sure to check it out for up to date information on Village events and agencies. The Sauk Village Fire Department does have its own Facebook Page too. You can “like” us and check out biographies, photos, and past Fire Department Sauk Talk articles.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!! The Sauk Village Fire Department will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 17 from 8am to noon. It’s “all you can eat” pancakes (extra eggs and sausage are an additional fee). Adults are \$5 and kids/seniors are \$4.



Bloom Trail High School News

Bloom Trail High School held its' annual Turnabout Dance on Friday, February 18th, at The Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, IN. Over 300 students attended the *Monster Ball*-themed semi-formal sponsored by the school's senior board. Of the twelve seniors on this year's court, six of them were Sauk Village residents. Congratulations to Nicholas Anderson, Joseph Lord, Byron Love, Oluyomi Ogunrinola and Brianna Segoviano, as well as Ashley Dekker, who was voted Queen.





Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams



The Public Relations Committee is proud to announce that it is that time of year again!!! Student Government Day is this month and we could not be any happier. Of course this means a lot of work for the committee and the 8th grade essay writers, but I am sure they enjoy it as much as we do. We are also excited to offer a new twist this year. Normally, we would have a dinner congratulating the winners and allowing them the opportunity to read their essays in front of officials, family and friends. This year we will be hosting a dance at Rickover Jr. High to congratulate the winners. This dance will be open to all Rickover students. We hope that this will celebrate the efforts of the participants, highlight the achievements of the winners, and encourage the younger classes to participate when it is their turn!!!

Eighth grade students will be asked to write an essay addressing the topic "How has the recession affected you and your family, school, church or community?" Essays will be picked up from the schools on March 11.

2011. These essays will be judged and winners will be chosen by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee on March 14, 2011. Once winners are notified, they will be excused from school and will tour the Village buildings, ride in Village vehicles, and prepare for the Village Board meeting on March 22, 2011. At the meeting, they will be assuming the roles of the elected officials, department heads and service providers. They will be giving reports, making motions and voting on actual concerns, financial issues and other everyday items.

We are always excited this time of year and are eager to read the works of our bright youth of Sauk Village. We will be hosting multiple fund raisers in the upcoming weeks to ensure costs are covered for this annual event. If you would like to help us with this process please contact Trustee Rosie Williams at rwilliams@saukvillage.org for any information. Thank you and remember, winter is almost over so THINK SPRING!!!!



Library News

Colleen Baughman

McConathy Public Library will be hosting a luncheon for the seniors at the library on March 14, 2011. Lunch will be served at 12:00pm and the movie *The Gods Must Be Crazy 2* will follow. Please call the library at 708-757-4771 to sign up for the event, there is limited seating.

FREE After School Program

Presented by K Jones Learning Center

Available to 6th-12th grade students

WE WILL BE SHARING INFORMATION AND REGISTERING FIFTY STUDENTS ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. MONDAY MARCH 14 @ 4:00 P.M.

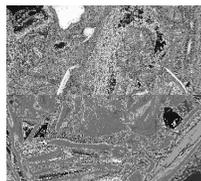
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College Prep, Fine Arts, ACT Prep, Game Time with Board Games

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For more information feel free to contact Kameelah Jones at (708) 574-7724



Housing Authority Commission

Trustee David Hanks

Sauk Village Housing Authority Hosts Second NACA Workshop

On Saturday, February 26, 2011, the Sauk Village Housing Authority hosted their second Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA) workshop. NACA's Home Save Program is nationally recognized as the most effective solution for homeowners with an unaffordable mortgage providing such solutions nationwide as the largest such organization.

The NACA solution is to restructure the existing mortgage by permanently reducing the interest rate to achieve an affordable mortgage payment. A mortgage restructure is not a refinance that requires eligibility for a new loan (i.e. high credit scores, high property values, etc).

Since a restructure reduces either or both the interest rate and/or mortgage principal on the existing first mortgage, there are no mortgage criteria eligibility restrictions. If the homeowner is unemployed NACA provides a forbearance with a minimum payment until that have steady income to have their mortgage restructured. The only homeowners not eligible are investors who own other properties.

NACA representatives (Samantha and Kevin) presented and managed the workshop. The event drew approximately 150 people from as far away as Plainfield Illinois, and Fort Wayne Indiana. The doors for the workshop opened at 8:30am with the workshop starting shortly after 9:00 AM. The workshop lasted two hours with additional support from NACA representatives after the workshop ended.



(NACA Representative Kevin)



(Sauk Village Housing Authority Commissioners left to right Jason Cradock, Colleen Baughman, John Poskin and Trustee David Hanks)

Those who attended the workshop were glad they attended and said that the workshop and information was helpful and was grateful that the Sauk Village Housing Authority hosted this workshop

Trustee David Hanks, Chair of the Sauk Village Housing authority stated "If this event prevents one resident from losing their home then it was a success and we will be working with NACA representatives to host additional workshops in the future". For more information concerning NACA workshops go to their website at: www.naca.com

Senior Committee

Francine Anderson

CANDIDATES FORUM

for

The Village Board of Trustees

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011

1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE

Light refreshments will be served

Sponsored by Sauk Village Fun Club



Quarterly Senior Citizen Event

3rd Annual

Chili Cook Off

Saturday, March 26, 2011

12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Senior Center

21801 Torrence Avenue - North entrance

Sauk Village, IL

Entertainment - 'The Morgan Family'

Blue Grass-Country-Gospel Music

For your dancing and/or listening pleasure Line Dance with Flora Haynes

Donation: \$2.00 a bowl - All You Can Eat

Door prizes 50/50 Raffle

Volunteers needed - Monetary Prizes

Judging at 12:30 p.m.

Sponsored by

Sauk Village Senior Citizens Committee





Police Department News

Police Chief Tim Holevis



On Tuesday, February 1, 2011, we experienced our worst snowfall yet. The Police Department experienced its own problems during the storm. It was tough for officers to get around in police cars. The storm also snowed in squad cars when officers attempted to rescue stranded drivers. However, everyone seemed to get through the storm pretty well. Please remember to be mindful of your neighbors, especially the elderly during these winter storms. Please check on them regularly. Also remember to be observant of snow plows, vehicles and most important, pedestrians.

I would also like to commend Sauk Village officers for their continuing efforts in combating our recent rash of burglaries. Most recent arrests included 3 subjects being arrested for Burglary and in one other incident; two subjects were arrested for Home Invasion with a firearm. Several citizens were also instrumental in assisting the police in the efforts to apprehend the bad guys. It's a great feeling when the citizens can come together with the police in a situation of this type. It is also a great feeling when neighbors come together to help each other. After all, isn't that what neighbors are for? Thanks for all your help!

JUST SOME REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Curfew times are 11:00pm-600am Friday – Saturday
11:00pm-600am Saturday – Sunday

No parking on garbage day between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm.

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

A Little Police Humor

A police officer stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.
"But officer," the man began, "I can explain."
"Just be quiet," snapped the officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back."
"But, officer, I just wanted to say," "And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!"
A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding... He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."
"Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."





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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	