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Sauk Talk

## From the Mayor's Desk

**Roger Peckham**

The spring and summer months always mean road construction and traffic delays. This is especially true for the Chicago Southland. The Illinois Tollway and the Dan Ryan will continue to be nightmares for the southland this year. Illinois will begin using photo radar in work zones starting in July. Second Offense tickets are \$1,000 with license suspension. Beginning in July the State of Illinois will use speed cameras in areas designated as "Work Zones". Anyone caught by these devices will be mailed a \$375.00 ticket for the first offense, but the second offense will cost \$1000.00 and come with a 90 day license Suspension.

This summer plans are being made to continue with road and other infrastructure repairs in Sauk Village. The Village has received another CDBG federally funded grant for streets, curb and sidewalk repairs.

The summer months mean summer vacation for our children. Please remind your children that the streets are not playgrounds or places to walk. The Police

Department will be again issuing tickets for violations for walking and playing the streets. The Village is also running a summer program, but spaces are limited. Contact the Village's Recreation Committee if your children have any interest.

Lewis-Goetz and Company, Inc. will lease 38,700 square feet at the Village's LogistiCenter at Sauk Trail and 394. Lewis-Goetz and Company is a Pittsburgh-based manufacturer of hose, conveyor belting and gaskets, and the company plans to consolidate manufacturing and distribution operations that are now located in South Holland and Bolingbrook. The new facility will employ 40 people and will move in during the month of May.

Finally, our Village is celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The committee for this celebration is still working hard and needs your help. Volunteering to make this celebration something to remember should be a goal of all residents. Support your Village and get active for the good of all.

## News From Your Village Clerk — Liz Selvey

Vehicle stickers are available for purchase now. The cost for cars and motorcycles is \$25.00, trucks start at \$43.00.

All vehicles must have the new vehicle stickers displayed on the lower passenger side of the vehicle by

July 1, at 12:00 a.m. After July first, tickets will be issued and the sticker cost increases.

Animal licenses are still available, as of May 1st, if your pet does not have a license you may be ticketed.

All licenses, stickers and permits are available at the Village Hall during normal business hours.

The Village Hall will be closed Monday, May 28th for Memorial Day and Wednesday, July 4th for Independence Day.

# *You Just Don't Get It!*

*Warning from Sauk Village Police*



PEOPLE WALK  
ON THE  
SIDEWALKS



CARS  
DRIVE ON THE  
ROADS



This will be article #7 about walking and playing in the roadway. This department continues to hold special details for this activity as well as attempts to make these arrests during the busy shifts during normal patrol. I would think that this problem would be simple to correct, but it is a difficult one.

- First offense for walking in the roadway is a \$50.00 fine
- Second offense is \$100 fine
- And the fines rise from this point up to \$750.00

Tickets that are issued to minors **are also written in care of the responsible adult.**

Who is the caretaker of the minor child. Tickets not paid will then be forwarded to the responsible adults credit account.

Please take a few minutes to explain to your children to stay on the sidewalks and off the streets and this court appearance and fine can be easily avoided.

# McConathy Library News

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAUK VILLAGE ANY SAUK VILLAGE CHILD BORN DURING 2007 WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL EDITION "CAT IN THE HAT" BOOK SIGNED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES. PLEASE VISIT THE **MCCONATHY PUBLIC LIBRARY** FOR THIS OFFER.

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**Get a clue @ McConathy Library**  
**Summer reading begins on June 26<sup>th</sup> for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.**  
**Come in and join the fun!**

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FAREWELL TO LIBRARY BOARD PRESIDENT MICHAEL WARGO. HE HAS RESIGNED HIS BOARD SEAT DUE TO RELOCATION AND WILL BE SORELY MISSED. WE APPRECIATE HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND WISH HIM WELL.

WELCOME SUZANNE DOWNING TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. SUZANNE , AN AVID READER, IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING ON THE BOARD.

GOOD LUCK TO BOTH MIKE AND SUZANNE.

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# SEVERE WEATHER WARNINGS

## From ESDA

It is that time of the year again when severe weather can strike with little or no warning. I'd like to remind all residents to be mindful of the weather at all times.

A **severe thunderstorm watch** means conditions are favorable for a severe thunderstorm.

A **severe thunderstorm warning** means a severe thunderstorm is imminent.

A **tornado watch** means conditions are favorable for the development of tornados.

A **tornado warning** means a tornado has been spotted near or in the vicinity. A severe thunderstorm can produce a tornado with little or no warning.

Lightening can strike from miles away. Do not be misled by a clear sky when storms are around the area. Each year, lightening strikes kill 75-100 people.

Everyone needs to have an emergency plan and emergency supplies for up to 3 days. You should have a portable radio with spare batteries, candles, lighters, flashlights, medications, water, books, puzzles, etc. Parents need to educate their children on the dangers of severe weather. Children should be informed of emergency plans, what to do if they are caught outside in severe weather and most importantly, children need to know they should not panic during severe weather.

Remember your pets as well. Animals left chained or caged have nowhere to go for safety. Once severe weather has passed, many people go out to survey the damage. Do not go near downed power lines, trees that are hanging, etc. Do not call 911 unless you have a life threatening emergency. Following a severe storm, many people inundate the police departments 911 center with telephone calls for trees down, no power, flooded streets and more. Although a tree down is important, please use the non emergency number and remember, please be patient as you will not be the only person calling and they will get to you as soon as you can. Further information packets regarding severe weather are available at the Village Hall.

**Sauk Village Public Relations Committee Announces its annual**

## VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALES

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd 8AM-3PM RAIN OR SHINE**

**FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND PAY YOUR \$7.00 FEE**

**YOU WILL HAVE YOUR STREET AND HOUSE ADDRESS ONLY ON ADS AND MATERIALS**

**ALL ADVERTISING WILL BE DONE. IT IS UP TO YOU TO MARK YOUR HOUSE SO PEOPLE CAN FIND YOU. DUE TO CONSTRUCTION THERE WILL BE NO SPACES AT THE PARK**

**If you have questions please call Debbie Carl 757-5619 or email [DebiCr1@aol.com](mailto:DebiCr1@aol.com)**



## News from the Sauk Village Fire Department



As this article is being written, it's about 40 degrees outside - and it's the middle of April! Hopefully by the time you read this in May, Spring will finally be here, and with Spring comes some helpful safety tips.

Everyone loves a good barbecue. Before you fire up that grill for a busy summer, do a visual and physical (touch) inspection of your propane hoses and bottle. Check for cracks, dry rot, and general wear and tear. Replace pieces if necessary. Also check to make sure all fittings are snug. When using the grill, keep it in an open area away from the house and other structures, and keep the kids at a distance- even when you're done cooking.

With warmer weather, you can count on kids being more active outside. As of mid-April, we've already had one kid hit by a car on a side street. Watch the speed limits and be mindful of kids out playing.

It's also that time of year where we get the itch to start those outside construction/remodeling projects- don't forget to consult Village code officials, and use safety equipment when running power tools. Extension cords are always an issue. Use an approved extension cord with your tool and make sure it's in good working condition.

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Fire Department added a second full-time administrative position. Captain Rich Atwood, who was the Department's part-time training officer, is now full time Monday through Friday. He's been with the Sauk Village Fire Department for 11 years and has been in the Fire Service for 14 years. He's looking forward to seeing the department continue it's forward growth.



Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, the Fire Department added a part-time Firefighter/Apparatus Operator position to help out during the weekdays. So, if you know anybody anywhere that is a State Certified Firefighter II and a certified Fire Apparatus Engineer, please have them come to the station for an application. And as always, we're always hiring "paid-on-call" or POC firefighters willing to come from their homes to respond. POC applicants do have to be Sauk Village residents. Again, applications are available at the Fire Station or Village Hall.

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Sauk Village Fire Department was pleased to welcome Chaplain Lee Gatzke to our staff. As a Fire Department Chaplain, Lee is responsible for the emotional well-being of our firefighters and citizens in times of crisis. Chaplain Gatzke brings with him years of experience working with the American Red Cross and other mission fields. He also worked extensively in Louisiana during the Hurricane Katrina disaster under some of the worst conditions. The Sauk Village Fire Department welcomes Chaplain Gatzke and we've already had to put him to work.

Have a safe and pleasant Spring!

## WILL YOU BE 50 THIS YEAR?



IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY ANYONE BORN IN 1957 WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR BIG 5-0 THIS YEAR AS WELL. PLEASE SUBMIT A BABY PICTURE AND A

CURRENT PICTURE OF YOURSELF FOR OUR BABY PICTURE CONTEST. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW. SUBMIT THESE PICTURES TO THE VILLAGE HALL **ATTN: PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**. ALL PICS WILL BE RETURNED AND SHOULD TRY TO BE AGED 3 YEARS OR YOUNGER.

## COMING UP IN JUNE

- 6<sup>th</sup> Public Relations Meeting 7:30 PM  
Village Hall
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bunco- *McConathy Public Library 7 PM* (NEW LOCATION)
- 19<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Village Hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village Meeting 7 PM Paesel Center (behind Village Hall)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Village Wide Garage Sale-get maps at Village Hall and local businesses

Information furnished by the Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village Committee.

## College Scholarship Offered DEADLINE SOON!

The Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village is looking for High School Seniors to participate in a scholarship program.

This scholarship opportunity is available to any Sauk Village high school senior who will be attending a college or university in the fall.

Requirements:

Must be a resident of Sauk Village, must be entering a college or university in the fall of 2007, must create and implement a community based project which includes other residents or businesses in Sauk Village.

The amount of the scholarships will be determined at a later time and will depend on the amount of qualified participants and donors.

Scholarships will be awarded based on creativity, the amount of community involvement and the impact on the community.

Please send a letter or email with your personal

information including what high school you graduated from and where you will be attending school in the fall. and if possible a brief description of your service project. A member of the committee will contact you.

If you have any questions, direct them to the email or address listed below.

**The deadline for the scholarship is June 15, 2007. Scholarship(s) to be awarded August 15, 2007.**

These dates are subject to change-please apply ASAP.

Contact information: The Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village, P.O. Box 1864, Sauk Village, IL 60411 or by email to: [theconcernedcitizensofsaukvillage@yahoo.com](mailto:theconcernedcitizensofsaukvillage@yahoo.com).

For questions only you may call Debbie Williams at 758-2324.

Good Luck.

# SAUK VILLAGE NEWS THAT WILL



## Police Department News



### TOWING CHANGES

The Sauk Village Board has adopted an ordinance for persons that have their vehicles towed due to criminal and ordinance related offenses. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 vehicles that are towed by the Sauk Village Police Department & Code Enforcement will only be released after a fee is paid to the Village prior to paying the tow operator for related costs. The following is a short version of the ordinance and its fine schedule.

Those vehicles towed for:



- Abandoned autos  
\$100 fee
- Stranded and left in roadway obstructing traffic  
\$100 fee
- Driving with suspended license  
\$100 fee
- Other traffic offenses that require towing  
\$100 fee
- Narcotics-related offenses  
\$500 fee
- Narcotics-related criminal activity  
\$500 fee
- Prostitution related criminal activity  
\$500 fee
- DUI  
\$500 fee
- Gang-related criminal activity  
\$500 fee
- Loud music when a vehicle is towed  
\$500 fee
- Other specified criminal activity not specified  
\$500 fee

These fees are separate from any and all towing costs. These fees can only be paid during Village Hall hours m-f 8a – 5p and Tuesday night 7p – 9p.

### SAFE SUMMER TIPS

Along with summer time comes vacations.... Please review the following tips for summertime fun.

- ✓ When leaving for vacation, notify your trusted neighbors and family to watch the house and collect mail and newspapers.
- ✓ Keep dust to dawn light sensors on for a bright area around your home during the night.
- ✓ Use timers for lamps ( the police department has 6 in stock to lend out at no cost for you to borrow!!)
- ✓ Put a house watch on your home with the police with key holders and emergency phone numbers.
- ✓ When high end items are purchased for your home, (new TVs, stereos etc) break the boxes down before putting them at the curb, don't advertise to the whole world that your house has a brand new 46 plasma TV in it!
- ✓ If your gone for extended periods of time make sure that your grass gets cut and the yard is kept up.

### Sauk Village Police Department MENTOR PROGRAM

Officer Morris will begin the registration portion of this program for the youth in our community who are interested in a **basketball camp** setting while mentoring under some of our police Officers. Applications are available May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at the Police Department window. Those accepted will follow a strict set of guidelines and grow in both basketball skills as well as respect, honor, sense of team and professionalism.

Those adults interested in helping Officer Morris, please fill out the same application and place the words "**Adult Volunteer**" across the top. Limited space, please act soon. There will be no cost to the children accepted into this program.

# AFFECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## PUBLIC WORKS DE-

### Street Sweeping Schedule for 2007

The weeks beginning April, 16 May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, Sept. 17 and October 18 street sweeping will begin following the garbage day route.

Remember there is no parking on the street between the hours of 7:00 am and 3:30 pm during the day of your garbage day pick up.

Street sweeping may get ahead or behind this schedule.

### Hydrant Flushing

The hydrants will be flushed in the following sections of town on the specified dates:

**April 4**-South side of Sauk Trail and West of Torrence extending to Deer Creek.

**May 2**-North side of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates.

**June 6**-Eastern section of town; east of Torrence and south of Sauk Trail.

**July 11**-South side Sauk Trail west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek.

**August 1**-North side of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates.

**Sept. 5**-Eastern section; east of Torrence and south of Sauk Trail.

**Oct. 3**--South side; Sauk Trail west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek.

***Actual flushing will begin at 11:00 p.m. of the 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 36 hours after flushing.***

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Please be advised you are now required to obtain building permits for siding, gutters & downspouts, windows, soffits, trim, fascia & roof replacement including shingle replacement. Any contractor doing work in the Village limits is required to have a contractor's license. This is to protect the homeowner. Feel free to contact the Building Department before starting work and we will assist you and inform you on what is needed.
- Due to West Nile it is extremely important to keep your grass cut under 8" front and back. Residents who choose not to maintain their lawns will receive a ticket every 24 hrs.
- Please do not leave discarded old tires laying around for water to collect in them. This is another problem that we face with mosquitoes and it's an eyesore to other residents.
- If you own a pool please make sure you maintain it. That means run the filter and add the proper chemicals to keep the water clear. If the pool is not in use it has to be covered and drained to avoid standing water. If you have to back wash the filter or drain the cover it has to be drained to the front of the property not in your neighbor's yard. If we receive complaints about any pools that are not being maintained we will strictly enforce this and you will receive tickets every 24hrs.
- Be considerate to your neighbors if you have papers, litter and debris in your yard. Please make sure you pick it up, it only takes a few moments and it makes a big difference in the appearance of our Community.
- Please store garbage/containers towards the rear of the property, it's unsightly to have garbage containers overflowing in front of houses. Make sure they are covered to prevent dogs, cats, raccoons, opossums and other rodents from getting into the container.
- Please be advised there is no parking on a non-hard surface – all vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.

# They braved the COLD April day to find those special eggs!

## The Park and Recreations Annual Egg Hunt



The winners who found those "special" eggs were: Zander Lucente age 3, Courtney Cret age 3, Daniella Rodriguez age 5, Shannon Ilg age 9, Libby Ilg age 5, Ashley Cret age 10, Toby Perez age 5, Victoria Tenbrinke age 8, Cassandra Tenbrinke age 4, Jessica Tenbrinke age 11, Jessica Rivera age 8, Hannah Dykstra age 7, Sophia Campuzal age 6 and Vinnie Lucente age 11.



Inside, where it was nice and warm, the Sauk Village Easter Bunny greeted the children and gave them special treats. Face painters transformed everyone into an Easter Bunny!



## IS YOUR LAWN DRIVING YOU CRAZY?

Have you stood on your porch looking at your yard full of weeds and those annoying yellow flowers?

Do you look up and down the street and wonder why your neighbors lawn looks so nice and yours not so nice?

It's a puzzle. You never see your neighbor out there working on the lawn every day. The professionals don't stop at their house with their 150 foot hoses.

So what gives?

Why not take the time to ask your neighbor? Spring and summer are perfect times to get to know your neighbors.

Do you remember growing up and you knew everyone on the street? Those days are not gone forever. It only takes a few minutes here and there to make friends. At least know their first names and which of the children on the block belong to them. Besides, you just might find out there is a simple solution to that lawn problem of yours.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Sauk Village Annual  
Family Festival  
featuring Music Mania  
September 13, 14, 15, 16, 2007  
St. James Grounds  
223rd Street & Torrence Ave.**

## SENIOR INFORMATION

The Village supports three senior citizens organizations meeting in the Edward W. Paesel Senior Center located behind the municipal building. Sauk Village Senior Citizens a.k.a. Leisure Timers was the first and largest senior club followed by the Senior Citizens of Sauk Village a.k.a. Sunshiners and the third is Sauk Village Fun Club. All three groups are looking for seniors ages fifty and older to join their membership. Visitors are welcome.

Leisure Timers meet at 6:00 p.m. on the second and fourth (except in November and December) Wednesdays. Bingo and refreshments are available. Annual dues are \$12.00

Sunshiners meet on the first and third Mondays, except on legal holidays, at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments are served after the meeting follow by bingo or card games. Annual dues are \$12.00.

Sauk Village Fun Club meets every second and fourth Sundays at 12:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$10.00.

The Edward W. Paesel Senior Center is a public building and is smoke free. Telephone number is (708) 758-9115 when the clubs are meeting.

### Sauk Village Bluegrass

Bluegrass meets every Sunday evenings at 6:00-10:00 p.m. There is no entry fee, just donations for coffee. Bluegrass, country and gospel music are provided, musicians are welcome to perform and/or join in the jamming sessions. The public is invited to listen or dance to the music. The TV room and the small office is also used for jamming. Sauk Village residents Floyd and Nadine Morgan are coordinating the evening with assistance from Julie and Evelyn.





## **SAUK VILLAGE DANCE TROUPE HIP HOP AND MODERN DANCE CLASSES**



There are two groups of dance, grades  
3-5 and grades 6-8 as of the 2007-08

Sessions are on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at  
the Community Center. Dance will start on June 13 and end  
September 12, 2007

No class on July 4th.

The Grand Finale will be performed at the  
50th Anniversary Celebration school year.

Enrollment is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration will be on June 6, 2007 at the Community Center  
(located off Torrence Ave. behind the Sauk Village Police Station).

Registration is \$25.00 per pupil and covers their uniform.

The center is open Monday through Friday 4pm-8pm.

For information contact Sandy at 758-4115.



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#346**

## **POSTAL CUSTOMER SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411**

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

<b>EMERGENCY POLICE &amp; FIRE NON-EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911 758-1331</b>	<b>SAUK VILLAGE VILLAGE HALL MCCONATHY LIBRARY</b>	<b>758-3330 757-4771</b>
<b>COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>758-4115</b>	<b>SENIOR CENTER</b>	<b>758-9115</b>
<b>BLOOM TOWNSHIP CENTER</b>	<b>754-9400</b>	<b>COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</b>	<b>210-4500</b>
<b>RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>755-4357</b>	<b>SKYLINE DISPOSAL</b>	<b>754-5460</b>
<b>COMMONWEALTH EDISON</b>	<b>1-800-334-7661</b>	<b>NICOR</b>	<b>1-888-642-6748</b>
<b>AMERITECH</b>	<b>1-800-244-4444</b>	<b>COMCAST CABLE &amp; PHONE</b>	<b>1-866-594-1234</b>