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Letter from the Editor

Rosie Williams

The results of the April 7th 2009 election for Village Board are as follows:

Mayor: Lewis Towers

Village Clerk: Debbie Williams

Trustee:

Enoch Benson

Ed Myers

Rosie Williams

The individuals listed above were sworn in during the May 12, 2009 board meeting and will now join the existing trustees, Francine Anderson, Derrick Burgess, and David Hanks.

Memorial Day News

On Monday May 25th the VFW/ American Legion will hold a Memorial Day service at 11:00 am at the St. James Cemetery in honor of those who have perished serving their country. There will be a fifty-fifty drawing following the service. This is a time of reflection and thanks to all of our veterans. Please feel free to stop by the new Veterans Memorial located near the Municipal Center.

REMINDER: The Municipal Center will be closed On Monday May 25th in observance of Memorial Day



News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

Vehicle stickers went on sale May 1st. This year's sticker focuses on recycling. The cost for cars, motorcycles and RVs is \$25 while trucks start at \$43. If purchased after June 30th, the cost doubles. Senior Citizens 62 and older can receive a \$20 discount (one per household), but keep in mind that a Senior Citizen must be registered to the vehicle receiving the discount. Remember, too, that the

Police Department has been known to conduct random, unannounced Safety Checks - where they check seat belts, look for current registration, proof of insurance, and *Village Stickers*. Stickers must be clearly displayed on the lower passenger side of each vehicle's windshield. Please remove old stickers when applying new ones to your vehicle. Tickets for not having a Village sticker on your

vehicle can be expensive, so make sure they are purchased and displayed properly before July 1st. On the topic of recycling, I leave you with a startling fact: if everyone in America recycled one tenth of their newspapers, we could save approximately 25 million trees every year. Have a safe summer!



Code Enforcement News

- We have completed our annual property maintenance. We encourage all residents to participate with this program. It enhances the overall appearance of the community & helps keep property values up.
- Curbside mailboxes must be installed & supported correctly and maintained in good condition. Mailbox post must be positioned 6-8 inches back from the curb.
- Grass/weeds can not be over 8" in height. That includes weeds growing in fences and around the general vicinity. We strictly enforce this & have issued several hundred tickets in the past. When cutting your grass please do not cut it into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street.
- Parking on a non hard surface is against the Village ordinance. Please make sure you park on concrete or asphalt. Gravel is not allowed for parking.
- Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem & it is prohibited.
- All pools must have a fence around them whether it's a kiddie pool or a full size pool. This is for the safety of the children. Also, if a pool has a filter system it can not be plugged into an extension cord, it has to have its own GFI outlet. With extension cords you run the risk of getting an electrical shock. Pools need permits.
- Garbage can placement must be to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage stored in the front of your house overflowing with lids that can't be shut.
- Please be reminded Building Permits are required for most work being done to the home. Please call the Building Department if you have any questions.
- To view a particular ordinance go to [Sauk Village.org](http://SaukVillage.org) under Community Development and you will be able to access the municipal code.
- All items above are ordinances that we are and will strictly enforce. Please comply with the Village ordinances and you will not be hearing from us.

50th Anniversary

Sauk Village Bible Church 1959 - 2009

We Are Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary In The Lords Service. We have planned a three day celebration, an informal service Friday evening July 3rd, a family picnic on Saturday July 4th and a special morning worship service on Sunday July 5th.

If you have any questions please call the church at 708.758.0425 or send an e-mail to svbc0083@att.net

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Public Relation Committee News

As a reminder the Public Relations Committee is ALWAYS looking for new members with exciting ideas!!! This committee has the responsibility for creating and maintaining the Sauk Village Website, coordinating Student Government Day, planning for the Volunteer and Employee Appreciation Dinner, as well as editing the Sauk Talk every two months.

As a committee, we have decided to open the Sauk Talk to more resident related activities; new business info, "people you should know" and a few other suggestions. We are very excited to be able to introduce new people, places and things to the residents of Sauk Village. If you have any suggestions or ideas for our new segments please contact Trustee Williams at Village Hall, (758-3330), or via email (svprcomm@aol.com) or visit a Board Meeting.



New Business in Sauk Village

The Illiana School of Karate and instructor Mr. Daniel Stephens are pleased to be in Sauk Village. Mr. Stephens is a 3rd degree black belt and has trained since 1985, starting under Instructor Drew Wickham in Sauk Village. In February of 1986 Mr. Stephens started training with the Illiana School of Karate under Hector Garcia Jr. in Schererville Indiana at the Omni 41 Health Club, Mr Stephens has over 15 years of experience and is dedicated to the sport and the youth. Illiana School of Karate is dedicated to our new president Barack Obama's dream that together we can turn our country around one village at a time by giving our youth a positive avenue to help structure their lives. By getting the help of the village of Sauk Village and it's families we can live up to the astounding statement YES WE CAN. Please do your part and help us join together and give our youth Discipline and Respect, and start the Change!

708-758-KICK (5425)
1707 SAUK TRAIL , SAUK VILLAGE IL, 60411

Seniors Do You Know?

Seniors come join the fun at the New Senior Center. We're offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

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

Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3^d 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.

Senior movie day is the second Monday of the month at 1:00pm at McConathy Library.

Next movie day is June 8th.

Respond Now has a satellite food pantry in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm. As our economy continues to change there is an increased need for assistance. Consider using some of your free time to help other citizens by volunteering.

Sauk Village Senior Committee still has one open seat on our committee. If you're a citizen that likes to be creative in planning activities for other seniors in our community, come join us at our next meeting which is held every second Thursday of the month at 5pm in the Senior Center.

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

PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR WINNERS OF THE CHILI COOK OFF IN OUR NEXT EDITION!!!





Fire Department News

Captain Rich Atwood



On March 25, I had the privilege to represent the Fire Service and the Sauk Village Fire Department at Bloom Trail High School's Career Day. I had 25 minutes in four sessions to get a very important message across. I did talk about being a firefighter and what it was like, and how rewarding this field can be. But the one thing I felt was most important was something that the students could take with them no matter what career path they ultimately choose. When I discussed the requirements of becoming a firefighter, I took the opportunity to state that in Sauk Village over the last few years, we have had to turn away SEVERAL applicants who failed the background check. The students were told that "what you did yesterday will haunt you tomorrow." Avoid ANY trouble with the law! Develop positive character traits and be of good moral character- these are things that all employers look for, not just Fire Departments. But in regards to the Fire Service, it is Illinois Law that anyone with a felony conviction or certain misdemeanors involving "moral character" cannot be a firefighter in Illinois. I hope they got the message.

In March and April, the Fire Department swore in two returning members and five brand new members. Returning to the ranks were Doug Luther and Scott Booth. William Lambert, Craig Baikie, Charan Andrews, Zack Newton, and Andre Jackson are new to the organization and are already demonstrating a lot of future potential- welcome aboard!

Spring has finally sprung! As you get ready to start those projects out in the yard, don't forget to call JULIE before you start digging! April was National Safe Digging Month. According to NICOR, failure to call JULIE before digging results in more than one unintentional hit of an underground utility line PER MINUTE nationwide. JULIE stands for "Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators. The call to JULIE and the services provided to locate and mark underground utility lines are free! Plan ahead to call JULIE at 811 before you start digging anything. For more information, check out JULIE's website at www.illinois1call.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS- watch for flyers and signs about the Sauk Village Fire Department's "Junior Fire Academy" coming in July for kids 5 -11 years old. This kid's camp style event is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 27 – 31 with a family day/graduation ceremony on Saturday, August 1. Activities will focus on fire prevention, first aid, and what it's like to be a firefighter. There will be games and fun activities and a snack every day. The hours will be from 9:00 am to Noon and there will be a fee per child with a multiple kid discount for families. Stay tuned for more information and instructions for registering.





Police News

Deputy Chief Rebecca Sailsbery



The Sauk Village Police Department is aggressively applying for grants at the Federal and State level. Some of the grants applied for are the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Tobacco Program, the Illinois Department of Transportation "Highway Safety Project Agreement, Conditions and Certifications Grant, the Federal Recovery, Reinvestment Act (Police Equipment and Personnel), the Federal Recovery, Department of Justice Recovery Act (Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program), the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Click It Or Ticket" Mobilization Participation Verification, the ICJIA Preventing Law Enforcement Officer Suicide, the ICJIA K9 (equipment and training), the Lisa Madigan Illinois Attorney General Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART), the ICJIA Focus on in-car cameras grant, and many more. The Sauk Village Police Department intends on aggressively applying for both Federal and State Grants on a continual basis.

As of today's date the Sauk Village Police Department acquired the ICJIA's Preventing Law Enforcement Officer Suicide grant. This grant has provided additional resources to devote to this sensitive issue. The Sauk Village Police Department has acquired the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's Tobacco Program Grant. This grant provides funding to conduct underage tobacco enforcement details. In addition, the Sauk Village Police Department has received the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Click it or Ticket" Grant, and the Illinois Department of Transportation, "Highway Safety Project Agreement, Conditions and Certifications Grant to conduct traffic enforcement details. The Sauk Village Police Department will be utilizing these resources to conduct both stationary and mobilized traffic enforcement details throughout the summer months. The Sauk Village Police Department reminds all Village residents to purchase their village stickers and renew all expired license plates stickers.

On April 14, 2009 the Sauk Village Police Department received a complaint about the traffic lights at Interstate 394 (Ford Bishop Expressway) and Sauk Trail not functioning correctly. Although Sauk Trail and I394 are located in Sauk Village, all interstates (including I394) are the responsibility of the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the MEADE traffic control device company, and not the Village of Sauk Village. When a traffic control light is flashing a red light on and off it is by law a stop sign (in all directions). All vehicles are required to make a full and complete stop. This may naturally cause a back up in traffic. For that I am sympathetic to the motorist who is inconvenienced.

The Sauk Village Police Department does not have extra staffing to place the needed 6 to 8 officers, and squad cars, required to direct traffic every time the traffic light at I394 and Sauk Trail is functioning as a legal stop sign. I understand it would be a major convenience to all motorists involved, but it is not financially feasible, and impossible to predict when this will occur. Therefore scheduling this many extra officers is impossible. The Sauk Village Police Department does and will continue to respond to I394 and Sauk Trail each and every time the lights are flashing. The Police Department will continue to utilize ESDA with traffic control when possible.

I hope this cleared up any confusion in regards to the traffic light at I394 and Sauk Trail. If not I am willing to discuss this issue in detail with anyone wishing to do so. I can be reached at (708)758-1331.

The Sauk Village Police Department would like to invite all to view a historic event on Saturday June 20th 2008. A historic military vehicle convoy will drive through Sauk Village on this date. The exact time is not known, and we can only provide an estimated time frame between the hours of 09:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The convoy will be traveling west bound on Sauk Trail and is expected to contain 60 to 100 military vehicles. The convoy will begin in South Bend, Indiana and will be ending in Rochelle, Illinois. Everyone is encouraged to bring a lawn chair and the family to witness this once in a lifetime event.

The Sauk Village Police Department would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone the summer months are approaching and the amount of children playing in or around the streets will be increasing. Please be considerate and drive safely.

Thank you and please have a safe summer.

Human Relations Job Fair



*Sauk Village Human Relations Commission
Invites you to meet with
Over 50 Employers
and community organizations at its
Community Job Fair*

When: June 26, 2009

Time: 12:00 - 3:00 pm

*Location: Ed Paesel Community Center
2700 Kalvelage Drive (behind police station)
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411*

*MEET EMPLOYERS WHO ARE HIRING
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IMPORTANT LOCAL NUMBERS

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<i>COMMUNITY CENTER</i>	<i>758-4115</i>	<i>SENIOR CENTER</i>	<i>758-9115</i>
<i>BLOOM TOWNSHIP</i>	<i>754-9400</i>	<i>COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</i>	<i>210-4500</i>
<i>RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</i>	<i>755-4357</i>	<i>McCONATHY LIBRARY</i>	<i>757-4771</i>
<i>COMMONWEALTH EDISON</i>	<i>1-800-334-7661</i>	<i>NICOR</i>	<i>1-888-642-6748</i>
<i>SKYLINE DISPOSAL</i>	<i>754-5460</i>		

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