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*Public Relations Committee*

Many residents at a recent board meeting expressed much confusion about the Sauk Talk. Questions included the frequency of production and why it is no longer in homes. As the committee chair, I did my best to answer them clearly. Their confusion made me realize that many more residents may have the same questions. So below you will find out all you ever wanted to know about the Sauk Talk.

Members of the Public Relations Committee compile the Sauk Talk. The Sauk Talk come out six times a year; January, March, May, July, September, and November. Articles are requested by me on a bi-monthly basis.

Articles are due to be given to me by the last Friday of the month before production. Committee Chairs (Trustees), Department Heads, the Village Clerk and the Mayor are all informed of the due date and are asked to pro-

vide an article. All articles received by the due date, or within 24 hrs of the due date, will be placed in the Sauk Talk. A quick overview of the Sauk Talk is conducted in attempts to catch spelling and grammar mistakes from the articles. After this is complete, the Sauk Talk goes into production.

As I am sure you recall, the Sauk Talk used to be mailed to homes after being published. This practice was terminated due to budgetary constraints.

Understanding the importance of this information, the Public Relations Committee still request this information, and still compiles it and prints it in the house. The Sauk Talk is delivered to the Village Hall and McConathy Public Library for distribution, as well as, available online at [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org). We are in the process of contacting other businesses as well to request placing the Sauk Talk in their

establishments. We hope to be able to provide as many places as possible to pick up a Sauk Talk.

At one time, the Sauk Talk was a wealth of information full of articles and important dates and activities. The best part was that it was hand delivered every two months. We hope to soon restore it's usefulness and continue to request articles from Village Personnel. If you have any suggestions on way to do this, or if you would just like to volunteer on this committee, please contact me, Trustee Rosie Williams at Village Hall..



*Sauk Talk*

*News from the Village Clerk*

*Debbie Williams*

Have you renewed your pet license yet? 2009 pet licenses expired on April 30<sup>th</sup>. 2010 pet licenses have been on sale since April 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost of the pet license is \$15.00. If your pet is spayed or neutered the cost is discounted to \$7.00.

Vehicle stickers go on sale May 1, 2010. All vehicle stickers must be displayed no later than midnight June 30, 2010. Penalties, late fees and doubling of the sticker cost goes in effect on July 1, 2010.

The cost of the village sticker is

\$25.00 for cars- other prices may vary. There is one \$20.00 discount per household for seniors or the disabled.

This year's sticker will reflect the 2010 Census. Sauk Village wants to Stand Up and Be Counted. Census workers will be going door to door soon. Remember to ask for ID, do not give out personal information and do not let them in your home. To report any inappropriate behavior by someone acting as a Census worker, please call the Village Hall 708/758-3330 or the Police Department

708/758-1331 immediately.

Have a great summer! Please watch for the little ones in the street.



## Public Works News

### The mission of the Public Works Department is fourfold;

- 1) To Provide for the proper maintenance, care and operation of all public facilities, infrastructure and equipment. This is accomplished through the scheduled maintenance or the timely and cost effective repair of the structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems of all publicly owned buildings.  
Village owned parks, recreation facilities and open green spaces are also maintained.
- 2) To ensure the safety and convenience of the municipal roadway system. Responsibilities include maintenance and repairs to the storm sewer system to insure proper drainage of all storm water run-off, snow and ice control, street patching and repair, curb and sidewalk repair, tree trimming, pavement marking, traffic control sign installation and maintenance, street lighting, parkway restoration and branch and debris pick up.
- 3) To maintain and repair the sanitary sewer system throughout the Village.
- 4) To assist the Water Department in maintenance and up grades to the water system. (excluding treatment)  
Established Infrastructure responsibilities:  
28 miles of paved streets, 300,000 feet of curb, 70,000 sidewalk slabs, 400 street lights  
28 miles of sanitary sewer, 700 manholes  
9 miles of storm sewer, 300 manholes and inlets  
7 buildings, 8 recreational parks

We will continue to provide services even in these economic times.



## Code Enforcement News

### To All Residents

With spring here and 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.

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| 50.05      | Garbage cans cannot be stored in front of your house   |
| 72.11D     | Parking in the street on garbage day prohibited from 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.  |
| 151.037(A) | Parking on non hard surface is prohibited  |
| 79.02      | Village stickers required  |
| 94.50      | Grass and weeds over 8 inches tall prohibited- When cutting your grass please do not cut into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street |
| 90.01      | Junk auto and parts prohibited   |
| 150.34     | Failure to maintain pool   |
| 151.38     | Failure to maintain property   |

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

**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](mailto:sauktalk@saukvillage.org).



# Fire Department News



The first couple of weeks in April were pretty rough, not just for the Sauk Village Fire Department, but for our Fire Service community in general. On Tuesday, March 30, the Homewood Fire Department responded to residential fire with reports of a trapped person. Long story short, things turned bad really quick as Firefighters Brian Carey and Karra Kopas were in the house attempting to find the paralyzed resident. Firefighter Kopas was able to get out suffering severe burn injuries. Firefighter Carey and the resident did not make it out alive.

Brian Carey was the first Line of Duty death in the Homewood Fire Department's 109 year history. He gave his life doing what we are all sworn to do. Brian's wake and funeral were held in Oak Lawn and Evergreen Park. The services were attended by over 2500 firefighters from all over Illinois and beyond- a suitable farewell for a fallen brother.

The exact cause of the inferno has not yet been officially disclosed and may not be for some time as federal investigators wrap up their business and finalize their reports. One speculated cause for the rapid growth of fire conditions was the apparent oxygen bottles that were stored in the house. This possibility was fueled by media coverage and has even spawned an "oxygen awareness" Facebook page. The final reports are being anxiously awaited.

Whether the oxygen tanks stored in this house were at fault or not, gas cylinders (oxygen or otherwise) are extremely dangerous under fire conditions. I myself had a humbling experience several years ago when I discovered an oxygen and acetylene tank for welding in a garage next to the burning electrical outlet/wall that we had just extinguished.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is currently working with the Sauk Village Public Relations committee to develop a way for people to easily notify or register with the Fire Department if you have oxygen, welding equipment, or any other flammable gas cylinders in your home or garage. In the meantime, PLEASE feel free to call the Fire Department at 708-758-2225 to let us know if you have any gas cylinders in your home. This information will aid us in developing a database that can be checked prior to going in a burning structure.

On a lighter note, enjoy this nicer weather and have a safe and pleasant summer!



## Library News

### REMEMBER

Senior movies are shown at McConathy Public Library the 2nd Monday of every month starting at 1:00 pm. The next movie will be **Mama Mia** on June 14, 2010 at 1:00 pm., and **It's Complicated** will be shown Monday July 12, 2010 at 1:00 pm.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program will start on Tuesday June 1, 2010 from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Registration will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00 pm– 6:00 pm. Children Must be from the age of 3 years old to 5th grade. The Children's movies will be on Thursday's starting at 1:30 pm. Children under the age of 10 years and younger **must be** accompanied by an adult. The first movie will be **G-Force** on Thursday June 17th at 1:30 pm.





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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: <a href="http://WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG">WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG</a>	