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### From the Mayor's Corner

Roger Peckham

The summer of 2008 is now officially in progress and so is the construction season. The typical back ups and traffic delays are waiting to make our travels to work and on recreational trips subject to the inconvenience of delays and detours. Again this summer here in Sauk Village a small portion of streets will be resurfaced. *So allow for extra travel time in all your travels and be prepared for the traffic disruptions.*

With warm weather you can be sure that the kids are out of school which means they are out on the streets, walking and playing. The children or our community must understand that the

streets are neither playgrounds nor paths for their travels on there trips through out our community. While each year kids in the streets are a major complainants, this problem seems to grow even while I, the police chief and others write warnings in the Sauk Talk and the police ticket those caught in the street. *Residents have proposed that our tickets should be increased to \$1000 for violations not simply to raise money for the Village, but merely to hope to get compliance and to prevent accidents.* The police department every year has special programs to issue tickets for walking and playing in the streets and this year the number of

such programs will be increased and the fines may become very expensive.

Warm weather during the summer season also mean neighborhood and outdoor parties which mean noise and parking problems. If you plan to have a party at your home this summer please consider your neighbors. While enjoying your day do not through noise and late hours and be inconsiderate of your neighbors. *If you are expecting extra parking needs please contact the Police department six to eight weeks before your plan your party to request special parking arrangements.*

Enjoy your summer!

### News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

Let me first start with a correction to the information I relayed to you in the last issue, regarding Village Stickers. *The fine for not having a Village Sticker starts at \$100, not \$50.* This fine is in addition to the cost of the sticker. So, if you haven't already purchased stickers for your vehicle(s), please do so. *The Police Department will be setting up random (unannounced) check points throughout the Village to ensure compliance.*

Now, onto the good stuff! As you know, the Presidential election will be held this November 4th, the first Tuesday in November. Voter turnout is expected to be higher than usual. If you are not registered to vote, you have plenty of time. *The deadline for registering to be eligible to vote in the November election is Tuesday, October 7th.*

Four easy ways to Register on next page, as well as the paperwork you will need.

*(Clerk's article continued on page 2)*

# Your *Vote* Counts! *(Continued)*

Ways you can register:

- via mail by either downloading the registration form at [www.voterinfonet.com/sub/register.asp](http://www.voterinfonet.com/sub/register.asp)
- call the Cook County Clerk's office at 312-603-0906 to request a registration form. Know that if you register by mail, you may be required to provide ID when you vote at the polls on Election Day.
- in person by visiting one of six Cook County Clerk's offices (Markham is the closest to Sauk Village), your local Illinois Secretary of State drivers license facility, or right here at Village Hall. Village Hall is open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday; there is usually someone available who can register you to vote. On Tuesday evenings, Village Hall is open from 7 pm to 9 pm and someone may be available to register you. In all cases, it is best to call ahead (758-3330)



To register, you must be

- 1) a citizen of the United States on the day of registration,
- 2) be 18 years old by the next election,
- 3) reside at the address on your registration, and
- 4) display two pieces of identification. At least one of the IDs presented must include your current address.

Acceptable forms of ID include:

*Illinois Drivers License, Illinois State ID, Social Security Card Utility Bill in applicant's name, Valid US passport, Employee or Student ID, Credit Card, Birth Certificate, Mail postmarked to the applicant*

Know that your address cannot be a business address or PO Box. And, convicted felons currently serving time cannot vote (this includes those on electronically monitored devices).

After your registration application has been processed, you will receive a voter identification card in the mail from the Cook County Clerk's office. This card is important, as it contains your precinct information, letting you know where to vote.



If you are already registered at your current address, there is no need to re-register. If you are not sure of your current status, you can check online at [voterinfonet.com/sub/am\\_i\\_registered.asp](http://voterinfonet.com/sub/am_i_registered.asp)

Note: If you miss the October 7th deadline, there is a two week grace period, where you can still register to vote by appearing in person at the Cook County Clerk's office at 69 W. Washington St, Room 500 in downtown Chicago. If you register during this two week window, you can only vote right after registering or via absentee ballot (you cannot vote at the polls on Election Day).

If you have specific questions about the registration process, you can call the Cook County Clerk's office at 312-603-0906, or check out their website at [voterinfonet.com](http://voterinfonet.com).

Get ahead of the rush and register now!

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

# Food Bank Open to All

The Sauk Village Food bank is open to all. Respond Now operates a *satellite food pantry* in the Sauk Village Senior Center (21701 Torrence Avenue) The non-profit food bank, which is open Tuesdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm, is intended to satisfy food needs in the village.

*Respond Now*, an emergency social services agency located in Chicago Heights has more than 38 years of experience in operating a community food bank. *Carl Wolf*, Respond Now's Executive Director, said the food bank's services are open to everyone. "The only thing we require is hunger and food needs," Wolf said.

The pantry will serve those who:

- simply show up for groceries,
- meet the USDA Income Guidelines and
- produce an ID showing they live nearby.



*Typical bags include canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, rice, pasta, juice, bread, peanut butter, soup, tuna, canned meat and much more.*

*Each client is given approximately a three day supply of nutritionally balanced food on a monthly basis - or 10% of total food needs - to supplement other food resources.*

## HOST JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

*Beverly Sterrett, Chairperson*

The Human Relations Commission hosted Junior Achievement programs for youth during June and July. Junior Achievement is a program that helps young people learn about the business world. It reinforces the value of education and teaches students about the future economic benefits of staying in school. Junior Achievement is funded by corporations both large and small. Completing Junior Achievement programs can help youth earn college scholarships offered by Junior Achievement sponsors.

On June 12<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Rhoda Sancho taught our youth about "JA Global Marketplace". This program is designed to provide practical information about the key aspects of the global economy, what makes world trade work, and how trade affects students' daily lives. Along with other activities Commissioner Sancho brought in currency from different countries for the youth to see first hand.

June 19<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Sarah Ridder's topic was "JA Economics for Success" this explores personal finance and students' education and career options based on their skills, interest and values. The young people prepared a budget on a salary of \$13.00 per hour (a real eye opener). Additional topics to be covered include entrepreneurship, enterprise in action and personal economics.

## SVCEO

### Special Thanks

*Sauk Village Citizen's Empowerment Organization* sponsored its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Fair on Thursday June 19, 2008. Thanks to the seniors for coming out and seeking information and screenings to keep them healthy.

Extra Special Thanks to the following organizations for their participation, Cook Dept. of Public Health, Catholic Charities Senior Services, Bloom Township Senior Services, Cook County Tax Assessor's office, Illinois Eye Institute Glaucoma Van.

*Submitted by Francine Anderson*

# Sauk Village Lions *Recycle for Sight*



Donations Needed

As spring cleaning gets under way, the Sauk Village Lions are asking people to look through dresser drawers and closets for used eyeglasses and donate them to the Lions Recycle For Sight program. During the month of July, the Sauk Village Lions Club will be collecting used prescription eyeglasses and prescription and non-prescription sunglasses as part of a unique recycling program. The collected glasses will be cleaned and prepared for distribution in developing countries where eye care is often unaffordable and inaccessible.

In most developing countries,

an eye exam can cost as much as one month's wages and a single eye doctor may serve a community of hundreds of thousands of people. The donated glasses will be shipped to a regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center where they will be cleaned, categorized by prescription and prepared for distribution by Lions and other groups. To donate used glasses (including sunglasses and reading glasses), place them in the specially marked Lions Recycle For Sight collection boxes located at the *Village Hall, St. James Church and Park National Bank*.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly

1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Sauk Village Lions Club, please contact Mary Howard at 708-268-6766.

## Bloom Trail Class of *1978 Reunion*

The Bloom Trail Class of 1978 has planned their 30 year reunion. The event will be held on Saturday, August 9th at 6:30 pm at the Villa De Bruno in Lynwood, Illinois. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and \$100.00 per couple. Classmates can RSVP via [Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com)—Bloom Trail/Class of 1978.



Seeking Thirteen More

Tom Hasse, one of the organizers of the event, is searching for thirteen former class members from Sauk Village. "We have no e-mails, no phone numbers and no addresses

for thirteen of our former classmates," explained Mr. Hasse.

Our reunion committee is actively searching for: *Richard Almquist, Steve Appleby, Sandra Briggs, Laurie Hoffman, Tim Kirkpatrick, Karen Kudio, Dan MacCauley, Pam Parker, Mark Sova, Steve Spearson, Denise and Diane Ward, Jackie Wilson and Laura Whittle.*

*If anyone has any information on how to reach these 1978 Bloom Trail Graduates, they may contact the McConathy Public Library at 757-4771 and leave the contact information.*

# Sharing Our Favorite Recipes



Local Community Author

After baking her first cake, at five or six years old, on a wood-burning stove, *Rose Mary Mogan* developed a passion for cooking. Born in Chicago and raised in Arkansas with her eight brothers and two sisters, Rose Mary's kitchen skills were in high demand. As the oldest in a poor family, Rose Mary's mother taught her "how to utilize whatever resources we had to make a meal." "I was twenty years old and had come to Chicago before I realized that cake mix was available in box form."

According to Nanette Wargo, Director of the McConathy Public Library, "Rose Mary Mogan and her daughter, Briana, have been library patrons for years. I was always asking Rose Mary for a good recipe and Rose Mary always had something quick and tasty to suggest." We often talked of her great recipe collection and I was thrilled when she came by the library to show us her book.

Rose Mary Mogan's book, Sharing our Favorite Recipes, is a cookbook that offers up great recipes for all ages and skill levels. Sauk Village residents can take great pride in having such a wonderful author in their community.

## Housing Authority: Summer Safety Tips

Most of the over two million home break-ins every year (one every 15 seconds) happen in July and August, when vacationing families leave their houses empty and vulnerable. Summer travel season has arrived, so before you hit the road, make sure to take simple steps to keep criminals out of your home.

No one wants to come home from a relaxing vacation to broken windows and stolen valuables, but in the rush to leave, people often forget to secure their houses. You can rest easy and enjoy your vacation with these smart, simple and affordable ways to keep your home safe.

**\* *Make your home look lived in***  
Ask a friendly neighbor to make sure the lawn is mowed and keep an eye out for unusual activity around your house. Suspend newspaper and mail delivery or have someone collect them for you and make sure the trash cans are put out and brought in on time. The more lived-in your home appears to be, the less inviting it is to thieves.

### **\* *Leave a light on***

Put a few lights and a radio on timers set to go on and off at random times during the day and evening. Leaving one light on the entire time you're away is an obvious sign that no one is around to turn it off. Close most of your window shades, but keep a few open on upper floors for light to



Prevent Uninvited Guests

### **\* *Don't invite a climber***

Don't leave toys or ladders around your yard, they can easily be used to stand on or climb up to break into your home. Likewise, prune back any tall trees with branches near upper windows.

### **\* *Lock it up***

It sounds obvious, but lock the doors and windows - more than 50

percent of thieves burglarize homes by walking right in. Use deadbolt locks that can only be opened with a key and forget about hiding the key under a doormat. If you must keep a key nearby, purchase a steel lockbox with a combination that is specifically made to store keys.

### **\* *Sound the alarm***

A survey by Temple University found that alarm systems, when used with other precautions, reduce the likelihood of burglary by more than 60 percent.

### **\* *Don't squirrel valuables away***

Thieves aren't dumb; they know people like to stash their goods under the bed, between the pages of books and in the sock drawer. Store your valuables in a safe-deposit box at the bank or in a safe you can bolt to the floor.

Taking a few simple precautions before taking off for vacation can provide the peace of mind you need to relax during your time off and come back to home sweet, secure home.

# Sauk Village Parks & Recreation Committee News

Trustee Derrick Burgess



*Children Summer Camp*

SV Parks & Recreations' annual Children Summer Camp 2008 program is in full swing. Sixty four children are enrolled and have already enjoyed field trips to a bowling facility, Deep River Water Park and Great America Amusement Park. Two additional field trips are planned before the program ends on July 27th. We would like to thank *Ms. Palmer, Ms. Bouma, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bintz, Mr. Crutcher, Ms. Roscetti, Mr. Banghart and Mr. Kersh* for their hard work and dedication.

SV Parks & Recreation will sponsor its annual Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty contests on Saturday, August 23rd. To qualify, applicants must be residents of Sauk



*2008 Pageant*

Village and families will submit the proper entry form along with a small photo or snapshot for our files. Applicants must be available to attend all scheduled Sauk Village events as this is the biggest responsibility of being a titleholder. All participants will automatically become an official member of the Queen's Court. So, enter TODAY and start your reign in the appropriate age division (your age as of July 1, 2008). Applications will be available at Village Hall.

SV Parks & Recreations will host its annual back to school Corn & Dog Roast featuring School District 168 on Saturday, August 30th from 3pm – 6pm behind the new Village Hall. Besides the traditional Corn & Dog Roast events; including the crowning of Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty. School District 168 has even more games, prizes and activities planned. Mark your calendar to attend this exciting event!



*Back-to-School Corn & Dog Roast*

## *Faith | Family | Fun*



*Free Crafts and Education*

Emmanuel Church at 22515 Torrence Avenue is having *Bible School* for ages 4 through 12 on August 4th through 8th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*This is FREE events where kids will learn fun songs, make crafts, learn about our loving God, and be entertained by our puppet team.*

There also is an informal group time for ladies and a nursery is provided. Call 758-3343 for more information.



# Seniors: Did you know....



The Senior Committee has planned our first trip to the RAILCATS baseball game for Thursday July 24, 2008. The cost will be about \$10 per person which will include admission to the game, food, and transportation.

All Three Senior Clubs have openings for *new members*. They offer social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, tours and all around fun.

**Blue Grass** meets every Sunday at 5:00pm.

**Sunshiners** meet every first and third Monday of the month at 6pm.

**Fun Club** meets every second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30pm.

**Leisure Timers** meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6pm.

**Respond Now** has a satellite food pantry here at the Senior Center every Tuesday from 10am to 2pm. Consider *volunteering* with them.

**Youth & Seniors on the Move** Senior Committee and Park and Recreation



Committee has come together to form another group have intergenerational activities. The group's name is Youth & Seniors on the Move. The motto is "Youth Today – Senior Tomorrow" The first Youth and Seniors on the Move activity is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, 2008 from 12:00pm noon to 3:00pm. "Old School Craft Day" everyone will have a take home item. We are looking for more senior volunteers to share their craft talents such as wood carving, leather crafting, quilting, arts, needle works, floral designing. For more information, contact Trustees Anderson & Burgess.

*Sauk Village Senior Committee is now sponsoring a Free Movie Day at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served. Come enjoy the fun at our next showing scheduled for July 14, 2008 & August 11, 2008.*



**Special Thanks** to all the seniors for making our Spaghetti Dinner held on Saturday, June 28, 2008 a great success. Extra special thanks to *Joe Vega* for entertaining us.

**Kudos** to *Rose Langston* for receiving an award from Age Options of Illinois for her volunteering with their organization.

# PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

We all hate storms, but as the summer progresses there is bound to be storms, some will have heavy rain, heavy winds and other conditions out



*After the Storm, Prepare for Cleanup*

of our control. To help the public understand what the public work department is up against, we will try to explain what type of procedures are in place to make residents safe while at home and out on the streets.

Our first priority is to keep streets open for police and emergency vehicles. This procedure starts by clearing debris collecting on manhole covers. These items are usually yard waste, grass clippings, and other items such as garbage which flow to these locations. Streets are cleared in specific order to allow for proper upstream

flow and proper drainage. Therefore, please have patience if your street is still flooded. Please do not open manhole covers to help the flow. You will flood someone's basement or even be sucked in. Instead, be patient and let us do our job, we will get to each street. Also, if high winds are present, we must make the street safe to pass by removing all dangerous tree branches hindering public safety and once we are comfortable that it is safe, we start our storm branch pickup.

Residents are given one week after large storm events to put their branches out; we will not come back after our clean up dates. When cleanup is complete we end up with a large pile of wood chips which we will deliver free



*Use Caution on the Streets*



*Wood Chips Provided to Residents*

of charge to any resident who requests. They are great for gardens and landscaping projects. Please call the village hall to request delivery.

*Please note that the minimum amount we will deliver is a one ton truck load and we will not be responsible for picking up any surplus on your property.* Please request only the amount you will use. Residents may also make appointments to come to the public works garage to take smaller amounts.

# Code Enforcement

- This year we have an overwhelming amount of residents that are not maintaining their lawns. Please be advised the ordinance states 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. 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.
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- Maintain Your Lawn*
- Residents clean your gutters. We have several homes with trees growing out of them. This causes gutters to break away from the fascia and water will not drain properly.
  - Parking on a non-hard surface is against the Village ordinance. Please make sure you park on concrete or asphalt.
  - 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.
  - If you experience graffiti on your property there is a program available through the Cook County Sheriff's Department. The Program Coordinator is Mary Donohue and the phone number is (773) 869-4710. They will give you instructions on what needs to be done for removal. Or, pick up a form at the Sauk Village Police Department.

To view a particular ordinance go to [www.SaukVillage.org](http://www.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.*

## *Graffiti Gone*



*Graffiti Removal Available*

*The Sauk Village Police Department in cooperation with the Cook County Sheriff's Office is offering free graffiti removal. Those*

interested in having graffiti removed should pick up a form at the Sauk Village Police Department any time. Or, call Program Coordinator, Mary Donohue, at the Cook County Sheriff's Department at (773) 869-4710.

Once the form is returned, you will be scheduled for the damage to be removed at no cost to you. Please do not phone in your graffiti to the radio room or 911 Center; this will take valuable time from the staff.

## *Bring your Bike*



*Bikes Rule*

*The Sauk Village Police Department will be conducting a Bike Safety & Rodeo this fall at local schools. Each student will have the opportunity to bring his or her bike to school on the scheduled day and participate in this*

event. Literature will offered to the students on bike rules and prizes will be given to the winners of this event by age group. More information to follow once school starts back!!!



*Welcome Back*

## *Complimentary Gun Locks*



*The Sauk Village Police Department is still offering free gun locks to anyone interested. No questions asked. Adults should visit the police department and ask for these locks. We are asking at this time that you limit your request to 3 locks per adult. These locks come with two keys and the metal cable is plastic coated, keeping scratches from your firearms. PLEASE, if you have a gun and a child in the house at the same time, THESE ARE A MUST and they are FREE!*

# Save the Date: Weekend Celebration

*This year's festival is guaranteed to be even more spectacular than last year's. Mark your calendar now! See the proposed events...*

- CARNIVAL – BRACELET DAYS/ SATURDAY & SUNDAY 2pm-5pm
- BEER GARDEN WITH MULTIPLE FOOD VENDORS
- ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES:

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

COUNTRY NIGHT

NATIONAL ACTS: TIN HORSE

BILLY CHILDERS & BAND

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2008

MIX-IT UP

JERRY ARMSTRONG - RAT PACK

KAREN HEART BAND - 70'S, 80'S, 90'S

REDLINE - HIP HOP, RAP

TRIBUTE ACT: KASHMIR (LED ZEPPELIN)

CHICAGO LEGEND OF THE STARS: ELVIS PRESLEY, NEIL DIAMOND, FOUR TOPS, Etc...

## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

FAMILY DAY

GAMES SHOWS FOR THE KIDS

LOCAL TALENT

KARAOKE

Look for updated info on the Sauk Village website [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org) and [bestinentertainment.net](http://bestinentertainment.net) or contact Trustee Rosie Williams at [rwilliams@saukvillage.org](mailto:rwilliams@saukvillage.org)



*Unlimited Rides Saturday and Sunday*

## History / Pride / Tradition



Here's a little history lesson courtesy of the *Sauk Village Fire Department*.

When a courageous band of crusaders, the Knights of St. John, fought the Saracens for possession of the Holy Lands, they were faced with a new device of war - FIRE!

As the crusaders advanced on Jerusalem, the Saracens pelted them with glass bombs full of naphtha (a very flammable liquid) and then threw down flaming torches. Hundreds of knights were burned alive while others risked their lives to save their kinsmen from painful fiery deaths. Thus these became the first firefighters. Their heroic efforts were recognized by fellow crusaders who awarded them with a badge of honor similar to the cross firefighters wear today. Since the Knights of St. John lived nearly four centuries on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean Sea, the cross came to be known as the Maltese Cross. The firefighter who wears this cross is willing to lay down his life for others, just as the crusaders sacrificed their lives for their fellow man so many years ago.

The American Fire Service is steeped in over 200 years of history, pride, and tradition dating back to Benjamin Franklin. If this is a legacy that appeals to you, or more importantly, is one that you believe you can live up to, the Sauk Village Fire Department can be a good place to start.

*Like any thing in life though, you will get out of the Fire Service what you put into it. Stop by the Sauk Village Fire Department or Village Hall for an application and let the adventure begin.*



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Permit  
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## POSTAL CUSTOMER SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411

### IMPORTANT LOCAL NUMBERS

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EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE NON- EMERGENCY	758-1331		
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	758-9115
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		

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