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Sauk Talk

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Lewis Towers

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News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

As of July 1 Sauk Village Stickers will double in price. The cost of Village Stickers is now \$50.00 for cars, motorcycles and RV's and trucks start \$86.00. Senior citizens 62 and older can receive a \$20.00 discount (one per household) keeping in mind that the senior citizen must be the registered party for that

vehicle. The Police Department does random, unannounced Safety Checks where they check for seat belt compliance, current registration, proof of insurance and **properly displayed Village Stickers.**

Stickers must be clearly displayed on the lower passenger side of each vehicle.

Tickets for not having a Village sticker on your vehicle start at \$100.00.

Please enjoy a safe and happy summer with your friends and family. Check on your neighborhood seniors; especially during the hotter days and keep a look out for the kids!

Public Relations Committee

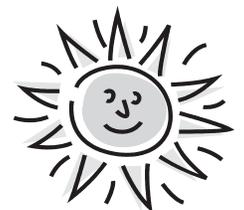
Trustee Rosie Williams

The Public Relations committee has been doing some spring cleaning lately. We have been focusing on ways to provide the most information to the greatest number of people with the least amount of cost. We have been doing audits of the website and Sauk Talk to determine where updates are needed. We are hoping to reveal the new and improved website very soon. This website will be more informational and easier than ever to use.

We are also looking for ways to extend our reach into the community. We are discussing the idea of reaching out to combine forces with other committees to make an even larger impact. There are many outreach programs being planned for this summer, so please keep your ears open to learn about all of the great opportunities to see your Village and your neighbors like never before!!!

One last note: please remember to check on the elderly and the youth this season. The hot weather can have adverse effects on people with breathing problems and allergies. Also, school is out and the weather is hot, this means many more children will be in the parks and on the streets. Please watch for them as you make your way through Sauk Village. Remember that it is our responsibility to maintain the appearance, the health and the safety of our Village!! So pitch in and do your part.

As always, if you have any ideas for conveying information or if you would like to be a part of this committee please contact Trustee Rosie Williams for all details!!! Have a safe and wonderful Summer.



Senior Committee News

Trustee Francine Anderson

Seniors Do You Know?

Something New is happening at the Senior Center; a second class for **Ceramics** has been added every Thursday evening 4pm to 6pm.

Free Movie Every second Monday of the month McConathy Library sponsors a movie at 1:00pm. Join us on August 9, 2010 for "Dear John" and September 13, 2010 for "Iron Man". Refreshments are served.

The Sauk Village Senior Center is offering social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Come join the fun this summer. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

- Sunday** **Fun Club** meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. **Line dancing** held every Sunday at 1:00pm.
 Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm.
- Monday** **Sunshiners** meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.
- Tuesday** **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)** meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm
- Wednesday** **Leisure Timers** meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.
 Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am to
- Thursday** 12:00noon & every Thursday 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

Volunteers are needed for **Respond Now** a satellite food pantry here in Sauk Village at the Community Center (old senior center) every Tuesday from 10am. to 2pm.

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

- Stay Tuned for our new added feature entitled "A Sauk Village Senior you should know" in the next Sauk Talk.

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 Committee News

Trustee Derrick Burgess

The Economic Development Committee would like to thank Behr Corporation for the invitation to their Open House on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at their new Logistics Center facility in Sauk Village. Our committee members, Village Clerk Debbie Williams, Carey Pratt, and Juanita Burgess were given a tour of the facility by Distribution Manager, Jim Taylor. Police Chief Tim Holevis, Fire Chief Al Stoffregen, and Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood, Elizabeth Pratt and Frank Williams were also in attendance.

The Economic Development will be hosting two events to showcase our businesses in Sauk Village. The first event titled "Showcasing Sauk Plaza" will be held on Saturday, July 17th from Noon to 4pm. A DJ, outside vendors and Sauk Village's Fire Department will be in attendance.

The second event is planned for July 31st for our businesses located in and near Surreybrook Plaza. More details will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

We encourage everyone to come out, support our local businesses and have a good time.

Should you have any questions, please contact Village Hall at 758-3330.



Parks and Recreation

Trustee Enoch Benson

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

Ordinance Review Committee

Trustee Ed Myers

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

Police Department News

Chief Tim Holevis

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the village residents that came out in support of the police department over the past several months, during some trying times. Hopefully it is all in the past. It does my heart good to see that there are still caring people in Sauk Village. A very heartfelt thanks to all of you. Hopefully we can maintain this relationship.

First of all the Police Department would like to welcome newly appointed Police Officer Mario Tello. Officer Tello was hired under a Federal Stimulus Grant that was awarded to Sauk Village after a thorough application process which was completed by Sergeants from the police department. Thank you for your dedication Officer Tello and welcome aboard.

JUST SOME REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Village stickers are now past due and officers will be conducting random checks for violators. Remember, fines are nearly double the price of a sticker.

Seat belt enforcement also will be increased through the holidays and summer months. Please have your loved ones buckle up for safety.

There have been many complaints from the residents regarding walking in the street, basketball hoops in the streets and dogs running loose. The police department treats these issues with high regard and will not tolerate violations of any village ordinance. Please have courtesy for your neighbor and stay on the sidewalk.

Curfew times are 11:00pm-6:00am Friday – Saturday
11:00pm-6:00am Saturday - Sunday

FROM THE CHIEF’S DESK

A Little Police Humor

Police arrested two kids yesterday; one was drinking battery acid, the other eating Fireworks. The police charged one and let the other one off! Have a good month and be safe.



McConathy Library News

Juell Johnson and Ashley Dettloff

Ronald McDonald came to entertain the summer reading children along with the children from the SSDMC summer camp. There was a very nice turn out for the show and the children enjoyed seeing Ronald McDonald.



Housing Authority Committee News

Trustee David Hanks

Summer Home Security 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 shine through and make it look like someone is home. Install motion detector lights by each entry to your home, including the garage. Thieves don't want to be in the spotlight!

* **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.





Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



With all the negative media attention concerning Sauk Village in general, the Sauk Village Fire Department is pleased to say that there still good things going on and coming up in the near future.

The Sauk Village Fire Department would sincerely like to thank the Sauk Village Beautification Committee for their recent efforts around the fire station. The newly planted flowers around the flagpole and the marquee sign were a nice touch.

The June 23 Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! The attendance estimate was right about 145 people. When the doors opened at 8:00, a steady flow continued for about the first two hours. Many regulars stopped in and as always we appreciate their support. Thanks to the "Sauk Village, IL" Facebook page, there were a number of former Sauk Village residents that came by for good food and some reminiscing. At least one former resident came from as far away as Kentucky! The family of former Fire Chief Leroy Hawkins also came in from out of town. Chief Hawkins was the chief from 1966 until he passed away in 1992. In the end, a good time was had by all. A special thank you goes out to everyone that made this successful- the "Sauk Village, IL" and "Sauk Village Fire Department" Facebook groups, our volunteer waitress staff, SVFD Ladies Auxillary members, and all the firefighters and ESDA personnel that pitched in to cook and clean up.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is also gearing up for our second Junior Fire Academy. This year the Academy will be August 9 through the 13th and will be

from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Last year 28 kids aged 5 to 11 participated representing Sauk Village, Crete, Steger, South Chicago Heights, and Dyer. Participants learned fire prevention, why and how firefighters do what they do, first aid/cpr, team work, and in the process had a lot of fun and made new friends. Registration is open now. You can register a child by calling the fire station at 758-2225. There is a small fee of \$20 to help cover t-shirts, snacks, and activity costs.

As a friendly reminder, please take note of these few summer safety hints. Cook County does not allow open burning of any kind. The only permissible burning is in a FULLY contained burn pit like the type you can get at the home improvement stores. Kids are out and about- drive carefully! The last thing worthy of mention is not necessarily seasonal- the Sauk Village Fire Department in the last year has responded to a significant number of fires and potential fires that started with bathroom ceiling fans. If you have an older model fan, you may want to consider having it replaced by a qualified electrician. Don't take your bathroom fans for granted. They do need to be cleaned and maintained.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is very much concerned for the safety and well-being of our citizens. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call during normal business hours, stop by the station, or email richresq1@comcast.net.



Beautification Committee News

Marva Pruitt

Beautification has come to Sauk Village. Do you have a knack for decorating? Tired of driving through your community and thinking, this would look so much better if? Well, the Committee is looking for you. Won't you consider joining us as we embark upon beautifying Sauk Village? Our first task was decorating the Village Hall and the Veteran's Memorial. Since that time we have planted flowers at the entrance of the Village on Sauk Trail and Hwy 394. We're moving on to other areas – Village Hall, Police Station and others. Blow your horn if you see us!

At this time the current members of the committee are as follows: Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chair; Elizabeth Pratt, who was a former member of the committee some time ago; Chet Andrew Grant, Rosie East, Lolita Chambers and Sheryl Thomas. We are still in need of additional members. Maintaining public areas is a time consuming back breaking activity. Did I say that we are **all** volunteers?

Many residents do a great job, of showcasing their homes; either through seasonal displays or general maintenance of their property. The **Hootsie Award** is back. Nominate your neighbor, business, government, religious institution or even yourself. Forms are available at the Village hall. The nomination period ends **August 01, 2010**. The judging will take place from **August 22, 2010- September 04, 2010**.

The Committee is planning other events to **FUND** raise to support our committee; we ask that you lend your support by either attending or working an event. More information coming soon; look for signs posted around the village or in the Sauk Talk.

For more information...Contact Sheryl Thomas, 773-716-4880 or sherylt@prodigy.net

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Sherry Jasinski

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.

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 phone number is (773) 869-4710. They will give you instructions on what needs to be done for removal.

Public Works News

Kevin Weller

During severe weather, branches and tree are bound to get damaged. We will do our best to clean up after storms. Village residents are required to have all storm damaged branches pulled to the curb for pickup no later than July 2nd. Also, Public Works has mulch for garden and flower bed cover which is great for keeping weeds under control. The mulch and the delivery is free to Sauk Village residents. Please call the Village Hall and leave a message at 758-3330. In an effort to keep costs down and keep the town clean, we are asking for help from residents. Please help us to keep the streets and water ways clear of debris. Don't cut grass into the streets and please pick up garbage around your property. Street sweeping starts July 19 through July 23rd. Street sections follow the garbage pickup schedule. There is NO PARKING on the street during sweeping days.



JOB FAIR



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION OF SAUK VILLAGE

PRESENTS

COMMUNITY JOB FAIR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

12:00—3:00 PM

EDWARD PAESEL COMMUNITY CENTER

2700 KALVELAGE DRIVE

(behind the police station located at 21701 Torrence Avenue)

WIDE VARIETY OF EMPLOYERS

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DRESS TO IMPRESS

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	