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Sauk Talk

News From the Mayor

Lewis Towers

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SAUK VILLAGE FIREWORKS



BEHIND THE VILLAGE HALL SUNDAY JULY 3, 2011 AT DUSK

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Village Stickers were due to be displayed on vehicles by midnight June 30th. Sticker prices will double starting July 1st. Stickers will then cost \$50.00 for cars and \$86.00 for trucks. The Village Hall is now open on Wednesdays until further notice. Please remember to check on the seniors in the hot weather. Also, remember the children are out of school so please be cautious. Have a safe and happy summer and 4th of July weekend!



Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Public Relations committee has been very busy this summer. Between the bbqs, graduations parties and weddings, we have managed to find time to continue fund raising efforts for this year's Independence Day Celebration. As you may know, last year was the first year in a long time that Sauk Village did not have a fireworks display. Many residents approached the board and me individually voicing their concerns as to why there was not a display. Although almost all residents understood the financial reasons why we had to cancel them, many were still very upset. The stories of families reuniting over the fireworks were so compelling that the committee decided that the Village would not be without a display this year. We have been diligently working to raise funds for this year's festivities and we are not quite at our goal. Thankfully, we have worked a deal with the great people at 5Alarm Fireworks and we will be continuing to raise funds until August 31, 2011. Please contact Trustee Williams or Village Clerk Williams for ways that you can help.

The Village of Sauk Village- Public Relations Committee is proud to present

Sauk Village Independence Day Celebration

Sunday July 3rd

Starting at dusk (around 8:45 pm)

Special note: I just wanted to take this time to thank all those who have helped make this day happen. The citizens who have helped by buying candy and taking part in the casino trips and pancake breakfast, the SVFD for sharing their space and assisting us with the pancake breakfast, the Public Relations Committee and volunteers for all you do, and finally Kerry Pratt from Fairway foods for your continued support of this Village and this committee. Your donations have been priceless to our efforts for Student Government Day and the Fireworks!!!

McConathy Public Library News

Colleen Baughman

The next senior movie will be held on July 11, 2011. We will be showing **Monster-in-Law** starting at 1:00pm. Light refreshments will be served.

August 8th will be the lunch and movie starting at 12:00pm. Sign up is required for this event so please call the library at 708-757-4771 and reserve a seat by August 1st. We will be showing

Night of the Hunter following the lunch.

Have a fantastic 4th of July and be safe!!!



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@saukville.org.



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



This summer has certainly off to a wild start as far as weather goes. It's been pretty quiet from the standpoint of fire calls and other news, so I will once again take this opportunity to bring up weather related issues. Lets talk about flooding for starters.

In early June, we had a torrential downpour that resulted in flooding in a number of areas throughout the Village. Right off the bat, the Fire Department was called for a stranded motorist, immediately followed by at least two more similar calls. We would all like to think that our cars can handle most any situation, but really- unless you're driving one of those "Duck Mobiles" like they have in the Wisconsin Dells, nobody was getting through these streets. A few tried, and all failed. I witnessed one gentleman walking away from his stalled vehicle on 218th Street in water up to his knees!

The key here is situational awareness. If the water on any given street is over the curb, you shouldn't be driving through it. It is not safe to walk through it either. As the storm sewers fill to overflowing, and water above ground rises, there is an equalization of water pressure that is capable of lifting sewer caps- and this did happen that day! Be alert to the dangers of moving water, think things through before you commit yourself, and take a deep breath- there's usually always another way to get where you need to go.

We also saw our first real hot days in June. With the heat index over 100 degrees, the Sauk Village Emergency Services activated the first use of the Special Needs registration program since its inception earlier this year. Registered citizens were contacted by phone to ensure that they had air conditioning and to advise them of precautions if venturing outdoors.

This Special Needs program is intended to get residents to register with the Fire Department in the event of a crisis or disaster situation. This database provides



Emergency Services with the ability to prioritize response, or at the least, check on residents who have problems like oxygen dependence, limited mobility, or any other health related problems that would affect their ability to fend for themselves. Registration forms are available at the fire station, Village Hall, Walgreens, and the library.

Next, a few "Thank You's" are in order. Thanks to a couple generous donations from Pacesetter Steel and NICOR, the Fire Department was able to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for treatment of persons in cardiac arrest. This device will be available for the protection of our firefighters as well as our citizens. The Sauk Village Fire Department would also like to extend a great big "Thanks" to Prairie State College. PSC is funding 100% of this year's Junior Fire Academy. Registration is already full!

Finally, speaking of PSC, on July 16, PSC's Fire Science Program is hosting a one day career workshop for high school students considering a career in the Fire Service. This workshop will be held at the Park Forest Fire Training Facility at 55 N. Orchard Ave from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Students will get to see first hand the ravaging behavior and effects of fire, get to get their hands on a number of firefighting tools, and get to participate in several skills oriented scenarios (without real fire). If you know of a high school student that would be interested in attending this one of a kind workshop, please contact Deputy Chief Rich Atwood, Sauk Village Fire Department at 708-758-2225.





Senior Committee

Rose Langston



My appreciation to the Mayor and Board of Trustees for their confidence in appointing me as Chairperson to the Village Senior Committee. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Rose Langston and I have been involved with senior issues for over twenty-five years. The Village Senior Committee oversees the Senior Center and represents all village seniors regardless of their membership in the three senior organizations. Our committee acts as a liaison to the Village Board of Trustees on senior issues and provide activities to all our village seniors.

Activities presently held in the Senior Center are as follows:

Ceramics - every Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - \$3.00 per class

Sauk Village Blue Grass - every Sunday (except certain holidays) 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. - free will donation for supplies

Sauk Village Fun Club - 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:00 p.m. - annual dues \$10.00

Sauk Village Senior Citizens aka Leisure Timers - 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. -annual dues \$15.00

Sauk Village Senior Citizens Committee meeting - every 2nd Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) - every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Motorcycle Group - 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

The ceramics group welcome new participants to join them. All three senior groups are accepting seniors membership age fifty and above. VFW are accepting membership of veterans. The Sunday evening Blue Grass welcomes adults who enjoy blue grass, country, and gospel music for your dancing and/or listening pleasure.

In addition to the above activities, the Village Senior Committee sponsors quarterly events at a nominal cost. We also co-sponsor the 2nd Monday FREE senior movie day with the Nancy McConathy Library at the library at 1:00 p.m. Various articles and flyers pertaining to other senior events, senior issues and health are available from the Senior Center and in the Village lobby literature racks.

In July, Bloom Township annual picnic on Thursday, August 4th tickets will be available for purchase. The Monday, August 8th 1:00 p.m. movie 'Night of The Hunter' will follow the 12:00 p.m. lunch provided by McConathy Library. Reservation required by August 1st with the library for lunch, call (708) 757-4771.

The Senior Committee is in the process of updating the senior center and rental (for village seniors) policies. Quarterly events and other activities are being planned. We are open to suggestions (remember no funds are available from the village), please submit them to any one of our committee members or to our attention at Village Hall. Telephone calls to (708) 758-3330 (Village Hall number) will be returned as time permits.

Rose Langston, Chairperson

Committee Members: Bob Barnes, Carol Manners, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, and Frank. Williams



Police Department News

Police Chief Tim Holevis

I always like to start out on a positive note and with that being said, I would like to congratulate several officers on a job well done. Officers Langan, Smith and Hufnagl responded to the area of Sauk Plaza for the report of a Commercial Burglary in progress to the Sharks Restaurant. Officers were assisted by a citizen and the offenders were located attempting to flee the area in a vehicle. Officers pursued the suspects to the Plum Creek area, where one subject was taken into custody and the other subject is being sought. I would like to personally thank these officers for their fine police work! I would also like to mention during the weekend of June 17, 18, 19, Sauk Village Police Officers and Detectives seized 1200 pounds of suspected Marijuana during a narcotics investigation. I would like to thank Sgt. Evans, Sgt. Mieszczak and K-9 Bosco, Detective Grossman and Officer Mike Brown. One subject was arrested and charged with one count of Cannabis Trafficking. Great Job!

JUST SOME REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Village stickers are now due. Officers will be conducting random checks for violators. Also this is the July Fourth holiday and officers will be out in full force searching for those drink drivers. Please remember, "Don't Drink and Drive".

As for fireworks, the only legal fireworks in Illinois, are class C explosives, which only includes sparklers, smoke bombs, caps, and the like. Please be very careful, especially with sparklers around young children since they can burn between 1800 and 3000 degrees, which is hot enough to melt some metals. Please use extreme caution!

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

A Little Police Humor

The Judge said to the defendant. "I thought I told you I never wanted to see you in here again."

"Your Honor," the criminal said, "that's what I tried to tell the police, but they wouldn't listen." Have a great holiday and keep your children safe! Chief Tim Holevis



Beautification Committee News

Marve Pruitt

The 2011 Hootsie Beautification Awards Program

The Sauk Village Hootsie Beautification Awards were developed to recognize the efforts of residents and businesses that improve the overall appearance of the community through the enhancement of their property. Please feel free to nominate your dwelling or a neighbor's for consideration of the 2011 Hootsie.

CATEGORIES

Nominations may be for:

- Single Family Residence
- Multi-Family Residence
- Business/Commercial

Government/Institution/ Religious



Nomination Forms are available at Village Hall. Judging will occur the last week of July

Awards will be presented at the First Council Meeting in September

Nomination deadline **is July 22, 2011 and** should be submitted to:

Sauk Village Community Beautification Awards

Sauk Village Municipal Center, 21801 S. Torrence Sauk Village, IL 60411

OR E-mailed to: MarvaCPruitt@gmail.com

SUPPORT SAUK VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The Beautification needs your support. Please purchase raffle tickets in support of its efforts to raise funds to purchase flowers, supplies and, of course the Hootsie Awards!

PAMPERED CHEF RAFFLE PRIZES

GRAND PRIZE: TOOL TIME

Tool Caddy with assorted tools

Approximate value: \$85.00

2nd Prize: DINNER & DESSERT

Cookbooks, spices and muffin pan

Approximate value: \$50.00

3rd Prize: FOOD CHOPPER

Approximate value: \$30.00

Drawing Sunday, July 3, 2011 7PM

Sauk Village Municipal Center 21801 Torrence Avenue

Winner need not be present

Donation \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00

SAUK VILLAGE BEAUTIFICATION WEEK

CLEAN – GREEN & PREEN

Join Us! Clean the Village

July 11-16, 2011

Schedule of Activities

Monday - Friday July 11th - 15th

- Clean, Mow, Weed Your Individual Property & Unoccupied Homes on Your Block
 - Yard waste- The Yard Waste Stickers have been waived this week
- Get Rid of the Clutter Inside and Outside of Your Home
 - Special Garbage Pick-up: On pick up day, each resident will be allowed to put out two large items for pick up and disposal. This includes household furniture (couches, loveseats, chairs, mattresses, box springs, dressers, tables, etc.), household appliances, TVs and up to one cubic yard of household trash which is neatly contained. **Not included** are the following- construction debris (wood, fencing, roofing, concrete, brick, dirt, carpet, etc.), liquids (paint, oil, acids, poisons, chemicals, pesticides, hazardous waste) and tires.

We are working on electronics and tire recycling (THIS IS UNCONFIRMED) If possible; you will be informed to take these items to Public Works on Sauk Trail on a specific day

Set Out Items for Disposal on Your Regularly Scheduled Trash Pick Up Day!

Saturday July 16th

- 8:30 –1:00 Bring your Lawn Mower, Garden Tools and join a Village Team to Clean, Mow and Weed Public Areas. Meet at Memorial Park 21801 Torrence for Assignments and Basic Supplies
- 1:30 – Volunteer Appreciation Cook-out at Memorial Park
(We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda)

Contact Marva Campbell-Pruitt 708-753-0582- Updates on Sauk Village Beautification Committee Facebook Page



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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: WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG	