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Sauk Talk

*Sauk Village 1st Annual Family Festival  
featuring Music Mania  
September 13-16, 2007  
St. James Church Grounds  
223rd Street and Torrence Ave.*

Please join us in the final celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Sauk Village by attending our first annual Family Festival featuring Music Mania.

This four day event, complete with live entertainment which includes local entertainment, tribute acts such as American English (The Beatles), Motown (Barry White, Gladys Knight and Smokey Robinson) as well as National Act Sonny Geraci (The Outsiders-"Precious and Few", "Time Won't Let Me) and much more.

There will be plenty of food and craft vendors on hand just waiting for you to stop by. The entertainment is free but the beer garden will also include a VIP seating area where you can reserve your spot for a small fee. There will be room on the lawn if you want to bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

The carnival includes assorted rides, giant slide, 24 foot rock climbing wall, inflatables, face painting and more. Bracelet Day is Saturday, September 15th from 2p.m.-6p.m. and costs \$15.00 for unlimited rides during that time.

See the schedule of events in this issue of the Sauk Talk for the complete lineup. You can also access [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org) for more detailed information.

Please respect all parking and other Village regulations while attending the festival.

## Sauk Village Housing Authority



Last year the Housing Authority hosted four workshops for Sauk Village residents.

- Winterize your Home - Presenters from local businesses explained how residents could make low cost, temporary repairs as well as provided tips on how to invest in more permanent solutions to hold down heating costs.
- Spruce up for Spring - Presenters from local businesses gave residents affordable tips and preventative maintenance ideas that make your home look like new after a long hard winter.
- Alternative Water Solutions – Presenters provided information on alternative solutions (water softeners, reverse osmosis etc)

Homebuyers Workshop - Focused on homeownership. Presenters from local bank and realtors provided tips and information on how residents could purchase their own home.

This year the commissioners of the Sauk Village Housing Authority are asking residents for their suggestions. What topics and workshops would Sauk Village residents prefer?

Residents can either email their suggestions to [dhanks@saukvillage.org](mailto:dhanks@saukvillage.org) or, send them to the Sauk Village Hall.

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### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSIONER NEEDED

**The Human Relations Commission has an opening for a commissioner. This is a volunteer position for a civic minded, energetic individual. The Human Relations Commission meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. For details please contact chairperson Beverly Sterrett at the Village Hall extension number 239.**

*Sauk Talk* is produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village. Rosie Williams, Trustee, Debbie Carl, Editor and staff members Jacquelyn Downing, Suzanne Downing, Angela Harris, Maxine Towers, Nanette Wargo, and Debbie Williams. Suggestions or comments should be directed to Village Hall, faxed to (708) 757-5670 or e-mailed to [DebiCrl@aol.com](mailto:DebiCrl@aol.com)

**SAUK VILLAGE ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL  
FEATURING MUSIC MANIA  
SEPTEMBER 13-16, 2007  
St. James Church – 223<sup>rd</sup> & Torrence Ave. Sauk Village, IL**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

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| <b>THURSDAY:</b><br>6- 10 PM   | <b>SEPTEMBER 13, 2007</b><br>SAUK VILLAGE IDOL<br>CARNIVAL, FOOD VENDORS & BEER GARDEN OPEN   |
| <b>FRIDAY:</b><br>6 – 11 PM  | <b>SEPTEMBER 14, 2007</b><br>COUNTRY (Smoking Guns) /BLUES (Tommy McCracken ) /AMERICAN ENGLISH (The Beatles)<br>CARNIVAL, FOOD VENDORS & BEER GARDEN OPEN  |
| <b>SATURDAY:</b><br>9 AM- NOON<br>NOON- 2 PM   | <b>SEPTEMBER 15, 2007</b><br>SHINE ON SAUK VILLAGE- GOSPEL FEST<br>CORN AND DOG ROAST<br>Hot Dogs and Roasted Corn/ Dance Contest<br>(Includes crowning Miss Liberty, Miss Sauk Village and Junior Miss Sauk Village)   |
| 2 -11 PM<br>2 - 6 PM<br>3 -5:30 PM   | <b>CARNIVAL, FOOD VENDORS AND BEER GARDEN OPEN</b><br><b>BRACELET DAY – COST \$15.00</b><br><b>LOCAL TALENT (TO BE DETERMINED)</b><br>Sauk Village Elvis (Master of Ceremonies)<br>Sauk Village Hip Hop and Modern Dance Class  |
| 5:30 -6 PM<br>6 – 7:30 PM  | <b>CHARISSA MROWKA-Visiting 11 yr old Country Western singer</b><br><b>SOULED OUT FUNK BAND</b><br>(music from James Brown, Chicago, etc...)  |
| 7:30 - 9:30 PM   | <b>BEST OF MOTOWN</b><br>( Featuring # 1 tribute acts-Barry White, Gladys Knight, Smokey Robinson)  |
| 9:30 – 11PM  | <b>HEADLINER- (NATIONAL ACT)</b><br>Sonny Geraci (The Outsiders)  |
| <b>SUNDAY:</b><br>NOON<br>1 PM<br>3 PM<br>3:30 PM<br>2-10 PM<br>4- 6 PM<br>6-8 PM<br>8-10 PM | <b>SEPTEMBER 16, 2007</b><br><b>PARADE-Line-up Surreybrook Plaza</b><br><b>PARADE – continues down Sauk Trail to Torrence to St. James</b><br><b>PARADE AWARDS- Festival Grounds (St. James Church)</b><br><b>EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION</b><br><b>CARNIVAL, FOOD VENDORS &amp; BEER GARDEN OPEN</b><br><b>GURU GAMES</b><br><b>LOCAL TALENT-including Sauk Village Idol Winner</b><br><b>DJ- OPEN MIKE &amp; KARAOKE</b> |

CONTACT FOR FESTIVAL INFORMATION: SAUK VILLAGE HALL 21701 TORRENCE AVENUE SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411 - 708/758-3330 (PRIOR TO THE EVENT)



## News from the Sauk Village Fire Department



Want to attract attention? Buy a big sign! The Sauk Village Fire Department recently had a new light up marquee sign installed on the west side of the station. The new sign replaced our old barely legible wooden sign. When we were trying to figure out what to put on the marquee for it's inaugural message, we went with "Volunteer Firefighters needed- Apply within."

As a result, we've had several very promising new recruits come through the door. These new applicants were subjected to our new hiring procedure. In addition to being 18 or older, Sauk Village residents, having a high school diploma or GED, and passing a background check, all new applicants are given a reading comprehension exam and a physical ability test to see if they can perform basic firefighting skills. After this, the applicant is sent for a physical. The applicants are then encouraged to start attending training sessions. Once the physical results come in, assuming they are physically fit, the applicant is sworn in by the Village Clerk and becomes an official member of the Fire Department as a "New Recruit" or "Probie" for short. Then the real fun begins!

On August 7, 2007, the Sauk Village Fire Department took delivery of a new 16 foot trailer. This addition to our fleet will house equipment for hazardous material responses. In July, the Fire Department received a generous donation from Roadway Express. Roadway recently disbanded its on-site "haz-mat" response teams at three major trucking terminals and donated all of the equipment to us. The Sauk Village Fire Department in the past had to rely solely on mutual aid from other communities for any large scale hazardous materials incident. We now have the capability of initiating a more efficient response as well as being a better resource to our neighbors.

Fire Prevention Week, 2007 begins the week of October 8. The theme this year is "Practice Your Escape Route." None of us want to think about a fire in our homes. The loss of our home and possessions is bad enough to consider, but failure to plan can lead to the loss of life and that is something nobody should have to go through. Plan an escape route out of your house in the event of fire. Review the plan with your family and practice the plan.



## DON'T MISS THE SAUK VILLAGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE

Everyone is invited to attend the spectacular parade planned to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sauk Village. The parade is on Sunday, September 16, 2007. To date there are 52 entries which consist of over 650 participants. Parade line up is at noon at Surreybrook Plaza. The parade will kickoff promptly at 1:00 PM down Sauk Trail proceeds to Torrence and turns south to 223<sup>rd</sup> Street. Judging for parade awards will be at the festival site at 3:30 PM. Come out and enjoy the fun!

## 15TH ANNUAL CORN & DOG ROAST

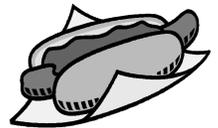
The Sauk Village Parks and Recreation Committee has made a few changes to the Annual Corn and Dog Roast so that we may all participate with the great 50th Anniversary Celebration and the Sauk Village Annual Family Celebration

Saturday September 15th 12:00 to 2:00

Sauk Village Family Festival St. James Church Grounds



Great Buttery Corn on the Cob and  
Hot Dogs only \$1.00 each.  
Drinks 50 cents to \$1.00



### NEW THIS YEAR

## Dance Contest

Participants will be divided into groups according to what year the students will be going in to.

3-5, 6-8 and High School

Gift Card prizes will be awarded to the winners. All participants will receive a consolation prize.

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AND

LITTLE MISS LIBERTY

AT 12:30

# SAUK VILLAGE NEWS THAT WILL

## FROM THE DESK OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Please be advised you are now required to obtain building permits for siding, gutters & downspouts, windows, soffits, trim, fascia, furnace/ac replacement, electrical upgrade, sheds, driveway, pool, concrete work, decks, fence, sewer clean outs & roof replacement including shingle replacement. This is a guideline not all items are listed. Any contractor doing work in the Village limits is required to have a contractor's license. This is to protect the homeowner. Feel free to contact the Building Department before starting work and we will assist you and inform you on what is needed.

- Permit fees have been increased their as follows: \$50.00 for the first \$1000.00 and 2% for the remainder of the cost. Anyone that does not obtain a permit before work begins will be charged **double** the permit fees. If you need a dumpster these are the only companies that have a scavenger license to work in town.

Skyline 708-754-5460

Groen Waste 708-385-8252

GTI 708-489-6776

- With fall approaching we recommend you have your furnace cleaned and certified, also make sure you check your smoke/co-detectors to insure that they are functioning properly.
- If you own a pool please make sure at the end of the season it has a proper pool cover on. All pools that are not in use have to be covered.
- Please store garbage/containers towards the rear of the property, it's unsightly to have garbage containers overflowing in front of houses. Make sure they are covered to prevent dogs, cats, raccoons, opossums and other rodents from getting into the container.
- Please be advised there is no parking on a non-hard surface - all vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.
- Any resident that received a property maintenance letter time is running out for the work to be completed. If the work has not been done and you failed to acknowledge the letter you are & will keep receiving tickets. I would like to thank everyone that has completed their property maintenance. We encourage everyone to participate because it enhances the overall appearance of the community; also it keeps animals from getting into the home which can cause extensive damage.

# AFFECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### KID IDS AVAILABLE

The Sauk Village Police Department will offer KID IDs for the youth in our community. These IDs are a permanent IDs for kids to carry or to leave with a parent so that identification can be quick and accurate when needed. The first ID per child is free and each additional ID is \$1.00. These IDs are available starting the week of September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Police Station Tuesdays thru Thursdays 2 pm till 4 pm. These IDs will also be offered at the Village Festival September 13-16<sup>th</sup> at St. James Church. Are goal is to keep these IDs for ages 3 to 12.

### SCHOOLS ARE OPEN!

Please watch out for our kids now that schools are open for the year. Mornings and early afternoons are the most congested times for kids being out. And as much as we try to get them to stay on the sidewalk, they seem to find themselves in crosswalks and the streets. Please be careful and continue to contact the Police Department when kids are in the roadway.

### BASKETBALL NETS AND HOOPS

The Police Department has been forced to remove basketball nets in many different areas of town. Nets left on the sidewalk and parkways are removed by Public Works at the Police Departments direction. Hoops are to be kept and used on **private property only**, not the sidewalks or streets.

## PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department is preparing for its second and final branch pickup for the season. All branches must be at the curb no later then Sept 9, 2007. They should be neatly stacked with cut ends facing the street. This will make the process move quicker, and also make it safer for residents and personal.

Only piles of branches will be picked up, all other material such as, stumps, rootballs, construction material and garbage of any kind will be left. Homeowners will be responsible for all material left behind, there will be no exceptions. Any piles put out after a section has been completed, will be refered to the Code Enforcement for further actions, tickets will be given. We are asking residents to please be patient, the last pickup of the year will take a bit longer and the rain will slow the process down. We assure you that all piles put out properly during the scheduled times will be picked up.

**ALL STORM DAMAGE BRANCHES MUST BE OUT  
NO LATTER THAN ONE WEEK AFTER EVENT**

**PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY  
WHEN PASSING  
WORKERS OR TRAVELING  
THROUGH WORK ZONES**

***VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FOR SAUK VILLAGE FAMILY FEST  
SEPTEMBER 2007 ST JAMES CHURCH 223<sup>RD</sup> & TORRENCE***

Volunteers are needed for the following days and times: Please mark your availability. You will be contacted by the committee at a later time. Thank you in advance.

Wed September 12, 2007 2 PM- 6 PM\_\_\_ (help with set up)

Thurs September 13, 2007 9 AM-1 PM\_\_\_ 1 PM -4 PM \_\_\_ 4 PM-7 PM\_\_\_ 7 PM-10 PM\_\_\_

Fri September 14, 2007 9 AM-11 AM\_\_\_ 3 PM- 5 PM\_\_\_ 5 PM-8 PM \_\_\_ 8 PM-11 PM\_\_\_

Sat September 15, 2007 9 AM-1 PM\_\_\_ 1 PM- 5 PM\_\_\_ 5 PM-8 PM\_\_\_ 8 PM-11 PM\_\_\_

Sun September 16, 2007 10 AM-1 PM\_\_\_ 1 PM- 5 PM \_\_\_ 5 PM-8 PM\_\_\_ 8 PM-11 PM\_\_\_

Mon September 17, 2007 9 AM- 1 PM\_\_\_ (clean up and tear down after event)

PRINT NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE & ZIP\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE\_\_\_\_\_ALTERNATE PHONE OR CELL\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS:\_\_\_\_\_

SHIRT SIZE\_\_\_\_\_ \*SPECIAL DUTY \_\_\_\_\_

IF THIS IS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS- YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, FOR WHAT ORGANIZATION?\_\_\_\_\_

Which of these volunteer tasks would you prefer? Every effort will be made to place you in the area you choose. Additional areas could be added at a later time.

Please return this form to the Village Hall or Debbie or Rosie Williams.

MONEY COLLECTION\_\_\_\_\_ CROWD CONTROL\_\_\_\_\_

TRASH PICK UP\_\_\_\_\_ PARKING CONTROL\_\_\_\_\_

ENTERTAINMENT/ ADMISSION STAFF\_\_\_\_\_ INFORMATION BOOTH\_\_\_\_\_

## Looking For New Experiences?

Are you interested in helping others? Meeting new people? As a Lion, you will use your time and talents to make an impact locally and around the world. Through experiences as a Lion, you will acquire new skills, meet challenges head-on, cultivate lasting friendships and discover more about yourself. Volunteering your time not only helps those in need, but also gives you a sense of pride and accomplishment that comes from deep within.

## Who Are Lions?

As part of their mission to help others, Lions take on roles as organizers, advocates, fund-raisers and hands-on volunteers. Lions are:

Nearly 1.35 million men and women volunteers who strive to make a difference in their local communities, as well as worldwide

From every part of the world, from small towns to big cities

United in helping others, serving more effectively as a group than alone

## What Can You Do as a Lion?

Lions Clubs International has what you are looking for – an opportunity to help people, broaden your horizons and fulfill your goals. Lions membership offers you an amazing spectrum of possibilities. Projects can vary from cleaning up your neighborhood park to helping end river blindness in Africa. Lions clubs provide extensive opportunities for men and women to learn and grow while serving locally and internationally. Lions continue to:

Address needs that are often unmet in their communities, such as teaching life skills to school children, building playgrounds and homes and supporting the elderly

Assist the blind and visually impaired by providing preventive screenings, offering resources and equipment

Reach out to youth through mentoring and educational programs

Raise awareness of health care issues, such as diabetes, hearing loss and vision impairment

Provide disaster relief, including food, supplies and healthcare screenings

Work collectively and individually to build stronger communities

As a Lion, you will make life better for others while enriching your own life in the process. As a Lion, you can make a difference.

## Interested in Lions Membership?

Membership is by invitation. Complete the contact information below and email to [dhanks@saukvillage.org](mailto:dhanks@saukvillage.org), drop it off at the Sauk Village Hall to the attention of Trustee David Hanks or tell a Sauk Village Lion that you are interested in membership and want to attend a meeting to learn more.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be contacted: Home  Business

Comments/Questions \_\_\_\_\_

To learn more about Lions Clubs International, visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

# Happy 50th Anniversary Sauk Village

Mayor Roger Peckham

Village Clerk Liz Selvey

Trustee David Hanks

Trustee Rosie Williams

Trustee Derrick Burgess

Trustee Francie Anderson

Trustee Jim Schultz

Trustee Jim Slawnikowski

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION NEWS **NEIGHBORS LOOKING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS**

On August 20, 2007 the Human Relations Commission hosted a meeting for residents interested in starting a neighborhood watch. The meeting was attended by approximately 20 residents coming from different sections of the Village. Trustee Derrick Burgess (one of the founders of the Deer Creek Neighborhood Watch) presented steps in forming the neighborhood watch. Patrolman Morris was also present to answer questions.

There were three different sections of town that exchanged contact information to begin the process of starting the neighborhood watch program in their perspective sections of town. Trustee Burgess offered to attend the first meeting of each to help with the set-up. The police department will also have a presence at the formation meetings.

Police Chief Tom Lacheta says that there is a noticeable decrease in crime in sections of town that have neighborhood watches. When neighbors band together it makes the job of controlling trouble-makers easier with police assistance.

Anyone interested in learning how to join a neighborhood watch in your area OR STARTING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH if one does not exist yet in your area please contact the Human Relations Commission at Village Hall extension number 622 or 239.

## **3rd Senior Citizens Spaghetti Dinner**

**Saturday, October 13, 2007**

**3:00—6:00 P.M.**

**Edward W. Paesel Senior Center**

**2700 Kalvelage Drive Sauk Village**

**Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Salad, Bread, Butter, Dessert and Beverage**

**Door Prizes, Entertainment and 50/50 Raffle. Donation is \$4.00**

**Sponsored by the Sauk Village Senior Citizens Committee**



21701 Torrence Avenue

**Bulk  
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Permit  
#346**

## POSTAL CUSTOMER SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411

### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

|                |                |               |                |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| EMERGENCY      | 911            | SAUK VILLAGE  | 758-3330       |
| POLICE & FIRE  |                | VILLAGE HALL  |                |
| NON-EMERGENCY  | 758-1331       | MCCONATHY     | 757-4771       |
|                |                | LIBRARY       |                |
| COMMUNITY      |                | SENIOR        | 758-9115       |
| CENTER         | 758-4115       | CENTER        |                |
| BLOOM TOWNSHIP |                | COOK COUNTY   | 210-4500       |
| CENTER         | 754-9400       | HEALTH DEPT.  |                |
| RESPOND NOW    |                | SKYLINE       | 754-5460       |
| EMERGENCY      | 755-4357       | DISPOSAL      |                |
| ASSISTANCE     |                |               |                |
| COMMONWEALTH   | 1-800-334-7661 | NICOR         | 1-888-642-6748 |
| EDISON         |                |               |                |
| AMERITECH      | 1-800-244-4444 | COMCAST       | 1-866-594-1234 |
|                |                | CABLE & PHONE |                |