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From the Mayor's Corner

Roger Peckham

The year of 2009 is just around the corner. The presidential elections are on everyone's mind now as both party's conventions are dominating the paper and television coverage. While all this is going on our community is going through hard times with the impact of the downturn of the economy in the country. Please help our Village by helping your neighbors if their lives are being impacted by financial or other burdens during this period. Help your community by keeping up the maintenance on our homes and upkeep of our yards, picking up litter and volunteer for youth or other village programs.

The final quarter of every year means the end of summer vacation for the community's children and

schools openings. Keep your eye out for our kids as they travel back and forth to school and give special attention around the schools in the mornings and afternoons.

I hope everyone had time to spend at the Family Festival to celebrate the end of summer.

For Sauk Village, November marks the grand opening of our new Village Hall. As many of you have likely noticed, the exterior construction of the new Village Hall (located next to the current Village Hall) is complete; contractors are currently finishing the interior portions of the building. Details have not been finalized, but mark your calendars... *the Grand Opening and Dedication of the new Village Hall will be Saturday, November 1st,*

starting at 11 am. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, followed by a reception and tours of the building. Then, later in November, we hope to have the new Sauk Village Veterans Memorial completed. It will be located by the new Village Hall. Watch your water bills for more information on both events as we get closer to November.

This new facility will provide the opportunity for the expansion for our police department when they take over the entire old Village Hall. The youth center will take over the entire Edward Paesel Center to accommodate programs for recreation and other needs of our community. Finally, the senior groups will move into their new facilities in the new Village Hall.

News from the Village Clerk

Beth Zupon

This coming November will be an important month for both our Country and Village. The Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 4th promises to be exciting. One way or another, a new chapter in the American History books will be written that day. Make your voice heard by getting out to VOTE.

Voter registration reminders: you can still register to vote for the November Presidential election until Tuesday, October 7th. Bring two forms of identification with you to Village Hall (one must have your current address) And, if you need an absentee ballot, they are also available at Village Hall. Call 758-3330 if you need more information.

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News from the Village Clerk (Continued)

The *Sauk Village Veterans Memorial Committee* is holding a 50/50 raffle to benefit the *Sauk Village Veterans Memorial*. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 7 for \$5.00 and are available from *Committee members (including the Sauk Village 50th Anniversary Committee), the Sauk Village American Legion, and VFW*. The drawing will be held on Veteran's Day: Tuesday, November 11th, following the 11am service.

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@saukville.org

FORECLOSURE PREVENTION ASSISTANCE

The Human Relations Commission objectives are in the interest of the entire community.

- Are you having difficulty making your *mortgage payment on time?*
- Have your *mortgage payments increased* due to an interest rate adjustment?
- Have you made *late mortgage payments* within the *past six months?*

*Take action now! Don't delay.
There is help for you...*

FREE HOME OWNERSHIP PRESERVATION SEMINAR

Saturday – September 20, 2008

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Diversity, Inc.

1906 W. 174th Street

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Presented in Cooperation with the

*REGIONAL FAIR HOUSING CENTER &
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Registration required.

Call (708) 922-4603 *Holly Campbell*

Registration is limited to 25 people per session.

All information will be confidential.



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Parks and Recreation Committee News

Trustee Derrick Burgess

SV Parks & Recs, featuring School District 168, successfully hosted its 16th annual Corn & Dog Roast on Saturday, August 30th. "This joint venture themed "*Building Bridges between Community and Schools*" illustrates how a community can come together for its children and shows what is needed in this community" *said Superintendent Rudy Williams.*

Arleta Bazile, School District President said, "We all look forward to promoting community involvement".

SV Parks and Recs Committee kicked off the event with the crowning of Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty. Congratulations to *Marivel Sandoval*, winner of Miss Sauk Village, *Phalen Barnes*, winner of Junior Miss Sauk Village and *Haley Williams*, winner of Little Miss Liberty.



Marivel Sandoval, Phalen Barnes, Haley Williams

Everyone enjoyed the traditional food, fun and games with prizes given to all participants. Teachers and the Administrative staff of District 168 sponsored "*Are You Smarter than Our Students?*" Needless to say, it was very challenging to the adults who had to "poll the audience", "phone a friend" or "ask a student" in order to answer some of the harder questions. All participants of the game won either a backpack or a backpack filled with school supplies. District 168 also passed out school supplies and canvas bags.

Trustee Derrick Burgess said, "I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted with this event. No event can be successful without them. I would also like to thank *McConathy Library* for the books donated to the children as gifts.

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Teachers and the Administrative staff of District 168 distribute school supplies

Parks and Recreation is now planning its upcoming *Halloween and Christmas events!* If you would like to volunteer and or submit

donations of articles, please contact either *Trustee Derrick Burgess* or *Parks & Recs Director, Sandy Cosey* for more information.





Public Works Branch Pick Up

The *Public Works Department* prepared for its second and final branch pickup for the season. All branches must have been at the curb no later than Sept 7, 2008.

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 referred 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 LATER THAN ONE WEEK AFTER EVENT.

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

Public Works Leaf Pick Up

Public Works offers a leaf collection program at no cost to you which will allow you to dispose of your leaves. There will be two scheduled sweepings/ pick ups. The first during the week of November 3rd through November 7th . The second and final sweep/ pick up will be the week of November 17th through November 21st . All piles must be raked down no later than November 15 to be picked up for final collection.

In order for this program to be successful, we are asking all residents to follow these guidelines:

1. Beginning October 27th,

you may start raking leaves over the curb onto the street. **DO NOT LEAVE THEM ON THE PARKWAY.** Only leaves that are on the street will be swept and picked up.

2. During these scheduled sweeping/ pick ups we are asking all residents NOT to park on the streets Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Vehicles parked on the street greatly reduce the success of the program.

3. After November 21st ,any leaves must be bagged using the brown yard waste bags with the yard waste stickers. *Skyline* will collect them on the day of your garbage pick

up. You must follow these instructions in order to avoid a fine.

4. And our final yearly sweep will start November 24 no piles will be picked up during this process.

We greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and support. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact the *Village Hall* at 758-3330.





From The Desk of Community Development

I would like to thank everyone that has completed their property maintenance this year and we encourage everyone to participate with this program. It enhances the overall appearance of the community and also it keeps animals from getting into the home which can cause extensive damage. 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.

The Village has adopted a *new zoning ordinance* which prohibits temporary signs of any kind to be placed in public ways throughout the Village. If signs are placed in any public way they will be removed and thrown out and tickets will be issued. Garage sale signs are included.

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.

- When cutting your grass do not cut it into the street. When it rains the grass clipping's get washed down the manhole. When it clog's it causes flooding.
- 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 is unsightly to have garbage containers overflowing in front of houses.
- Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem and it's prohibited.
- Please be advised there is no parking on a non-hard surface. All vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.
- Please be reminded building permits are required for most work being done to the home. Call the building department if you have any questions. We will be happy to assist you.

To view particular ordinances go to www.SaukVillage.org under *Community Development*. and you will be able to access the municipal code.

Sauk Village Business Updates

There are two new businesses in town...
Visit the new *Family Dollar* at Torrence and Sauk Trail. Look for Sales Ads for the Family Dollar specials.
Thrifts and Gifts is located at 1715A Sauk Trail. The Thrifts and More shop offers many new and gently used items at a very reasonable price.

We bid a fond farewell to *Theater Time Video*. Theater Time Video has been a long standing business in Sauk Village for 18 years. They will be missed.
Urban Fashion have also closed their doors.
We wish these business owners well.

Hometown Gyros, located at 30 Surreybrook Plaza (behind Marathon) will be *servicing breakfast from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 am starting September 11, 2008.*
\$2.99 Special; Dine-in, Carry-out, and Drive-Thru!

Please support our local Village businesses. They are the backbone of Sauk Village.

Police News

Chief Appoints New Radio Room Supervisor

To Sauk Village Citizens:

We have recently decided that our 911 center requires some modifications to better serve the public while maintaining a professional and courteous atmosphere to the public. At this time the *Chief of Police* has appointed me, *Lisa Gibbons*, as the new Director of Communications. I would like to advise the citizens of Sauk Village that my first change is that I have implemented a new policy that allows you to help us keep track of the good and sometimes not so good greetings when you call, as well as the service that is given by our staff. I will be sending out random surveys to citizens that have called in to the dispatch center. On this survey I will be asking how your experience went and if your needs have been met.

If you would like to be selected for a survey you may contact me in my office at 708-757-2434 ext 223 (these calls do not go through the 911 center) to leave your name and phone number and address. I would be happy to assist you in any way. However please request a survey for only specific calls into the center for police assistance.

Also remember, any comments, questions, praise and or problems that you may have with the 911 center can be directed immediately to me at the number and extension above.

Thank you,

Lisa Gibbons

Director of Communications

Sauk Village Police Department

FREE Gun Locks



Putting a Lock on Safety in Sauk Village

The *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!

Fire Department News



Prevent Home Fires

The week of October 5th-11th, 2008 is National Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "Prevent Home Fires." Fire Prevention Week is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). The NFPA's website contains a

wealth of information on

fire prevention for all age groups. The website is nfpa.org

The NFPA's statistics for 2006 show there were over 1.6 million fires in the U.S. Of those, 524,000 were in people's homes resulting in 2700 fatalities, 14,350 injuries and \$9.6 BILLION in property damage. Don't become another statistic- follow the basics of home fire prevention. Some examples include:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food.
- Keep anything that can catch on fire away from the stovetop.
- Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords.
- Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.
- Install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms.
- An oven should not be used to heat a home.
- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a

locked cabinet, out of the reach of children.

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Use flashlights for emergency lighting.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay out.

This is just a small sample of the life saving tips that can be found on NFPA's website. Check it out.



Meet Your Firefighters at the Pancake Breakfast

During Fire Prevention Week, representatives from the *Sauk Village Fire Department* will be doing presentations at Sauk Village

schools. To wrap up the week, there will be an *Open House/Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station: 1804 222nd Street on Sunday October 12, 2008 from 9 am -12 pm for \$5.*

Come out meet your firefighters, see our new truck, play some games, and win a door prize. We hope to see you there.





Sauk Village Lions Club Info

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 , 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 Club International, visit www.lionsclubs.org



Housing Authority News

Dates: September 19–20th 2008

Time: 8:00 am - 3:00pm

Location: 800 University Parkway, University Park IL

Vacant Parking Lot (1 mile east of Governor's State University,
½ mile west of Western Ave)

Tires will be accepted if you meet ALL of the following guidelines:

1. You are an Illinois Resident
2. You have never participated in a State of Illinois tire collection
3. You bring only car, tractor, and small truck tires (200 maximum)
4. You DO NOT bring business tires, industrial tires or off road tires
5. You DO NOT bring heavily soiled tires
6. You must be able to unload your own tires



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For more information contact 815-727-8834 or visit us on the web at www.willcountylanduse.com and click on Waste Services Division

Seniors: Did you know...

Trustee Francine Anderson

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 September 8, 2008 & October 13, 2008.

The quarterly senior activity for October 2008 has been postponed. The Senior Committee and Groups are preparing to move into the New Senior Center. Mayor Peckham has announced November 1, 2008 as the date for the open house.

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

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

Sunshiners meet every first and third Monday of the month at 6:00pm.

Leisure Timers meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Blue Grass meets every Sunday at 6:00pm.

Senior Committee and Park and Recreation Committee has come together to form another group to plan intergenerational activities. The group's name is *Youth & Seniors on the Move*. The motto is *Youth Today – Senior Tomorrow*. Keep your calendars open for future activities.

The Senior committee welcomes our new member, Mr. Floyd Morgan. There are two open seats on the senior committee. We're recruiting seniors who would like to help plan activities for other seniors in our community.

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

Concerned Citizens Youth Group News



The *Concerned Citizens Youth Group*, acting as an affiliate of *South Suburban Disproportionate Minority Contact (SSDMC)*, competed in the *Chicago Area Project (CAPS)* games for the second year in a row. About 1500 athletes from 33 organizations in *Cook, DuPage and Lake counties* participated in the August 2nd CAPS games.

Youth from the Sauk Village organization took first place honors for overall team performance. Youth group *President Denzel Clayton* took on the full responsibility of coaching the kids well in advance of the games. Great Job Denzel!

Youth Leaders *Lewis Towers, Debbie Williams and Javette Jones* accompanied the youth to *Hanson Stadium* in Chicago, along with several parents and chaperones. The CAPS provided transportation, lunch and free book bags to all participants. The SSDMC organization has been very instrumental in bringing several opportunities to the youth group.

The youth group, ages 10-18, will resume this fall on Mondays from 4-5:30 PM at the Library beginning September 17, 2008. We will offer tutoring again this year and will explore new ways to keep the Village youth active in a positive format. Tutors of all ages who are willing to volunteer their time are greatly appreciated. If you have a particular program idea for the group please contact a youth leader.

Anyone interested in joining the Concerned Citizens youth group please call *Debbie Williams* 708/351-8922, *Lewis Towers* 773/848-0596 or *Javette Jones* 773/501-1612.

Sauk Village Police Summer Camp

Kudos to *Sauk Village Police Officer Josh Morris and his wife Stephanie* for their work with Sauk Village youth. Most recently the Morris' organized a group of young men to attend Sauk Camp throughout this summer. Officer Morris has been a great leader and mentor for these men and many of the young people who he reaches out to daily. His wife, Stephanie, also enjoys his passion for children and volunteers many hours working along his side. The picture shown is the Sauk Camp graduates of 2008. GREAT JOB!



Sauk Camp graduates of 2008



Calling all girls!!!!

Do you enjoy making friends and learning new things?

Do you want to experience new things and go new places?

Girls ages 5-17 (grades K-12) that are interested in Girl Scouts please call:

Mrs. Helen Harris at 708-758-0684 or
Ms. Jessica Brown at 708-957-8100!

See ya' there!!



2nd Annual Sauk Village Family Festival

A Special Thank You to our 2nd Annual Family Festival Sponsors!

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THIS FESTIVAL WAS PRESENTED BY THE SAUK VILLAGE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDE TRUSTEE ROSIE WILLIAMS, SUZANNE DOWNING, ANGELA HARRIS, JAVETTE JONES, MAXINE TOWERS AND DEBBIE WILLIAMS. TRUSTEE ROSIE WILLIAMS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL OF THEIR HELP WITH THIS EVENT!

ESDA News: Emergency Warnings

In conjunction with the *National Weather Service* each town across the *State of Illinois* tests their *Emergency Warning Systems*, this includes overhead siren testing as well as testing through television sets and *NOAA Radios*. *This test is performed the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m.* Many of you may be asking the question, "What if there was an actual emergency on the first Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., how would we know the difference between a test and the actual emergency?" During a test, *Sauk Village* sounds the overhead siren for a total 3 rotations, lasting approximately 1-2 minutes. If an actual emergency were to occur, the overhead siren would be sounded for an extended length of time, approximately 5 minutes. When the imminent danger has passed, the siren sounds again for 3 rotations indicating the danger has passed.

If you hear the siren for an extended length of time, you should immediately take action to protect yourself: Seek shelter in the lowest level of your dwelling. If no basement is available, seek shelter in a closet or bathroom, staying clear of any windows. People in mobile homes should move to a sturdy building only if it is safe to do so. If it is not safe, they should seek shelter in a closet or bathroom. If you are in your vehicle and there are no sturdy buildings around, you should immediately pull off to the side of the road and lie flat in a ditch or the lowest level of ground. Do not pull under overpasses. Never take shelter under a tree. You should not call the Police Department, Fire Department or 911 unless you have an emergency. These departments are inundated with numerous calls during severe weather with actual emergencies. Many people call these departments for updates on the weather, hence jamming the phone lines for true emergencies. When severe weather strikes, updates on the weather can be found on a NOAA radio, regular radio, or television. Each of these venues announces weather updates frequently.

For further information regarding severe weather, contact *Sauk Village ESDA* at 708/758-3330.



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<i>POLICE & FIRE NON- EMERGENCY</i>	<i>758-1331</i>		
<i>COMMUNITY CENTER</i>	<i>758-4115</i>	<i>SENIOR CENTER</i>	<i>758-9115</i>
<i>BLOOM TOWNSHIP</i>	<i>754-9400</i>	<i>COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</i>	<i>210-4500</i>
<i>RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE</i>	<i>755-4357</i>	<i>McCONATHY LIBRARY</i>	<i>757-4771</i>
<i>COMMONWEALTH EDISON</i>	<i>1-800-334-7661</i>	<i>NICOR</i>	<i>1-888-642-6748</i>
<i>SKYLINE DISPOSAL</i>	<i>754-5460</i>	<i>VISIT US ON THE WEB: www.SaukVillage.org</i>	