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News from the Mayor

Lewis Towers

As Mayor of the Village of Sauk Village I have been in office a little over 100 days. Just as the youth receive report cards from their teachers on the progress that they have made in the classroom, I would like to present the Mayoral report card of my 100 days in office.

As Mayor of the Village of Sauk Village, I have been faced with many challenges. On my first day in office, I found out that the Village budget has a 1.5 million dollar shortfall. As I dig in further, I find that the Village is in need of major infrastructure and water updates.

Not less than a week later, the Village was hit with an IEPA violation of the ground water that flows into Sauk Village. Since that time, the Village has hired an environmentalist, Dan Caplice from K+ Engineering. The firm has gathered data from the city, state, and county agencies about the wells in the surrounding municipalities and Sauk Village that should help locate the source of this ground water contamination. Upon completing

and collecting all of the data a pictorial drawing will be developed that will assist the Village in locating what needs to take place to provide a better quality of water to the Village.

The Village has met with Robinson Engineering to began a long term approach to water improvement. The ultimate goal for the Village would be to connect and receive water from Lake Michigan.

I am proud to say that there have been two successful events since I have been in office. The 5th of July Fireworks display and of course the Back To School Community Days Festival. Both events were a great success. I would like to take this time to thank the Parks and Recreation Committee, School District #168, District #168 PTA, Ken Lena of Best in Entertainment and the many volunteers that assisted with putting this event together. This could not have gone over so well without your assistance.

Sauk Village has been awarded some money from the

Federal Stimulus Package. The money will assist in improving Village Parks as well as some Village streets. Robinson Engineering pursued some stimulus money that will assist in emergency road repairs in the near future. The good news came from the Office of our very own Senator, Toi Hutchinson and our State Representative Anthony DeLuca. I would like to thank the State Representative and the Senator for all of their efforts in helping Sauk Village receive this much needed funding.

Sauk Village is looking forward to beginning emergency road repairs with Robinson Engineering. If all goes as planned, repairs will begin in late October.

The United States 2010 Census is here. I have been in contact with the Director of the Census Program and Sauk Village has received materials that will assist in the count for the 2010 Census..

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News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Village Board meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Center located at 21801 Torrence Avenue. These are public meetings and audience members may address the Mayor and the Board of Trustees on any concerns they have about the Village.

Committee of the Whole meetings are also held on the

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of The month at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Center. Audience members may address the Mayor and the Board of Trustees on agenda items only. Residents are encouraged and always welcomed to attend these meetings.

The Municipal Center hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am-5 pm. Except on the

2nd & 4th Tuesdays when they remain open until 8:00 pm and the last Wednesday of each month the hours are 9 am -5 pm. There are no scheduled Board or Committee meetings on the 5th Tuesday of any month.

There is a night depository located outside the Municipal Center for water bill payments after hours..

Happy Fall!



Code Enforcement News – Sherri Jasinski, Director



From the Desk of Community Development

I would like to thank everyone that has completed their property maintenance. We encourage everyone to participate, it enhances the overall appearance of the community. For any resident that has received a property maintenance letter, time is running out for the work to be completed. With fall approaching, we recommend you have your furnace cleaned and certified by a licensed heating contractor.

- If you have a wood burning fireplace you should have a chimney sweep clean and inspect your fireplace. Storage of wood for fireplaces should be elevated not less than 12" above ground with a clear space underneath to prevent harborage of rats and other animals. All wood is required to be stored only in the rear yard.
- Make sure your smoke/co detectors are functioning properly. Don't forget to change the battery.
- If you own a pool make sure it has a proper pool cover on it. All pools that are not in use have to be winterized and covered. All quick set (temporary) and inflatable pools have to be removed during fall/winter months.
- Please store garbage/containers to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage overflowing in front of houses; it creates a nuisance for surrounding neighbors that have to pick up trash that is blowing into their yards and into the streets. Garbage is not to be placed out on the parkway until after 6:00p.m the night before your pick-up.
- Please be advised there is no parking on a non-hard surface – all vehicles have to be parked on concrete or asphalt.



Sauk Talk is compiled by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams, Trustee, and committee members Angela Harris, Javette Jones, Maxine Towers, Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams with special thanks to Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauk-talk@saukvilleage.org.

2nd Annual Community Change 2009: A Family Back to School Picnic

Sauk Village Citizens
Empowerment Organization, Inc.
(SVCEO)
& Right Touch Barber Shop's

On Sunday, August 9, 2009, the volunteer community organizers of Sauk Village Citizens Empowerment Organization, Inc. (SVCEO) & Right Touch Barber Shop partnered up and braced for what had been forecasted to be the hottest day of the summer. At high Noon, residents began to arrive at Plum Creek Forest Preserve on 223rd & Burnham, with their young children in tow. While an array of music made its way across the fields, accompanied by an ever so appreciated pleasant breeze, folks enjoyed complimentary hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soft drinks. Young and old alike rocked to the music – kids romped in the inflatable jumping gym, played ball, ran around and participated in hula hoop contests, until their hearts were content – while seasoned card connoisseurs relished in friendly games of Bid Whist. An added treat for the children was the arrival of the Sauk Village Fire Department who hooked up the hose and allowed them to play in the water and cool off. Kids could be heard giggling a block away -- they had a ball!

SVCEO & Right Touch Barber Shop's goal was to provide free school supplies during these tough economic times to 100 school aged children. Our goal was met. Plus, 30 more book bags were also given away by raffle. In addition, the "Gift of Hope" organization distributed their literature organ donations to families and donated stuffed animals and travel mugs.

As the last book bag had been awarded and the sun began to settle into the backdrop, a total of 229 residents had successfully weathered the heat that day.

SVCEO & Right Touch Barber Shop are looking forward to an even more successful event next year, as we gear up for our 3rd Annual Back to School Picnic, scheduled to be held in August 2010. We hope to see you there!

SVCEO & Right Touch Barber Shop would like to extend their appreciation to the following people/businesses for their donations which helped make the event a success:

Francine Anderson, SV Trustee
Drills Pest Management
The Randall Family
Park National Bank
Calumet Class of 1977 Reunion
Comm.

Lewis Towers, Mayor of Sauk Village
Enoch Benson, SV Trustee
Tiger Distributing Company
Mr. Cecial Tates

Also a special "Thank You" to:

The Sauk Village Fire Department
Mr. Ed Myers, SV Trustee
Mr. Derrick Burgess, SV Trustee
Mr. Ronald Curry, Gift of Hope
Mr. Perry Randall
Ms. Linda Walker
Mrs. Sherry Hardin
Mrs. Angela Minix-Tates
Mr. & Mrs. Sterrett
Ms. Rose Langston on behalf of SV's
Senior Organizations

Library News – Nanette Wargo, Director

Afternoon Movies for Kids

The McConathy Public Library District Summer Reading Program ended on August 12th, 2009. Congratulations to all of the children who participated in the program. Library prize winners were: Jennifer Chandler, Jason Craddock Jr., Chuckie Cutler, Haley Dettloff, Jacob Nichols, Adam Poole, Rachel Schutt and Kayla Smith.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 16th, the library will host Children's movies at 3:00p.m. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by someone fourteen years of age or over.

September 16, 2009	Race to Witch Mountain
September 23, 2009	Scooby-doo
September 30, 2009	Monsters, Inc.
October 7, 2009	The Lion King
October 14, 2009	Monsters vs. Aliens
October 21, 2009	Shrek
October 28, 2009	Shrek 2



Lions Club Outdoor "Flea Market/Craft Show"

Date: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th, 2009 8 AM -2 PM

Location: St James Church 22400 S. Torrence Avenue Sauk Village, IL

Spaces may still be available (\$25.00 for 16 X 34 space)

You will need to provide your own table and chairs.

(Set up will begin at 7 AM)

Contact Pam Scott for further information 708/757-2170

Between 9 am- noon (Mon-Fri)





Human Relations Commission News— Beverly Sterrett

2009 SAUK ARROW AWARD

The Sauk Village Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations for the 2009 Sauk Arrow Award. The HRC annually recognizes individuals for contributions and efforts that improve the quality of life in Sauk Village. Eligible individuals that assist in charitable contributions to our citizens or mentor our youth are candidates for this prestigious award. We want to recognize someone whose philanthropic contributions have aided in the enhancement and/or improved quality of life in Sauk Village.

If you know of a person or organization that has shown exceptional initiative and positively impacted the citizens of Sauk Village or an individual or organization that has a lifetime of contributions to the Village through volunteering or otherwise that is the person or organization HRC wants to recognize.

The 2008 Sauk Arrow Award was presented to Officer Joshua Morris and his wife Stefanie for their tireless contributions to the youth of Sauk Village through their mentoring program for youth.

To make a nomination simply fill in the form below nominations will close at 5:00 pm October 31, 2009 (*include your name and contact information in case we need to get in touch with you*).

I would like to nominate _____ for the 2009 Sauk Arrow Award. I feel this person/organization should be recognized for exceptional _____



Police News



POLICE DEPARTMENT GETS ANOTHER COP!

Earlier this year when the President spoke of an upcoming stimulus package, I sent two of my senior staff members to grant writing school in anticipation of these funds. A month later the work began on multiple grants. Early on, the department was granted a Tobacco Underage Prevention Grant, followed by an electronics grant for the visual capture of sex offenders within our town. In late July 2009, the Department was granted the biggest grant of all!! \$238,000.00 to hire a Police Officer for the next three years with no Village matching funds. The Village's obligation is only to keep this officer after the grant expires in July of 2013. This brings the department's total sworn officers to 27! The department has grown from 19 officers to the current 27 over the past 9 years. Early in the Mayor's campaign he told me that his goal was not to lay off police officers and eventually increase the department's number of officers, we are already well on our way to keeping this important promise to our residents.

Chief Tom Lacheta

BURGLARY ARRESTS ON THE RISE.

Thanks to some wonderful, alert and responsible residents, the police department was able to arrest even more of our burglars. Several anonymous callers have notified police of unusual activities in their neighborhoods. The results have been fantastic, the police were able to arrest many offenders with YOUR help and still stay anonymous. Again, if you see something in or around your home that doesn't look right, call the police and try to stay on the phone and give all the information you can to the 911 operator while police are on their way and even as they arrive on scene.

Chief Lacheta



Police News



Police Citizens Academy

In late September the police department working with the Police Alliance Committee will be offering this academy to anyone interested who are over the age of 18. This class will have openings for 40 students allowing Sauk Village Residents first chance at the seating. Back ground checks will be done on all applicants prior to their acceptance. These classes will be held on Wednesday nights from 7pm to 9 pm and on Sundays from 6 pm to 9 pm. Applications are now available at the Sauk Village Police Department and must be turned in no later than September 20th at 5 pm. Students accepted will be notified as soon as the application has passed. Hope to see you there.

Some items covered: Firearms, detective work, traffic, Illinois law, 911 center, evidence handling, crime scene investigations, budget, community oriented policing and much , much more.

There is no cost for this class. Classes will end in November graduating at an open board meeting if feasible.

Chief Lacheta

Continuation of Mayor's Article

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I am asking for volunteers that wish to serve on this committee. Please contact the Village Hall and inform the Chief of Staff, (Brunetta Hill-Corley) that you would like to join this committee. Notification of the committee meeting will be announced soon.

There is so much that needs to be done. There are times that I wonder how is it all going to get done. I tell myself to have patience, and in time the promotion of prosperity, good will and progress will flourish in the Village of Sauk Village. I look forward to bringing the very best to the Village of Sauk Village. We are moving in

a changed atmosphere, it is happening all around us. I leave you with one closing comment. I cannot do it alone. I need the residents of Sauk Village to continue to work with me in this changed atmosphere. Sauk Village is a good place and will become an even better place for us to live and raise our families.

Public Relation Committee News – Rosie Williams, Chair

The Public Relations Committee is still looking for volunteers. Please contact Trustee Williams at Village Hall if you would like to help out. We are about to enter a busy phase with the beginning of Student Government Day just around the corner.

Also, if you have attended a Board meeting recently you will know that the Sauk Talk has been under much debate. As the chair, I feel obligated to explain some basic policies. All bimonthly articles are written by officials, department heads or their designees and submitted by the last Friday of the month by midnight. The articles are then compiled and arranged. The entire file is then submitted to the publisher. The original deadline is not always met by officials and department heads. If articles are not submitted timely,

the entire process is delayed. This is the reason you may be receiving your Sauk Talk later than you would like.

Also, it is important to point out that the articles, once submitted, are not rechecked for corrections of date, times or information. If you do have any questions regarding a particular article, you can contact me and I can direct you to its original writer.

As always, I encourage the residents to come to a Board meeting. Meetings are every Tuesday, except for any 5th Tuesday, at 7:00 pm. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday is a Committee meeting, discussing specific items. The 2nd and 4th meeting are open to discussion about all concerns. Please join us!!

Rickover Scholars - Cody Garza & David Zachary Fox

Cody and David were both awarded the title of *All American Scholar* by the United States Achievement Academy. Sheri Foreman nominated them both for this amazing award. Along with this prestigious award, both children will be featured in the All American Scholar Yearbook which is published and distributed nationally. This program was designed to allow teachers, coaches and counselors the opportunity to be recognized and sponsor students who excel in school. The USAA requires that all recognized students must earn a 3.3 GPA or higher.

Cody Garza is a resident along with his parents Brandy and Joseph Garza, who are so proud of their son. His grandparents, Laura & Kenneth King and Stella & Abel Garza are equally proud of him.

The parents of David Zachary Fox also acknowledge his success. Parents David & Susan have shared the news with his Grandparents Samuel & Alicia Diaz and Roy & Virginia Fox and they are equally pleased.

Seniors Do You Know?

Join us for *FREE Movie Mondays* at the McConathy Library every second Monday of the month at 1:00pm. Refreshments are served. Here's the list of upcoming movies;

September 14, 2009 "Above the Law"

October 5, 2009 "Rumor has it"

November 9, 2009 "What About Bob"

December 8, 2009 "Red Rock West"

October 5, 2009 at 11:00am the Library will be offering a Senior Luncheon with the Sauk Village Police Dept as their guest speaker. Your reservations must be made at the library by September 29, 2009 for the luncheon.

It's Spaghetti Dinner Time. Join the Sauk Village Senior Committee for Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday October 17, 2009 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Great Entertainment provided by the MORGAN Family for the cost of \$5.00.

Save the Date of Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 10:00am -1:00pm. Learn more about HOME HEALTH, the different type of services available and as well as information for Care givers, what is assisted living compared to nursing home care.

The Senior Center offers social gatherings, dancing, games, activities, refreshments, dinners and outings. Listed below are the Clubs and organizations that are currently sponsoring activities at the Senior Center:

Fun Club meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:30pm.

Sunshiners meet every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00pm.

Leisure Timers meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Blue Grass meets every Sunday from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Ceramic Classes meet every Wednesday at 8:00am – 12:00noon

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

Volunteers are needed for *Respond Now* the 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.*
- *Francine Anderson, Chair*

Public Works News – Kevin Weller, Director

Storm water runoff entering Lake Michigan Image courtesy Save the Dunes Storm water enters our waterways unfiltered and untreated.

Storm water runoff is all the water that runs off hard surfaces during rainstorms. This water does not seep into the ground during storms; instead it runs straight into streams, rivers, and lakes. Storm sewer drains are installed to carry excess runoff away from the areas where we live. Storm sewers do not carry excess runoff to the sewage treatment plant, as many people believe. The collected runoff is released directly into our waterways untreated.

There are many reasons why storm water runoff can be harmful. Storm water should ideally be absorbed into soil and detoxified by natural processes, including microbial breakdown. In natural systems, rainwater is absorbed by the soil or plants on the ground. However, when soil surfaces are covered with impermeable materials like pavement and housing, the storm water flows along these surfaces, picking up trash, harmful chemicals and sediment along the way and finally dumping them directly into our lakes and streams untreated. This is known as non point pollution. EPA experts believe that the biggest form of pollution today is non-point source. Many of the pollutants in our water come from our everyday activities. This pollution is caused by all of us.

Excessive nutrients released into our lakes and streams promotes unsightly and harmful algae growth. Sediments and garbage can ruin the aesthetic and recreational value of our waterways. Many of our communities rely on Lake Michigan for drinking water; these contaminants must be filtered from the water at great public expense. These same pollutants can also leak into groundwater, harming another important drinking water source in our region.

The actions we take (or don't take) during each day can contribute to the harmful contamination and degradation of our waterways. Fortunately, there are many small steps that everyone can take that will contribute to a better environment.

Do your Part to Protect our Water Resources:

- Dispose of unwanted household cleaners, chemicals and oil properly. Take them to your local hazardous waste center on collection day.
- Take good care of your car; regular checkups will detect any leaks. Take the car to the carwash (most carwashes have water treatment systems) or wash it on your lawn.
- Pick up after your pets! It's not only considerate, but also keeps harmful bacteria out of the water supply. Dispose of the waste in the toilet or trash.
- Lawn care: select a low-P lawn fertilizer and use only the amount recommended by the manufacturer. Avoid application of

lawn care products before heavy rains- you're wasting money and contributing to water pollution!

- Go Native! Consider using native plants in your landscape: once established, their care needs are minimal. Mulching around your plants keeps weeds down and reduces watering needs. You'll end up saving money on fertilizers, water and pesticides AND keep those chemicals out of our water supply, too.
- Install a rain barrel: collect the runoff from your roof and use it to water the lawn and garden during dry spells. One inch of rainfall on 1000 square feet of roof equals 623 gallons of water!
- Put the hose away and pick up a broom! Sweep excess lawn care products, grass clippings and dirt back onto the lawn, rather than washing them into the storm sewer (and our water resources)!

Provided by the Municipal Storm water Community Partnership

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage IN 46368

(219) 763-6060 www.nirpc.org
Contact Mary Beth Wiseman,
Environmental Planner
mwiseman@nirpc.org for more information.



Parks and Recreation News

Trustee Enoch Benson

The 2009 Back to School Community Days Festival was a huge success. The crowning of Miss Sauk Village, Junior Miss Sauk Village, Junior Mr. Sauk Village and Little Miss Liberty took place on Sunday, August 16th. The winners and runner-ups are as follows:

Miss Sauk Village: Jakia Rush

Runner-up: Chamera Johnson

Mr. Sauk Village Junior: Aarron Davis

Runner-up: Robert Chavez Jr.

Miss Sauk Village Junior: Milissa Morden

Little Miss Liberty: Samantha Rybicki

Runner-up: Kathryn Chavez





Fire Department News— Chris Sewell, Chief



The week of July 27-31 was pretty crazy around the fire station- in a good way! This was the week of our first ever Junior Fire Academy. From 9 am to noon all that week 28 kids from Sauk Village and surrounding communities came to the fire station decked out in their bright orange Academy t-shirts and beige ball caps to learn about fire safety, to see how and why firefighters do what they do, and to have some fun in the process. The week was ended with a graduation ceremony at the fire station. Parents and family were invited and were treated to hotdogs and burgers followed by the kids getting their certificates. Along with the certificates, pictures were provided of each kid sitting in the fire truck as well as a group shot.

The Junior Fire Academy was ultimately a huge success and would not have been possible without the help and support of so many individuals and sponsors. The kids were broke down by age into three teams, or Fire Companies. Each company had an actual firefighter as a team leader and two volunteers as helpers. Their job was simply to get the kids to and from activity stations and maintain order. They all did a great job and we couldn't have done this without them. I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all the sponsors who in some way contributed to the success of this program- The Oakwood Group, Lansing; Walt's Foods, Crete; Wonder Bread, Matteson; Moo & Oink, South Holland; Ace Hardware, Sauk Village; Fairway Foods, Sauk Village; Pick-Ups Bar & Grill, Lynwood; Steger Memorial Chapel, Steger; and Mr. William Bishop, Candlelight Village. Once again, thank you all for your support and contributions.

Finally, the week of October 12, 2009 is Fire Prevention Week. As with every year at that time, the Fire Department will be hosting events and visiting the schools to speak to the kids about fire safety. The theme this year is "Don't get Burned." According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), there were 399,000 home fires in 2007, most of which were preventable. The drive behind Fire Prevention Week is to stop fires before they start by teaching simple fire safety rules. Stay tuned as October approaches for event dates and times!





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<i>BLOOM TOWNSHIP</i>	<i>754-9400</i>	<i>COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.</i>	<i>210-4500</i>
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