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Sauk Talk

*News From the Mayor* *Lewis Towers*

NO ARTICLE SUBMITTED

*Ordinance Review Committee* *Trustee Ed Myers*

The Ordinance Review Committee, chaired by Trustee Myers, has been busy so far this year. We have had several ordinances passed. Some of them are: Grass Mowing: it is illegal to let your grass or weeds grow to over 8 inches tall. Home occupants will be issued a 48 hour warning to mow the grass and weeds if it's not mowed within the 48 hours tickets will be issued.

Playing in the Streets: it is illegal to play basketball, football, etc. in the streets. Failure to get out of the street the Police Officer can issue tickets to the offenders.

The Saggy Pants Ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees earlier this year. It is illegal to wear your pants in a manner that your underwear and or buttocks are exposed. Citations can be issued by the Police Department.

Walking in the streets and loitering are also two of the ordinances that have been passed and you can be fined for.

We amended the Yard and Garage Sale ordinance to allow residents to hold 3 days 3 times a year for a \$15.00 fee. All signs must be removed immediately after sale dates. Signs cannot be posted on public property.

We are also working on Parental Responsibility and Crime Free Housing Ordinances. More to follow in the coming months on these two ordinances.

The Ordinance Review Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Village Hall.

**Recent ordinances the public needs to be aware of:**

- 11-001 An ordinance approving an amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code (saggy pants)
- 11-002 An ordinance approving an amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code (loitering)
- 11-009 An ordinance approving an amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code (administrative adjudication)
- 11-010 An ordinance approving an amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code (possession/cannabis)
- 11-011 An ordinance approving an amendment to the Village of Sauk Village Municipal Code (vehicle impoundment)
- 11-022 An ordinance approving an amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code (grass and weeds)
- 11-024 An ordinance approving an amendment to the Sauk Village Municipal Code (public comment)
- 11-027 An ordinance amending certain sections of the Unified Development Code as adopted by the Village of Sauk Village (Garage Sales)

*News from the Village Clerk* *Debbie Williams*

The Sauk Village Municipal Center hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am – 5 pm. There is a night drop box located at the northeast corner of the building for your convenience. The Mayor and Board of Trustees hold Committee of the Whole meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesdays of the month. Residents may ask questions pertaining to any issue at that time. The Regular Board meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month and questions from the audience must pertain to agenda items only. There is no meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of any month.

Please review the partial list of ordinances shown above. All 2011 ordinances have been updated on the website in their entirety. Check out [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org) for ordinances, Board meeting agendas, minutes and other Sauk Village information. Happy fall!

# Blossoms Program

Mary Beth Peach

## Introducing the BLOSSOMS Birth to Five Programs

If you are a parent or guardian in Sauk Village and have a child between birth and five years old, there is a free program waiting for you! The BLOSSOMS early childhood programs are housed at Wagoner School. Our purpose is to support parents in the important work they do in getting their young children off to a good start. We offer developmental screening, playgroups, parent library, infant massage and individualized personal visits using the Born to Learn Curriculum. During the year we also have various evening programs so that Dads and working parents have an opportunity to be involved. For more information or to be on our mailing list call 758-0319.



## *Public Relations Committee*

*Trustee Rosie Williams*

The Public Relations Committee is continuing fund raising efforts for this year's Fireworks display. Many residents including this Trustee flooded the Village Hall both in person and through letters expressing their sheer delight for the fireworks. We were absolutely impressed with the company we chose because their display was magnificent!!! We are very much looking forward to working with them in the future. As you may be aware from the last edition, we were able to work out a deal with the great people at 5Alarm Fireworks allowing us to spread out our payments. We are still working towards the \$8,000 cost of the Fireworks. We have had many fundraisers and hope to have more. Our goal is to be able to pay for this display without taking any funds from the General Operating Budget of the Village. Please contact Trustee Williams or Village Clerk Williams for ways that you can help.

Please be on the look out for our "Sauk Village Coupon Holders" filled with great coupons. The proceeds of these coupon holders will help decrease the balance owed to 5 Alarm Fireworks.

**Special note: I just wanted to take this time to again thank all of those who were instrumental in raising funds towards the fireworks. 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 and finally the Public Relations Committee for all you**

*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](mailto:sauktalk@saukvillage.org).



# Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



## Jr. Fire Academy – 2011

One week each year we hear the pitter patter of little feet running through the fire house and we love it! Yes, you read that right. One week each year we have the pleasure of having a Jr. Fire Academy.

The Academy runs Monday through Friday, 9 am until noon. This year it took place August 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> and was sponsored by Prairie State College. Because of Prairie State's generosity there was no registration fee. The kids range in age between 5 and 11.

This year was the departments third year running this Academy and the response has been tremendous. We had our biggest year yet with 35 kids participating. The day's events include everything from home fire safety tips, calling 911, team building exercises, an obstacle course, rappelling, and of course, a ride on the fire truck. One of the kid's favorites is our water day as



you can see in the pictures.

We would like to give special thanks to all of the volunteers which make this possible. Without the volunteers, this event could not take place. They do everything from filling water bottles to being team leaders.





## Senior Committee

Rose Langston



Village seniors requiring transportation service have two options, RTA (Reginal Transportation Authority) and Bloom Township Senior Wheels. RTA cards are available for seniors 65 years of age or older or disabled persons eligible for the Illinois Circuit Breaker Program to ride FREE. Other seniors 65 years of age or older may get a 1/2 fare RTA card. Bloom Township Senior Department (425 S. Halsted, Chicago Heights) is an authorized registration location for the RTA cards with the required identification and \$2.00 for the photograph.

The Bloom Township Senior Wheels program provides township Seniors (age 60+) and Disabled persons their transportation needs. Senior Wheels operates Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Low cost of \$1.00 each way and \$2.00 each way for out of township hospitals (Ingalls, South Suburban and St. James Olympia Fields). Call Senior Wheels (708) 754-8200 at least two business days in advance to schedule a ride or e-mail [srwheels@bloomtownship.org](mailto:srwheels@bloomtownship.org).

A free Blood Pressure Screening program, co-sponsored with PLAN (People Looking for Answers Now) is for village seniors 50 years of age or older. The screening is held at the Senior Center (21801 Torrence Avenue, east entrance) on Wednesday(s), September 7th and 21st from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

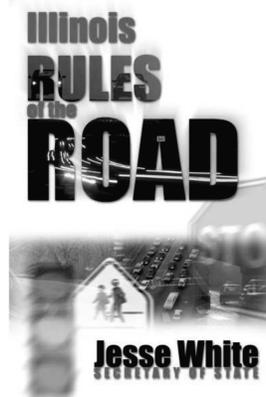
Mark your calendar for the Bloom Township: 'Rules of the Road Driver Review Course' Tuesday, October 4th 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; "AARP Driving Safety Program (55 Alive)' Tuesday and Wednesday, October 18th and 19th (two day course) 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (AARP member \$12 non member \$14); 'Ready! Set! Lunch' (The Joe Vega Show) Senior Community Lunch on Tuesday, October 18th at 11:30 a.m. at the Serbian Social Center, 18550 Stony Island, Lynwood (ticket deadline Friday, October 14th - \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for non township seniors); FLU Shots on Monday through Wednesday, October 24-25-26th by appointment, call (708) 754-9400 ext 244; Cook County Animal Control Vaccine and Microchip Clinic Wednesday, November 9th 10:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. with valid ID; and 'Harvest Moon' Community lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 16th (ticket deadline Friday, November 11th).

Senior Committee sponsors (co-sponsor free movies and refreshments with McConathy Library): Monday, October 3rd 1:00 p.m. movie 'King's Speech' at the McConathy Library; Eighth Senior Citizens Spaghetti Dinner (all you can eat spaghetti) on Saturday, October 22nd - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., \$5.00 donation includes entertainment and door prizes; and Monday, November 14th 11:30 a.m. speaker Monique James, South Suburban Senior Services, 12:00 p.m. lunch (compliment of McConathy Library - reservation require [(708)757-4774]) and 1:00 p.m. movie 'Shakespeare & Love'.

Many thanks to our co-sponsors McConathy Library (Monday movies) and PLAN (blood pressure screenings).

Presently, the Senior Committee members are in the process of updating the Senior Center Usage Policy, finalizing the quarterly event (eighth spaghetti dinner) and working on the safety and security of the Senior Center. We meet every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center, the public/village seniors are welcome to attend.

For additional information and/or questions, please call village hall (708) 758-3330 leaving a brief message for a call back (as time permits). Committee members are: Chairperson Rose Langston (and secretary), Bob Barnes, Gary Holcomb (safety and security), Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett (treasurer), Larry Stewart, and Frank Williams.



## Police Department News

Police Chief Tim Holevis

The Police Department has recently been awarded an \$18,000 STEP Grant from the Department of Transportation. Step stands for Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program. This program is similar to the ones currently being conducted by the Sauk Village Police Department during the Holidays. Citizens should expect to encounter roadblocks and DUI Enforcement through the Labor Day weekend. Remember, "Get Hammered and the Police will Nail You!"

Village Sticker enforcement has been in full swing and every citizen who owns a vehicle should have a village sticker. Also, police have been conducting scattered details for violations of the walking in the street ordinance.

There have been some questions presented to the Police Department in regards to investigating Burglaries. I would like to address some of these issues since the average person is unfamiliar with how police work is conducted and the laws the police must follow. When an officer is given information from a citizen, something to the effect that they know who committed a certain crime, that particular information has to be fact. An officer cannot just pick up someone off the street, who is only named by a citizen and question them in relation to a crime. This is called a violation of civil rights. An officer must have what is called probable cause in order to conduct an interview of someone. Another topic of conversation has been the collection of evidence. Not all evidence is of value to the police or the forensic laboratory. When evidence is collected, such as an item that may or may not have a fingerprint, it is examined for fingerprints by a department evidence technician or detective and then sent to the Illinois State Police Forensic Laboratory for further examination and development. This entire process may take up to one year to complete.

### FROM THE CHIEFS DESK

#### A Little Police Humor

What did the police officer say to his belly button?  
You're under a vest!



## McConathy Public Library News

Colleen Baughman

Due to the recent break-ins at the library, we are still closed until further notice. We are waiting on the repairs to be completed. Hopefully we will re-open on September 19, 2011. Unfortunately we have no choice but to cancel The September Bunco scheduled for the 9th and the Senior movie scheduled for the 12th. We are sorry for the inconveniences this is causing everyone. If you have any questions, please call the library at 708-757-4771 between 9:30am and 1:00pm or you can message us on facebook at mcconathy lib district.



# Back To School Events



**THANK YOU**

Thanks to the Right Touch Barber Shop, KJones Learning Center and the Eastern Stars for providing school starter supplies, book bags, free hair cuts, food, fun and entertainment at the various back to school events. Also, thanks to McConathy Public Library and Sauk Village Parks and Recreation Committee for sponsoring these events.

# Beautification Committee News

Marva Pruitt

The Beautification Committee of Sauk Village hosted its annual Community Beautification Awards Program for the many residents who take pride in their homes and in highlighting them. "The *Hootsie Award* was re-instituted in 2010 to honor home-owners, businesses and other organizations who were nominated by residents. Once nominated, committee members pay a visit to the home or establishment and rate the homes using a specialized ranking sheet. Points are calculated and awards go to the highest ranking homes in each of four categories, Single Family Residences, Multi-family complexes, Businesses, and Government/Religious/Institutions.

The Beautification Committee will present Certificate of Excellence Awards to the 2011 winners of the Community Beautification Awards, fondly called The Hootsies, at the September 13th Village Board Meeting. Yard Signs were placed on the lawns of all twelve winners Sunday, August 21, 2011.

**Please join us as we congratulate the Award Winners for the Sauk Village 2011 Beautification Awards, "The Hootsie." They are:**

## Single Family Category

**1st Place - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin and Hazel Neal, Deer Creek**

**2nd Place - Mr. & Mrs. James & Sharon Samuels - 1700 East Peterson Street**

**3rd Place - Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Sue Phillips -221st & Brookwood Street**

## Awardees:

**Mr. Philip Bonaporte - 225th & Jeffery**

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert & Rosemary Ketcham- 224th & Strassburg**

**The Derek and Juanita Burgess - Deer Creek**

**Mr. Frank Kristina - 221st & Brookwood**

**Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Veronica Cook - 219th & Merrill Avenue**

**Mr. & Mrs. Reynold & Virginia Roberts - 225th & Brookwood**

**Felicia Cyrus - 1700 E. 225th Street**

**Ms. Berta Tarado - 216th & Jeffery**

## Business Category:

**Dunkin' Donuts - Sauk Trail & Torrence**

Judging and delivering the awards are truly an emotional experience for the committee. There were tears, hugs, shouts of gladness, one recipient even danced a jig, and overall thankfulness was expressed. Two of the awardees are battling cancer; another expressed a year that was full of mishaps so these awards really do matter to them! At one home, a large group of neighbors was out and cheered as the award was presented. It is VERY TOUCHING!



# Parks and Recreation

Trustee Robert Chavez



## The 2011 Sauk Village Pageant date has been announced:

**When: September 10 at 12:30pm**

**Where: Welch Park  
SV Community Center**

*Applications will be available starting August 1st either at Library, Community Center, or at Village Hall.*

*Applications are due by August 21, 2011.*

**Contestant Meeting 8/25/2011-This in an informational meeting to be held at the Village Hall**

Junior Mr./Miss, ages 10-14; 7:30-8:30pm

Mr/Miss, ages 15-18; 6:30-7:30pm

## WILL YOU BE CROWNED?



Corn And Dog Roast September 10, 2011 from 12pm- 3pm Welch Park.

Volunteers needed for Corn & Dog Roast. Call Trustee Robert Chavez @ # 708 932 9900

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APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT-GARAGE SALE  
VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

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Date:	FEE \$ 15.00
Applicant Name:	
Address:	

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Temporary Uses Permitted by Code (Zoning Administrator Approval)
Zoning Administrator: _____
House, Apartment, Garage/Yard Sales

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I, undersigned applicant, do hereby certify that the above statements and attached documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

House, Apartment, Garage/yard Sales
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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: <a href="http://WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG">WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG</a>	