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PRESS RELEASE

SAUK VILLAGE TO HOLD A SPECIAL HEARING ON WATER ISSUES

The Village of Sauk Village continues to work with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and the Illinois Attorney General’s Office regarding implementing a corrective action plan to remove all contaminants from the Village’s water supply. The Village’s engineering firm, Robinson Engineering, has developed an action plan for the Village and the IEPA to review. In the interim, the Village is continuing to monitor and test its water supply to ensure that its residents are provided with water that is safe for consumption. The water supply provided by Wells 1 and 2 is sampled and tested four times per year. The finished sampling results for Wells 1 and 2 have been significantly below the IEPA’s permissible maximum contamination level. The most recent sampling results showed a decrease in the level of contamination. These sampling results are encouraging and confirm that the water supplied by Wells 1 and 2 is safe for consumption. However, these positive results have not deterred the Village from diligently working with Robinson Engineering and the IEPA to implement a corrective action plan that will remove all contaminants from the Village’s water supply. The Village’s ultimate goal is to implement a plan that will ensure the highest quality of water for its residents for the foreseeable future.

For more information, please attend a Special Hearing on the correction action plan for wells 1, 2 and 3 for the Sauk Village water supply that will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at the Village Hall located at 21801 South Torrence Avenue at 10:00 am. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has been invited to attend.



News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams



The Sauk Village Board recently agreed to purchase a sound system for the boardroom and to begin the process of providing online and phone payments options for water bill payments for a small convenience fee. Payments can also be placed in the night deposit box located at

the northeast corner of the Municipal Center. Also under consideration is updating the Sauk Village Municipal Code Book which was last updated in April of 2003. Look for all of these exciting changes in the near future.

Please check out www.saukville.org for current and past issues of the Sauk Talk, Village meeting agendas and minutes, recently passed ordinances, **the current action plan for Sauk Village water**

and other pertinent information. The water action plan is also available at the Municipal Center and McConathy Public Library.

HOLIDAY MUNICIPAL CENTER HOURS: The Municipal Center will be closed on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th, Friday, December 23rd, Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd in observance of the holidays.

Public Relations

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Public Relations Committee will be making a great effort to see that this edition of the Sauk Talk is widely distributed due to the Special Meeting taking place on November 5, 2011 to discuss the issues relating to our Village water system. Due to budget cuts of September 2009 the Sauk Talk is no longer produced offsite or sent to homes but is still produced by the Public Relations Committee and made available bi-monthly at the Village Hall, McConathy Public Library, other village businesses and www.saukville.org.

The Public Relations Committee also continues to raise funds for special events like fireworks and Student Government Day. Preparations for Student Government Day are approaching. The Public Relations Committee will soon begin choosing the essay topics, setting the schedule and begin fundraising for next year's festivities. We are looking for suggestions for this year's essay topic and for fundraising ideas.

The Public Relations committee is also selling Coupon Packs filled with coupons from local businesses for \$10.00 each. Please call Trustee Rosie Williams at 708/753-5121 to reserve yours now.

The Public Relations Committee would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.



Press Release

Sgt. Rebecca Sailsbery

The Sauk Village Police Department in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety, under the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program, will be conducting Safety Belt Enforcement Zones and Road Safety Check Campaigns during the Thanksgiving holiday season. Enforcement dates start on or about November 14, 2011 and will run through November 27, 2011.

The purpose of the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) is to reduce the incidence of motor vehicle crashes, and the resulting injuries and fatalities, through increased highly visible enforcement of occupant restraint, impaired driving, speed, pedestrian safety and motorcycle licensing and registration laws during the national and state enforcement campaigns.

Sauk Talk is Produced by volunteers of the Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village, Rosie Williams Trustee/Composer and Staff Members Nanette Wargo and Debbie Williams. With special appreciation to and technical support from Deputy Village Clerk Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to sauktalk@saukville.org.



Senior Committee

Rose Langston



The Senior Committee has been very busy during the past four months working with some of the following activities/programs:

- . FREE Blood pressure screening (taken by two RNs and one LPN) since July 27, 2011 now expanded to include all (not just seniors) village residents and employees.
- . Ongoing second Monday FREE movies at the McConathy Public Library with light refreshments served. Next movie day November 14th includes a speaker at 11:30 a.m., luncheon at 12:00 p.m. (compliments of the library quarterly, requiring reservations), and movie 'Shakespeare & Love' at 1:00 p.m.
- . Senior Center paperback book exchange implemented September 29, 2011
- . Continuing our quarterly events, most recently the 'Eighth Senior Citizens Spaghetti Dinner' held October 22nd.
- . Revised the Senior Center Rental and Reservation Policies for Village seniors.
- . Prepared a Senior Center Activities Survey for your input to determine additional activities/programs.

For your information:

- . Cook County 2010 second installment property tax was due November 1, 2011 or a late penalty of 1.5% per month will apply.
- . Social Security will be increase by 3.6% next year (2012), however, the monthly medicare cost will increase by an additional \$10.00.
- . Center for Disability & Elder Law (CDEL) offers monthly Suburban Legal Assistance (SLAC) at senior centers in Cook County by appointment only. Call (312) 376-1880 ext. 22 and leave a message with your name and telephone number. Two nearby locations are, South Suburban Senior Services/Argento Center, 1700 Memorial Drive, Calumet City, IL (708) 832-1208 every second Tuesday and Bloom Township Senior Services, 425 S. Halsted St., Chicago Heights, IL (708) 754-9400 every fourth Tuesday.

Many thanks to acting Police Chief Tim Holevis, Fire Chief Al Stoffregen, Public Works Director Kevin Weller, Trustees Derrick Burgess, Robert Chavez, David Hanks, Ed Meyers, Sherry Jasinski, the village clerical employees, Nan Wargo/McConathy Library and P.L.A.N. (especially Judy Cast and Jamie Hutchison) for their cooperation and support. My deepest gratitude to all the dedicated committee members Bob Barnes, Gary Holcomb, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Larry Stewart and Frank Williams. We would greatly appreciate your response to the Senior Center Activity Survey.

The Senior Committee and I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas/Happy Holiday and a very healthy and happy New Year!

Seasons Greetings

Sauk Village Senior Committee Senior Center Activities Survey

This survey is to assist the Senior Committee in designing activities that the seniors of Sauk Village would like to have at the Senior Center. Please fill out and return to the village hall attention: Senior Center.

Have you attended the Senior Committee's events:

- Spaghetti dinner(s)
- Chili Cook-off
- Soup and Sandwich
- Monday monthly movies
- FREE Blood Pressure Screenings
- Monthly Senior Committee meetings

Previous seniors events:

- Craft group (crocheting, knitting, needlepoint, etc.)
- Senior Craft Show
- Flea Market
- Health Fair
- Cards, games, conversation, etc..
- Ethnic dinners

Please indicate below what you would like to see provided by the Senior Committee

Drama Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Volunteering opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Book clubs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Musical performance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
New technology class	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Bus trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Field trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Art class	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Group restaurant dining	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Informative speakers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Financial information	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Legal information	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Exercise class	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Pot luck dinner	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Card games	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Previous events repeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Comments & Suggestions: _____

Name: _____ Street: _____ Phone: _____

John P. Resident

221 St.

(708) 111-2222

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Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Fire Prevention Week was October 10 through the 15th this year. As in the past, the Sauk Village Fire Department did multiple presentations for Wagoner, Strassburg, and Rickover. The week concluded with SVFD at the Sauk Village McDonalds where kids were treated to fries and ice cream. About 60 people came out to look at the fire trucks and learn about fire safety.

This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week was "Protect Your Family From Fire." This theme covers a wide variety of topics, but comes down to one point- make your home a safe place for your family.

This begins with stopping fires before they start. Space heater related fires continue to be a big problem. With the cooler weather that came in late September, early October, the Sauk Village Fire Department has already responded to one space heater related fire- and winter's not even here yet.

Keep space heaters at least three feet away from ANYTHING. Use the appropriate heater for the right application. To put it plainly, do not use kerosene torpedo heaters in your bedroom.

Another issue that continues to plague homeowners is that of candle safety. They smell good, they're nice to look at... and they'll burn your house down in a heartbeat. When you go out- blow out. Never leave candles unattended, even the glass jar candles have been known to burst and start fires.

With all the possible things that can go wrong and start a fire, think safety first. The best offense is a good defense, which leads us to smoke alarms. We often use the phrase "When you change your clocks, change your batteries." It was recently asked that if you have a hard

wired electric alarm system, do you need to worry about changing batteries. The answer is absolutely yes. The battery in a hard wired system is the back up in case of a power outage. Likewise, many electronic systems will still alert you when the battery is dead, so to avoid that annoying chirp sound, change the batteries in all detectors.

Finally, because accidents do happen, make sure your family knows how to get out of your house in case of a fire. Practice "stay low and go", practice exiting through a window and have a pre-determined rally point outside the house.

On a different note, earlier this year, the Sauk Village Fire Department was awarded a FEMA grant to recruit and train new firefighters. We recently brought on four new recruits using this grant.

We still have openings. If you live in Sauk Village, are at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma or GED, have a valid drivers license, have a clean criminal history, can pass a thorough medical exam, and want to serve your community in one of the most rewarding fields in the world, then consider applying to join the Sauk Village Fire Department.

Applications are available at the fire department or the Village Hall. Call 708-758-2225 if you have any questions.



Police Department News

Police Chief Tim Holevis

Many new ordinances have been enacted in Sauk Village since the beginning of the year. I would like to introduce some of those ordinances that are of importance to the public's safety. All recent Ordinances are available for review in their entirety on the village website, [Sauk Village.org](http://SaukVillage.org).

Ordinance No. 11-001 (Saggy Pants) this ordinance can also be referred to as a Disorderly Conduct ordinance. If while you are wearing your pants in public and they fall more than 3 inches below the waist, causing exposure of the undergarments, this is Disorderly Conduct and you will be issued a citation to appear in court.

Ordinance No. 11-002 (Loitering) this ordinance is also a Disorderly Conduct ordinance. It states if you are given a lawful order by a police officer to disperse, when three or more persons are committing acts of Disorderly Conduct, that likely cause substantial harm or serious inconvenience, annoyance or alarm. you will be issued a citation to appear in court.

Ordinance No. 11-010 (Cannabis) this ordinance was enacted recently to provide the police department with another tool to combat drugs in our community. This is for minor possession, 10 grams or less of Cannabis. If you violate this ordinance you may be subject to a mandatory fine of not less than (\$250.00), plus court costs of not more than (\$750.00). A second offense would constitute a mandatory fine of not less than (\$500.00) and a third offense would mean a fine of not less than (\$750.00)

Ordinance No. 11-011 (Tow/Impound) this ordinance covers the towing of inoperable, abandoned, illegal parking, and any unlawful vehicle. If your vehicle is towed under this ordinance, the owner of the vehicle will be required to post a \$500.00 bond, including towing and storage fees. The owner will have the right to request a preliminary hearing within 15 days of seizure and impoundment. You will be afforded a hearing within 48 hours after the request. If probable cause is found by the Village Adjudicator, the vehicle will continue to be impounded, unless the owner pays all required fines and costs. If no probable cause is found by the Village Adjudicator, then the vehicle will be released along with any monies that have been paid by the owner. Some of the violations included in this ordinance are; DUI, Drugs, Suspended License, Altered Registration, Firearms violations, fireworks, sound amplification along with a variety of others.

Ordinance No. 11-032 (Parental Responsibility) this ordinance was proposed by the trustees to require parents to exercise reasonable control over their minor children to prevent them from committing or participating in certain acts. This act covers Truancy also. The fine for Truancy is (\$25.00) 1st offense, (\$50.00) 2nd offense, and (\$100.00) for two violations in one school year. If a minor commits a delinquent act, the parent shall be guilty of a petty offense. The fine is (\$50.00 1st violation, (\$100.00) 2nd violation, and (\$150.00) after two violations. Minors may also receive community service in the amount of 120 hours.

I hope this will alleviate some concerns and questions that have come to light since these ordinances have been enacted. As I stated previously, you can access the village's website in order to review these ordinances completely.

I would like to point out that there have been more than a dozen arrests for Burglary over that past several weeks and particularly over the past seven days. Police officers and Detectives have recovered thousands of dollars in stolen property which has been returned to the rightful owners. I would like the residents to please pay attention to the people hanging around your neighborhoods. If you do not recognize certain individuals or they appear suspicious, you should immediately call the police. The most recent arrests the police department has made in regard to these Burglaries are being committed by the same group of individuals that have been arrested several times before. Some of them are juveniles and Yes, some of them are your neighbors children! Let's all work together, especially neighbors, to keep these delinquent offenders from destroying your quality of life! Thank You.

Police Chief Timothy Holevis.

A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR

Burglary Lessons

A man went to the Police Station wishing to speak with the burglar who had broken into his house the night before.

"You'll get your chance in court." said the Desk Sergeant.

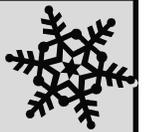
"No, no, no!" said the man.

"I want to know how he got into the house without waking my wife. I've been trying to do that for years



Sauk Village Housing Authority

Trustee David Hanks



Winter Safety Tips

With the colder months of the year now upon us, the following are a few safety tips for you and your family to keep in mind.

CANDLES - Always put candles in non-tip candleholders before you light them, and do not burn candles near decorations or displays. Keep candles well away from curtains, and never put candles in windows or near exits. Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Never leave a room with a candle burning or within reach of small children.

SMOKE DETECTORS / CARBON MONOXIDE - Consider installing detectors on every level of the home, near sleeping areas where the audible alarm can be heard. If the alarm goes off, exit the home and call 911. Recognize the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning and exit the home immediately if you suspect the presence of carbon monoxide. Call 911 from a safe location. If it has a 9-volt battery, change the battery once a year.

CHRISTMAS TREES - A fresh tree is green. Fresh needles are hard to pull from branches. When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin. When the trunk of a tree is bounced on the ground, a shower of falling needles shows that tree is too dry. Cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary to set tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors. Place tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards. Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guide wires to secure a large tree to walls or ceiling. These wires are almost invisible.

Avoid smoking near flammable decorations. Avoid wearing loose flowing clothes - particularly long, open sleeves - near open flames - such as those of a fireplace, stove, or candlelit table. Never burn candles near evergreens. Burning evergreens in the fireplace can also be hazardous. When dry, greens burn like tinder. Flames can flare out of control, and send sparks flying into a room, or up the chimney to ignite creosote deposits.

ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS - Space heaters need their space! Keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater. When buying a heater, look for a thermostat control mechanism and a switch that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over. Heaters are not dryers or tables! Don't dry or store objects on top of your heater. Keep children and pets away from space heaters. Never leave children in a room alone when a space heater is in use.

ESCAPE PLANS - Develop an escape route with two exits from every room. Pick a meeting place in a safe location so all family members can be accounted for. Call the fire department from a cordless phone, a neighbor's home or another safe location. Never re-enter a burning building for any reason. Practice your home escape plan every six months and consider practicing it at night when most home fires occur.

FIREPLACES - Keep fire where it belongs - in the fireplace! Have chimneys inspected by a professional before the start of heating season. Make sure you have a screen large enough to catch flying sparks and rolling logs. Clean your chimney regularly - creosote build-up can ignite your chimney, roof and the whole house!

Store cooled ashes in a tightly sealed metal container. Cardboard boxes and paper bags can quickly catch fire. Only burn materials appropriate for a fireplace, never burn trash or paper, burning paper can float up a chimney and onto your roof or into your yard.

FURNACES - Have your heating systems inspected by a qualified service professional at least once a year. This inspection should include lubrication and cleaning, replacing filters, a check of belts and thermostats and having vents cleared of obstructions, as necessary.

GENERAL PREPARATION - Have extra blankets on hand, and ensure that everyone in your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, a hat and water resistant boots. Use products only for their intended purposes. Hair dryers aren't intended to thaw frozen pipes, dry clothing or warm bedding. If you use an electric blanket to keep warm on a cold night, follow the manufacturer's instructions and make sure you turn it off and unplug it when it's not in use. Never tuck an electrical blanket in.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS - Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory. Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections. Discard damaged sets or repair them before using. Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house, walls or other firm support to protect from wind damage.

Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord. Turn off all lights on trees and other decoration when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and any person touching a branch could be electrocuted! To avoid this danger, use colored spotlights above or beside a tree, never fastened onto it! Keep "bubbling" lights away from children. These lights with their bright colors and bubbling movement can tempt curious children to break candle shaped glass, which can cut, and attempt to drink liquid, which contains a hazardous chemical.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Sauk Village Housing Authority



Blossoms Program

Mary Beth Peach

The BLOSSOMS Family Enrichment Program at Wagoner School will be conducting an Infant/Toddler Developmental Screening for all parents in School District 168. The screening is free and covers the primary domains of development which are: intellectual, motor, social/emotional, and language. It will be conducted by trained personnel using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire, a research based screening tool. Call 758-0319 for an appointment.



LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM 2011

Kevin Weller

Public Works offers a leaf collection program at no cost to the resident. This will allow you to dispose of your leaves and keep Sauk Village clean. There will be two scheduled pick ups. The first during the week of **November 7th through November 11th**. The second and final pick up will be the week of **November 21st through November 25th**. **All piles must be raked down no later than November 20th to be picked up for final collection.**

In order for this program to be successful, we are asking all residents to follow the guidelines that are listed below.

Beginning

1. November 1st, 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. **DO NOT PLACE BRANCHES OR OTHER DEBRIS IN THE PILES THEY WONT BE PICKED UP.**
2. During these scheduled pick ups we are asking all residents **NOT** to park on the streets Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Vehicles parked on the street greatly reduce the success of the program.
3. After November 25TH any leaves to be disposed of 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 28TH 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.**



Parks and Recreation

Trustee Robert Chavez



Watch and listen for Santa Claus while he is escorted through the streets of Sauk Village by the police and fire departments on Saturday December 10, 2011. This event is sponsored by Parks and Recreation.