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Sauk Talk

From the Mayor's Desk

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<p>Congratulations to Allison Backous. In May, Allison received her bachelor's degree from Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights. Good luck.</p> <p>Cook County is partnering with the National Association of Counties to provide Cook County residents with discounts on prescription drugs not covered by insurance. The Cook County Prescription Drug Discount Program came into effect on September 20, 2007. The program provides uninsured participants the following benefits; 20% average savings on prescription drugs, extra savings on all mail order prescriptions, savings on</p>	<p>medications not covered by insurance and unlimited use. There is no enrollment fee, no age or income requirements. Cards are available for pick up at Village Hall or contact Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy at 708-389-2125.</p> <p>The winter season is fast approaching with snow and the cold temperatures. This is a reminder to all residents; the village has no parking on the Village streets after 2" inches of snow has fallen until all streets have been plowed. Please remember this throughout our winter and early spring months and inform your out-of-town guests when they visit. This is to provide to you,</p>	<p>the best service in clearing our streets and safety for you and your automobiles</p> <p>This month we at Village Hall are sadly saying good bye to our Village Clerk, Liz Selvey. Liz and her husband, Grant, are relocating to their new home down south. Liz has been a sensational Village resident and Clerk. Liz has been an important asset of this administration. Finding someone to take her place will be difficult. Good bye and good luck</p>
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Village Clerk News

<p>A very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year from the myself and the office girls. This is my last Sauk Talk article. My husband and I bought a beautiful home in Tennessee and we are moving soon. I have lived in the Village for 47 years and we have had</p>	<p>many friends a happy memories here. Both of us wish the best for Sauk Village's future. This is not goodbye, but a "see ya'll later"...</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Liz and Grant Selvey</i></p>
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Housing Authority News: 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.

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.

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. Place tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards. 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 the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Use thin guy-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.

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Housing Authority News: Winter Safety Tips

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 decorations 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.

SMOKE DETECTORS - Have one on every level of the home. Consider installing a smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. Test it monthly. If it has a 9-volt battery, change the battery once a year.

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the
Sauk Village Housing Authority!**

POLICE DRUG AND SPEEDING HOTLINES

If you or anyone you know has the address of a suspected drug dealer that is in the Village limits, please call the **Narcotics Hotline** at the number below. Although it assists this department greatly to have the name of the complainant, it is not mandatory that you leave your name when you call.

The Hotline is a recording that allows you to leave details of illegal activities and is answered by one of the Narcotics Officers.

Call 708-758-1331 and ask for the
NARCOTICS HOTLINE

If you are having problems with *speeding* in your area try to get as much information as you can about the auto, color, make, model, the time of day this is happening is important also.

Please listen to the recording and leave the information requested. Be patient, it may take some time to get to your area.

Call 708-758-1331 and ask for the
SPEEDING HOTLINE



Senior News

The Senior Committee would like to send **Special Thanks** to the 150 senior residents who participated in the 3rd Spaghetti Dinner held on October 13, 2007.

Watch out for our next senior activity tentatively scheduled for February 2008.

We're seeking another senior volunteer to participate on the committee.

The Senior Committee and Trustee Francine Anderson would like to wish all of the residents a Happy & Healthy Holiday Season!

Human Relations Commission

The Human Relations Commission objectives are in the interest of the entire community. The commission has been busy helping to form neighborhood watch programs. We believe that neighborhood watch programs help to promote a strong community. The Human Relations Commission will strive to involve all segments of the community in understanding and appreciating the benefits of positive inter-group relations.

Beginning in December the Human Relations Commission will partner with other community organizations in developing youth programs. The goal is to offer a range of programs, workshops and services that will help keep the youth of our community constructively occupied.

The Human Relations Commission meets every third Monday of the month at 6:30 at the Village Hall. Visitors are welcome to attend our meetings. Questions should be directed to (708) 758-3330 extension 622 or 239.



Information from your Public Works Department

The Public Works Department salts and plows the village streets, village ordinance states **No parking on village streets after 2" snow or till completely removed.** As plows clear the streets, they push the snow toward the curb. Inevitably, the snow will be pushed in front of driveway entrance. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid this. Each resident must assume responsibility for clearing enough of this snow to allow them to get in and out of their driveway, without putting it back into the village street.

Residents who are incapable of removing this snow themselves or who do not care to do so may choose to hire a teen or plow service to assist them.

The highest priority of the Public Works plow drivers must be to make the streets as safe as possible for vehicle traffic and for the passage of emergency vehicles in the event they need to get to your home.

There are 27 center lane miles of street in Sauk Village that the plows must keep clear and salted. While we regret any inconvenience we trust you will understand.



Tips from the Sauk Village Fire Department

October is always a busy month around the fire house. The week of October 7 was **National Fire Prevention Week.** Through the course of the week, Fire Department personnel did nine presentations at all of the Sauk Village public schools as well as two day care centers. On Sunday, October 14, the Fire Department hosted its **annual open house** in conjunction with a **pancake breakfast.** The event was well attended and everyone left with full bellies and lots of fire prevention related give-a-ways. Before the month was over, several station tours were conducted including a special visit from the entire third grade from **Strassburg School.**

The theme for Fire Prevention Week this year was **"Plan Your Escape."** During the school presentations, all of the children were given junior firefighter badges. They were told that with that badge comes responsibility. They had to take home with them what they were taught during the presentations. According to the **National Fire Protection Association,** approximately 65% of the US population has an escape plan to get out of their home in case of a fire. Only about 33% actually practice that plan. Having a plan is a good start, but families need to practice those plans. Make a game of it, make it fun - but know this is a serious and important activity to do with the whole family. Have two ways out of every room and designate a safe area outside the house for everyone to meet at. Feel free to contact **Captain Rich Atwood** at the fire station if you would like some help planning your home escape. Capt. Atwood is at the station Monday through Friday 7am to 4pm. He can be reached at (708)758-2225.



With the holiday season fast upon us, there are several fire safety tips and reminders to keep in mind. Candles remain one of the most common causes of residential building fires. Do not leave candles unattended or leave them in places where children or animals can knock them over. Remember if you go out - blow out!

If you use a real Christmas tree, purchase one that's fresh. Shake all the dead needles out before bringing it in your home and water it daily to keep it fresh. Examine your tree decorations. Make sure strings of lights are in good shape, wires are not frayed, and that the plugs are in good condition and connected properly.



Cooking and baking are popular holiday traditions. Keep flammable objects such as towels and paper products away from the stove. Keep young children away from the stove and oven. Use something like a cookie sheet to prevent those holiday pies from dripping in the oven.

Besides the holidays, cold weather brings certain hazards too. Remember to keep portable space heaters at least 3 feet away from walls, furniture, and anything else that might come in contact with them. Furnaces should be inspected annually by a certified technician. "Tis the season" for carbon monoxide alarm responses from the fire department to sky rocket. Just like your smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors will need fresh batteries. When you change your clocks - change your batteries (in ALL detectors)! Keep in mind too that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors do have a life span. Most smoke alarms for example, have a five year warranty. Remember too that last year, it became law in Illinois that any building that houses sleeping areas must have a carbon monoxide detector in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping area.



This may sound like a lot of stuff, but this is the health and safety of you and your family that we're talking about. Make it a safe and joyous season!

Tips from the Sauk Village Police Depart-

THE HOME SAFETY SURVEY:

Take a few minutes and look this list over. These tips are intended to make your home safer.

- Make sure the lights on the outside of your house work, and are they on at dusk and off at dawn?
- Don't leave items near windows on the outside of your home that can be used as a ladder or stepstool into your windows.
- Make sure your doors and ground floor windows have locks that work and keep them locked when you're not home or sleeping.
- Get to know your neighbors.
- Make sure bushes that are against your home are trimmed at the bottom as to not become a barrier for someone to hide behind and break in.
- Install motion censored lights on the outside of your home and make sure they are high enough so the "bad guys" can't reach up and unscrew the bulbs.
- Don't leave spare keys *hidden* on the outside of your house. Most bad guys know where these places are!
- If possible, stagger your routine, don't always leave and return to your home at the same times.
- If you are away for a few days, arrange to have your mail and papers picked up.
- Place your house on a house watch when on vacation or away from your home for extended periods of time.



Make time to walk around your home, inside and out. Think like a burglar and notice what things will lead to theft, damage and burglary and make simple changes to correct them. The best defense is a good offense and common sense.

DON'T ADVERTISE

After the Christmas Holiday, one seems to follow up the festive date by cleaning the house and preparing for the New Year Holiday. In many cases the first thing to go to the curb for garbage collection are all the boxes that the wonderful gifts came in. To a burglar, this is an index of which houses now contain which brand new products and they even list the brand, size and special features! Break down your cardboard boxes and place them inside your garbage containers or recycle them.

Don't make your home a target!

HOLIDAY SEASON WARNING:

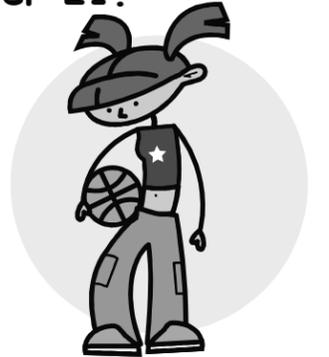
During the Holiday season many people travel from home to meet family and friends, leaving their homes empty and unprotected. When leaving your home for any period of time please consider the following ideas before you leave...

- ✓ Have a neighbor, family member etc., pick your mail and newspapers up.
- ✓ Place some lamps on reliable timers.
- ✓ Have someone check your home every day for anything out of the ordinary.
- ✓ Put your house on a "House Watch" with the Police Department.
- ✓ Don't leave outside lights on the entire time you are away. This tells a thief that your not home to shut them off.
- ✓ Items that are not insured and cannot be replaced should be removed from the home when practical.
- ✓ Have a key-holder available in case of an emergency and make sure the Police Department knows who this is. (broken pipes, etc)
- ✓ Make sure your blinds and or shades are closed. Displaying items in your home through windows is a really bad idea!

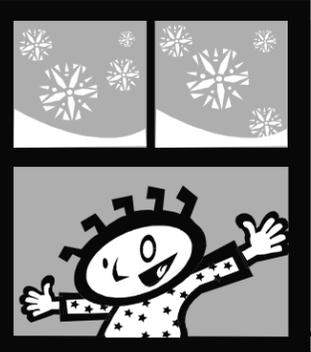


Sauk Village Parks & Recreation Co-ed Basketball 2008

- **Registration begins December 3 and ends on December 21.**
- **This program is for boys and girls 7-18.**
- **The cost is \$50.00 per player.**
- **Registration is at the Community Center Mon-Fri 4:00-8:00pm.**
- **Parents *MUST* sign permission forms.**
- **Games will be played at the Edward Paesel Community Center on Saturdays.**
- **Checks are to be made payable to *Village of Sauk Village*.**
- ***There will be no last minute sign ups!***
- **Evaluations will be January 5, 2008.**
- **Games will begin January 26 and end March 22, 2008.**
- **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS AFTER THE FIRST GAME.**



For more information,
call Sandy at the Community Center 758-4115 after 4:00pm



Winter Break Games & Activities

THE CONCERNED YOUTH GROUP OF SAUK VILLAGE WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR WINTER BREAK GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGES 10-18.



DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR CRAFT OR SKILL YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE CHILDREN?



DO YOU HAVE ANY INTERESTING ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE GROUP?

WATCH THE VILLAGE MARQUEE OR LOOK FOR THE YOUTH INFORMATION BULLETIN AT THE VILLAGE HALL STARTING DECEMBER 14TH FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ANY QUESTIONS?
PLEASE CALL LEWIS TOWERS 773/848-0596 OR
DEBBIE WILLIAMS 708/351-8922.



Concerned Citizens News

Public Relations Committee

**PLEASE JOIN THE CONCERNED YOUTH GROUP
AS THEY PRESENT THEIR 1ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY DANCE**

Public Relations News

Who: Sauk Village students, grades 4th thru 8th
When: Friday, December 21, 2007
Time: 6 pm - 9pm
Place: Sauk Village Community Center
Cost: \$1.00 admission

(Refreshments will also be available for purchase)

Attire: Gym shoes must be worn in order to be permitted to attend.

Permission slips will be available at Rickover and Strassburg schools. No one admitted without a signed permission slip.

Contact Info: Lewis Towers 708/210-4103 or Javette Jones 773/501-1612



1st Annual Holiday Dance



Trustee Rosie Williams wishes to thank everyone who helped with the First Annual Sauk Village Family Festival. Much of this events success is a direct result of the many volunteers from the Village who gave endless amounts of time and energy to the festival. Beginning with our first ever "Sauk Village Idol", the topnotch carnival, phenomenal food and terrific entertainment proved to be a successful finale to our 50th Anniversary celebration. The Public Relations Committee looks forward to future Family Festivals.

Trustee Williams and the Public Relations Committee wish you and yours a very Happy Holiday and a Healthy, Wealthy New Year!

From the Desk of Community Development

- With winter 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 winter months.
- Please store **garbage/containers** to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage overflowing in front of houses. We will be ticketing for this, too many residents are not complying with this ordinance. It's creating a nuisance for surrounding neighbors that have to pick up trash that is blowing into their yards & into the streets.
- The web page has been updated with important information on **ordinances and building permits**. To view go to www.saukville.org under



21701 Torrence Avenue
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**Bulk
Rate
Permit
#346**



**POSTAL CUSTOMER
SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411**

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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