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*Mayor's Corner*

*Mayor David Hanks*

Sauk Talk

**Press Release**

May 1, 2015

It was no secret that Sauk Village had been working on cost cutting initiatives given the Village's current finances, along with decreased revenues from the State of Illinois and the potential 50% loss of LGDF that Governor Rauner is proposing.

Earlier this year, the Village began negotiations with the FOP and the Village's dispatch bargaining unit. A full cost analysis of the Village's dispatch center was completed and the yearly costs are as follows:

- Labor-** Wages \$298,000 Overtime \$54,000
- Health insurance-** \$100,00
- Social Security/IMRF-** \$76,000
- Workers compensation coverage-** \$9,244
- Consultant fees-** Attorney fees (negotiations, grievances, litigation) \$7,500
- Uniform allowance-** \$3,150

**Total projected yearly costs to run the dispatch center this year would have exceeded \$600,000.00.**

**This cost Did Not Account For:**

- **Overhead/Equipment Upgrade-** \$500,000 (federal mandate). Equipment is near the end of its useful life- replacement is \$1.5 - \$2 million.
- **Future increases-** wages, insurance etc. 2%-7% annually (\$10,500 to \$37,000 annual increase)

Their costs were discussed with the Village board. The Village board requested comparison costs of contracting out the Village's dispatch services. When the board reviewed the costs, the entire board, all agreed contracting out was the direction the Village had to go. By contracting out we eliminate wages, overtime, healthcare, and retirement contributions the Village currently makes. This means an immediate savings of approximately \$300,000 per year.

Because the village was in the midst of negotiations I or the board could not speak publicly about possibly outsourcing our dispatch services. Moreover, we had to give the union and its members an opportunity to meet or beat the savings the Village would see if it privatized its dispatch center. After meeting with the union, the union was unable to meet or beat the savings the Village presented to them.

I want to be clear, on behalf of myself and the board, this move is no way a reflection on the work performed by our dispatchers or them individually. This was purely a financial decision and had nothing to do with our dispatchers' abilities or work performed over the years. In fact, we have advised the FOP we will do whatever we can in finding them work with other dispatch centers.

With the advancement of technology many communities are moving in this direction. No longer do municipalities' need its own dispatch center or have a dispatch center within its municipal boundaries.

Dispatch centers are essentially high tech call centers that can be located anywhere without a reduction in response time to those in need.

Again this is purely a financial decision. This will save the Village approximately \$300,000 a year, over \$1.5 million in 5 years, and \$3 million over ten years.

In closing, Sauk Village had five full time dispatchers whose union contract was not renewed, with a budget

*News from the Village Clerk*

*Debbie Williams*

Village Stickers are now on sale. Passenger stickers remain at \$30.00 and trucks remain at \$48.00. There is one \$20.00 senior discount per household. Your current village sticker expires on June 30th. You must purchase and display your new village sticker by midnight on June 30th, 2014. The sticker price will double and you could receive a \$100.00 ticket otherwise.

## Mayor's Article-continued

We would like to welcome the newly elected Trustees Cecial Tates and Kelvin Jones and the re-elected Trustee Derrick Burgess.

Mayor Hanks carefully made the following appointments based on the desire of the newly elected and re-elected trustees' desire to move the village in a new direction.

Each committee has a chair and a co-chair. We look forward to working as a team to continue to move the village forward.

### **Sauk Village Mayoral Appointments**

#### **Community/Public Relations Committee**

Chair Trustee Williams  
Vice Chair Trustee Burgess

#### **Public Works/Lake Michigan Water Committee**

Chair Trustee Burgess  
Vice Chair Trustee Jones

#### **Public Safety/Ordinance Review Committee**

Chair Trustee Myers  
Vice Chair Trustee Tates

#### **Neighborhood Watch Committee**

Chair Trustee Washington  
Vice Chair Trustee Myers

#### **Parks and Receptions Committee**

Chair Trustee Jones  
Vice Chair Trustee Washington

#### **Budget and Finance Committee**

### **TELECOMMUNICATOR QUALIFICATIONS OF KURTZ EMPLOYEES**

- Illinois State Police LEADS Law Enforcement Agency Data System Certified
- Illinois Department of Public Health Emergency Medical Dispatch Licensure
- CPR Certified
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Incident Management System Certified  
NIMS 100, 200, 300, 700, 800
- FEMA Active Shooter Certified
- National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Certified and recognized
- Operation Lifesaver Metra Railroad trained
- Enbridge Pipeline certification
- Suicide Prevention for Telecommunicators Certified
- APCO certified
- NENA members

## Senior News

Rose Langston

The Illinois SMP (Senior Medical Patrol) offer some tips to avoid home health fraud: DO NOT give your Medicare number to someone you do not know; DO NOT accept services from someone who visits you unexpectedly, even if they said your doctor sent them; DO NOT sign up for home health services at a presentation or event; and DO NOT sign time sheets or other forms without reading them or sign blank forms. If you think you Be sure to read your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) for accuracies and/or billing errors.

Medicare Fraud cost tax payers \$60 billion each year. DO NOT give out any of your personal information, especially your Medicare or Social Security number, when someone calls or via e-mail the request. Banks, Social Security and Medicare do not call requesting your personal information, they already have the information. Call the Illinois SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) at AgeOption at 800-699-9043 for assistance in reading your MSN or to report a suspected fraud or abuse. The Justice Department's Medicare Fraud Strike Force was formed in 2007 and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have placed a high priorities on health care fraud and Medicare fraud. To report suspected wrongdoing, call the Office of Inspector General, 800-447-8477.

Check posted/website monthly calendar for dates on Senior Activities: Sundays - SV Fun Club and SV Blue Grass; Mondays - Sunshiners, Blood Pressure Screening and senior movie day; Tuesdays - Silver Sneaker classes, and BMW Crossroad; Wednesdays - Ceramics and Leisure Timers; Thursday - SV Senior Committee; Fridays - SV Open Senior Activities; and Saturday - SV Senior Committee quarterly event. Seniors fifty plus are welcome to visit and join the various groups.

Senior Committee's '7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off' was a huge success! We thank our chefs were Gigi Austin, Jessie Boswell, Rose Langston, Jean Long, Les Morgan, Nadine Morgan, Shirley Rowley, George Sokolaski and Chris Turner. Congratulations to the winners Gigi Austin -1<sup>st</sup> place, Jessie Boswell - 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Shirley Rowley - 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Also to our 50/50 winner Chris Turner, who graciously turn over half of the winnings back to the committee. The judges - Mayor David Hanks, Barb Dorman (Southland Voice), Sharon Nowak and Donna Ludek (US Bank) had a very difficult time choosing the winners! Thank you to all the donors (cash, prizes and supplies) - Gary Holcomb, Rose Langston, Floyd and Nadine Morgan, Delores Randall, Ed Shankel, Beverly Sterrett and Chris Turner. Many thanks to our hard working committee members (Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall and Beverly Sterrett), US Bank employees (Alicia, Dolores, Donna and Tatshia), Nadine Morgan, Ed Shankel and Chris Turner. Our fabulous line dance instructor Flora Haynes and entertainer The Morgan Family (Floyd, Les and Nadine), Larry Long, Kim and Rich Alyea. Thank you to all our participants who made it possible.

Jones Community Center Golden Agers last meeting until fall will be on Wednesday, May 20th. Social hour is at 10:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. There will also be Trivia games and Ice Cream Sundae Social. Cost for the luncheon is \$5.00, for reservation and/or information call 708-757-5395.

Mark your calendar for Bloom Township annual senior picnic on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. For concerns and/or questions, call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SAUK VILLAGE???



**June 6th- Annual Car Show- Advance Auto Parts 19 Sauk Plaza**

**5pm-8pm Hosted by "Big Stew" and a special guest D.J.**

Sauk Village Mayor David Hanks awards prizes for: Best of Show, Oldest Car and Mayor's Choice

**Receive 10% off all purchases between 5 and 8 pm at this location only.**

Have a car you love- why not show it off? Contact Tony 708/.675-7129

**June 7th- Baskin Robbins \$1.31 Scoop Night- Burn Camp Fundraiser**

Sauk Village Dunkin Donuts/ Baskin Robbins 12pm -6pm

Join the Sauk Village Fire Department in the annual fundraiser for Burn Camp.

If you can't join us on June 7th—donations to Burn Camp will gladly be accepted at a later date.

**June 13- Annual Yard Sale- Vendors and Shoppers wanted 8am- 3pm-** Sauk Trail from Cornell Avenue and Prairie Avenue- Reserve your 10'X10' space today for \$15.00. Rain date Saturday, June 20, 2015. You must provide your own tables for set up. Vendors should arrive at 7am to set up.

Funds raised by this event provide ongoing support to the Beautification Committee of Sauk Village.

Contact Linda Todd at 708/758-3330 or [svbeautification@saukvillage.org](mailto:svbeautification@saukvillage.org).

**LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW ON EMAIL ALERTS AND WEBSITE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES.**

### McConathy Library News

Colleen Baughman

McConathy Public library has two recycling programs started to save up for benches. One we are saving bottle-caps for the ABC Program. There is a variety of bottle-caps, vitamin bottles and certain lids with the recycle # 2, 4, or 5.

The other program we started is for recycling bags. This program is TREX and we need 500 lbs. of plastic bags. There is a good size list of the different plastic that can be saved.

All the information on both programs can be found on the library's facebook page McConathy Library District or you can visit the library for the flyers at the front desk. Please contact the library if you have any questions at 708-757-4771.



## WIRELESS 911

When 911 is dialed from a landline phone from a home or business, the caller's location and phone number is sent to that location's Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). This allows the 9-1-1 call taker to dispatch police, fire or EMS to the caller's location, even if the caller cannot communicate with the 9-1-1 call taker.

Making wireless 9-1-1 calls is different from making from a landline 9-1-1 call. When a wireless 9-1-1 call is made from a cell phone, that call is transmitted to the nearest cell tower. The cell tower then sends that call via landline to the PSAP that is designated to receive 9-1-1 calls from that area.

Issues arise when the nearest cell tower is in a different police, fire or EMS jurisdiction or different county than the one that the wireless 9-1-1 caller is calling from. This 9-1-1 call has to be transferred to the correct PSAP. This presents life-threatening problems due to the lost response time if the caller is unable to communicate where they are or where the emergency is.

The wireless 9-1-1 caller must be aware that the PSAP that answers the call may not be the PSAP that services the area that the wireless caller is calling from. Knowing the location is vital to getting the appropriate police, fire or EMS units to respond.

FOR MORE INFORMATION—[www.il911info.org](http://www.il911info.org)

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## GENERAL TIPS FOR 9-1-1 CALLERS

### 9-1-1 is for police, fire and medical emergencies

- STAY CALM AND SPEAK CLEARLY
- GIVE THE LOCATION OF YOUR EMERGENCY AND YOUR CALL BACK NUMBER
- TELL WHAT TYPE OF HELP IS NEEDED (POLICE, FIRE, EMS)
- STAY ON THE LINE AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS
- BE A GOOD WITNESS. REMEMBER ALL OFFENDER AND VEHICLE DESCRIPTIONS
- DO NOT HANG UP UNTIL THE CALL IS COMPLETE
- WHEN YOU CALL 9-1-1 PAY ATTENTION TO THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU ARE BEING ASKED





## Fire Department

Aaron Anderson



### IT'S GETTING WARM OUTSIDE

With warm weather come children outside playing, please give them a BRAKE.

The Fire Department cannot stress enough that open burning of yard waste i.e. leaves, grass, branches etc. is ILLEGAL. We get numerous calls each and every year of residents burning in their backyard. If you decide you still want to don't be surprised if we come knocking at your door to put it out.

Continue to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure to replace the batteries when daylight savings time changes or every six month, they can go bad, and remember to check and service your furnaces. Never be afraid to call the fire department because it is better to be safe than sorry.

### SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, look for the fire department at the Dunkin Donuts Baskin Robbins for another \$1.31 cent scoop night / Illinois Burn Camp Boot Drive. The Illinois Burn Camp offers a special and unforgettable one-week camp experience for children and teenagers who have experienced injuries from burns.

Through the generosity of donors, supporters, and volunteers, the IFSA offers this camping opportunity at no-cost to campers; including lodging, meals, activities, and transportation to and from camp

We planned early and this year the Annual Golf Outing will be August 29<sup>th</sup>. This year the outing will be held at Tuckaway Golf Club in, Crete. The course we planned on using unfortunately closed the past season, but this course was recommended to us and they are working with us to ensure an excellent outing.

For any additional information on any of the above events find us on Facebook at "Sauk Village Fire Department". The page is regularly updated with useful information that can benefit you and your community. If you ever have any questions feel free to message the Facebook page.

The Sauk Village Fire Department is always accepting applications from men and women who want to provide a valuable service to their community while trying to live up to these demanding character traits. Getting started as a new firefighter in Sauk Village can open doors to a rewarding career. If you are a Sauk Village resident 18 years or older, possess a valid driver's license, and are self-motivated and committed individual, we just might be what you're looking for. Applications are available at the Village Hall or the Fire Station.



*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 for technical support provided by Colleen Baughman. Suggestions should be directed to the Village Hall at 708-758-3330 or emailed to [sauktalk@saukvillage.org](mailto:sauktalk@saukvillage.org).

## Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington-House

I want to thank all the residents that faithfully volunteer for the Neighborhood Watch Committee. We have made great strides and now we are expanding a new avenue under our Neighborhood Watch Program. I would like to welcome our Jr. Neighborhood Watch Team! We must prepare the next generation so they can lead with confidence and accuracy!. Also, we are looking for block club captains, for every block in Sauk Village.

We are wrapping up our campaign for NO Texting while driving and NO BULLYING. Make sure you submit your pledge to the Village Hall by May 30, 2015. You can pick up pledges at the Village Hall during regular business hours. Every Tuesday night The Mayor and Village Trustees are at the Village Hall to meet and answer questions for residents. Come and bring your neighbors with you. Also, we have a new Village Administrator Mr. J. W. Fairman, make sure you stop by and introduce yourself to him, and welcome him to our Community.

It is very important that you get involved and plugged in your community. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. I want to personally invite you to attend as my special guest. We need your input and support. Get out and talk to your block and encourage your neighbors to come to our monthly meetings as well. together we stand divided we fall. Remember my motto: Team work makes the dream work!

See You there!!!!

Trustee Lynda Washington-House



## Internet Essentials

Broadband Internet service at home can help students succeed in school and families success economically. Internet Essentials, which provides eligible low-income families Internet service at home for about \$10 per month, is the nation's largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program. In addition to providing Internet service at home, participating families also have the option to purchase an Internet-ready computer through the program for under \$150 and gain access to free digital literacy training in print, online and in-person. To participate in the program, at least one child in the household has to be eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). In addition, the household has to be in a place where Comcast provides Internet service.

More than 60,000 Illinois families – or 240,000 individuals – benefit from Internet Essentials. National-ly, Internet Essentials has connected more than 450,000 low-income families, or more than 1.8 million people in just three and a half years. To put that in perspective, 1.8 million equals two-thirds of the population of the entire city of Chicago.

Parents looking to enroll in the program can call 1-855-846-8376 or for Spanish 1-855-765-6995. Information about Internet Essentials is also available at [www.InternetEssentials.com](http://www.InternetEssentials.com) and [www.InternetBasico.com](http://www.InternetBasico.com) for Spanish.

## Beautification Committee

Linda Todd



### **Beautification Committee of Sauk Village Annual Community Yard Sale June 13, 2015 8AM-3PM**

#### **Wanted: Vendors and Shoppers**

The Beautification Committee of Sauk Village is hosting its annual community yard sale. This is an opportunity to find some really good bargains or turn your trash to treasure.

**Reserve your 10' x 10' space today for \$15.00**

**(Checks are to be made payable to the Village of Sauk Village)**

**Where: Sauk Trail (from Cornell Ave. to Prairie Ave.), across from Do It Best Hardware**

**Vendors should arrive at 7AM to set up**

**Rain day: Saturday, June 20, 2015**

**You must provide your own tables for set up**

**For more information, questions or to register for this event, please contact Committee Chairman Linda Todd (708) 758-3330 [svbeautification@saukville.org](mailto:svbeautification@saukville.org)**

**Funds raised by this event provide ongoing support to the Beautification Committee of Sauk Village.**

The Hootsie award judging will be held in July. The beautification committee meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm at Village Hall. We are looking for volunteer and committee new members

## Police Department

Deputy Chief Rebecca Sailsbery



Officer Morris is a full-time, active duty patrol officer with the Sauk Village Police Department, with over five years of service. Officer Morris is also a counselor who enjoys providing career, marriage, and family counseling to children, teenagers, and adults alike. Officer Morris speaks and counsels on a variety of topics including: bullying, work ethics, honor/respect, authority, discipline, and justice. Officer Morris is an advocate for justice, community policing, and education.

Officer Morris holds a master's degree in counseling and a juvenile specialist certification with the State of Illinois. Officer Morris is the recipient of two awards for his mentoring work with youth in the community. Officer Morris has co-authored a book chapter on interventions for working with African-American adolescent males coping with father loss. Officer Morris is a member of the Counseling Academic & Professional Honor Society International, and a member of the Veterans National Honor Society

## JW Fairman Bio

As your new Village Administrator/Director of Public Safety, I want the residents of Sauk Village to know that I will work extremely hard to resolve issues that we face; including listening to your concerns, assisting Mayor Hanks, Trustees and village staff to improve services provided to residents and building community confidence and trust in the roles that we hold in this government.

Allow me to tell you a few personal things about myself. I am married and we have three adult children. I am a native of Mississippi and have lived in Illinois on and off since 1971.

I spent two years in Iraq as a civilian criminal justice chief for the Federal Government, tasked with helping to re-establish a secure environment in the areas of the prison system and police for the Iraqi people. Unfortunately, a targeted IED ended my tour of duty.

I have worked in various high level capacities within state and federal governments. Provided valuable direct or consulting services to improve various governments' operations. Leading strategic and innovative initiatives in large-scale operations. Provided pioneered corrective (penal) system solutions for staffing, expense controls, and service provisions - which are now espoused by industry leaders throughout the U.S. Developed a model of operation (implemented in one of 33 sites of California Dept. of Corrections) and delivered multimillion-dollar budget surpluses as a result of entrepreneurial management style. I have a strong history of leadership in strategic planning, change management, finance and accounting, technology implementation, HR programs and operational improvements and efficiency. I received my Bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University, Texas, Master's degree from Chicago State University, IL, and Executive training in Business and Communication from Harvard University.

Respectfully,  
JW Fairman

## Housing Commission

Gary Holcomb Sr.

I have been receiving calls about high grass and weeds that are taking over vacant properties throughout the village. Sadly, the program the Housing Commission ran last year through an IHDA Grant for \$75K cutting vacant properties has basically dried up. Last year, in the middle of the program, the payment portion of the agreement was changed and the rule requiring the village to pay first and get reimbursed after the payments was enforced. The village loaned the commission the money and the commission was able to proceed with the program. Subsequently, future grant funding has been removed from any future programs. The original program had no restrictions on the number of properties that could be mowed. Because IHDA thought towns would use the money to tear down vacant homes, IHDA felt it would involve up to three properties. Most of the towns and villages throughout the state felt as our Housing Commission did. Three teardowns would make a big difference but if that money was directed to cutting grass (which was an option within the grant) it would better reduce the blight from the more than 300 vacant properties throughout the village. The program was reduced to no more than 100 properties. Last year's program ran in excess of \$32K or just under 45% of the grant. Due to Sauk Village's financial situation, the Housing Commission is unable to repeat last year's lawn mowing program. This is due to the requirement that the village pay the workers first and be reimbursed at a later date which can take several months.

The residents will have to step up to the plate and volunteer to cut the grass in their neighborhood without reimbursement. If this is not done, the problem of raccoons and other varmints will be on the increase. There is **no funding available** in the state or the village to maintain vacant properties now or in the near future. Doing the neighborly "thing" and maintaining the vacant homes "on your block" is one way to show that **YOU CARE about YOUR COMMUNITY.**

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE NON-	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
ALLIED DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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