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Sauk Talk

Student Government Day 2012



The winners for the 2012 Student Government Day and their respective positions are: Mayor- Jo'Anne Wagner; Village Clerk - Chelsea Neal; Trustees: Denzel Stevenson; Robert Chavez Jr. ; Mariah Turner; Quinshawn Bolden; Adriana Gnaster; Ebone' Camp; Village Manager - Destiny Shaw; Treasurer - Blake Evans; Police Chief - Darrion Moore; Fire Chief - Tayonna Marion; Public Works - Diante Felton; Finance Director - Kai Coldman; Administrative Services - Julian White; ESDA - Yesenia May; Engineer - Ana Castro; Village Attorney- Cartiara Merrit; Beautification Committee - Roosevelt Smith; Human Relations - Destiny Dorsey ; Senior Committee - Alex Fuentes; Police Alliance - Kayla Davis. Also pictured is Trustee Rosie Williams.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Village stickers are now on sale. The Lincoln Highway mural and the Village's 55th Anniversary are the themes of this year's sticker. All stickers must be displayed by midnight June 30th. Late fees will be assessed and tickets will be issued after the June 30th deadline.

Village sticker prices are as follows:

Motorcycles, passenger cars and RV's \$30.00

Motor buses and trucks - Starting at \$45.00

Additional news you can use: The Village Hall will be closed

on Memorial Day- Monday, May 28th. There will also be no Skyline Disposal pickup on that day. The Memorial Day celebration will take place promptly at 11:00 am at St. James Cemetery located behind Round the Clock. Code Enforcement is returning at the end of May. All grass must be maintained at no more than 8" high. Tickets will be issued and enforced. Warnings tickets may be issued for any other code violations. Look in this issue for more information on the Independence Day

Parade and Vendor Fair, The Father's Day Weekend Rib Cook Off and Community Garage Sale, Community Garden and Clean, Green and Preen Week. Check out the Sauk Village calendar at www.saukvillage.org to learn more about the activities taking place in the community including Parks and Recreation Community Center hours and events. School is out soon. Please be careful and have a safe, enjoyable summer!



Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

The Beautification Committee has been busy, but not as busy as we will become over the next few months!

Now that the lovely Lincoln Highway Mural has been installed at 1 Sauk Plaza, and our Village has another historical landmark;we are off to other initiatives.

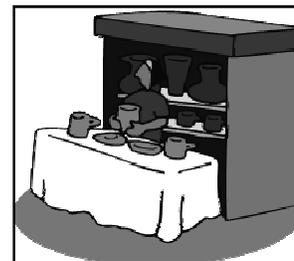


We are excited about the Community Garden that should be installed in May. We will make available five (5) individual plots for \$25.00. With these plots, you can plant vegetables for you and your family. There will also be General Crop & Flower Planting where members of the committee and community can tend. Details forthcoming!

Get ready for our Second Annual Clean, Green & Preen Week. Mark your calendars for June 4th-9th. During the week of June 4th – 8th, residents focus on cleaning out & beautifying their homes and surrounding areas, then on June 9th we host the Village-Wide Community Service Day, where volunteers form teams and assist with beautifying identified areas throughout the village. Lunch will be provided.

It's the pile of stuff underneath the stairs, in the garage, or tucked in the back of the closet! It is out of sight but not out of mind. The time has come to be set free from the physical and mental clutter!! Mark your calendars: Saturday, June 16, 9:00am to 5:00pm for the first Father's Day BBQ Cook-off and Community-wide Yard Sale hosted by the Human Relations Commission and Beautification Committee of Sauk Village. If you'd like to enter your world famous ribs into the competition please contact: Marva Campbell-Pruitt at SVBEAUTIFICATION@yahoo.com. If you'd like to reserve a booth at the Yard Sale for \$10 please contact: Linda Todd at jaclin@ameritech.net at 708-758-9505.

COOK-OFF



**VILLAGE
WIDE
GARAGE
SALE**

We make a special plea for new members and volunteers. Drop a note to SVBEAUTIFICATION@yahoo.com
More information is available, including Cook-Off and Garage Sale Applications at the Village Hall and at www.saukville.org

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 Sauk Village Senior Citizen Committee would like to thank all the participants who helped make our 4th Annual Chili Cook-Off a success. Many, many thank you to our chili chefs (in table placement order) - [A] - Nadine Morgan [B] - Bill Morgan [C] - Shirley Rowley [D] - Jean Long [E] - Peggy Nick [F] - Lanny Toomes [G] - Heidi Parker [H] - Jesse Boswell [I] - Gigi Austin [J] - Jim Olesky for their delicious entries. The volunteer judges (Barb Dorman, George Carter, Lauren Seeley, Yvonne Stewart and Pat Weatherford) had a very difficult time judging. Congratulations to all our winners: Chili - first place (second year in a row) Jesse Boswell, second place Shirley Rowley and third place Peggy Nick; the many, many door prizes (donated by Barb Dorman, Rose Langston, Nadine Morgan and Delores Randall); 50/50 and twelve packages of Rosebud frozen chicken breasts (donated by Jim Embry). Thank you to our line dance instructor Flora Haynes and our musical entertainers The Morgan Family (Floyd, Nadine, Bill, Dennis and Les) for rounding out the afternoon. We greatly appreciate our other volunteers - Tasha Bell, Dolores Carvajac, Lanell Cox and Marva Campbee-Pruitt. Thank you committee members especially Gay Holcomb for video taping the event, it was a very nice gesture.

The three Senior Citizens organizations meeting in the Senior Center are looking for members (seniors age 50 years plus). SV Fun Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:00 p.m., Senior Citizens of SV "Sunshiners" on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. and Leisure Timers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Annual dues varies from \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00 respectively. Seniors are welcome to join in other activities/events held in the Senior Center. Every Sunday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., the SV Blue Grass provides blue grass, country western and gospel music for your dancing and/or listening pleasure. Pickers with acoustic instrument are welcome to the jam sessions. A free will donation is accepted to cover the cost of beverages and supplies. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, the SV Veterans of Foreign Wars meets at 8:00 p.m. For motorcyclists the BMW Cross Roads No. 55 meets every 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. the Ceramics Group meets.

The SV Senior committee's agenda to date for 2012: 2nd Monday 1:00 p.m. movies co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library (seniors are encourage to come early and bring a brown bag lunch); May 14th 'Philadelphia Story' and June 11th 'The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.' Saturday Quarterly events; May 12th 'Senior Craft Show' will be rescheduled to later in the year; October 13th '9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner;' FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. held in the Senior Center office (use east entrance) on Wednesdays . Additional screenings are also held preceding the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. This FREE program is open to all Sauk Village residents (not just seniors) and employees. The Paperback book exchange program is going well. Thank you Nancy Baker, Bob Barnes, Barb Dorman, Joann Rhein, and Delores Randall for your recent donations. Other events in the planning stages: basic computer program for awareness and to introduce seniors who need some assistance; and a Health/Senior Fair. A survey is provided for your input of additional activities/programs you (seniors) are interested in participating.

Effective July 2nd, advanced tickets for the annual Bloom Township picnic, Thursday, August 2nd will be available at the July movie day, blood pressure screening days and on Village Board meetings or at the township office 125 S. Halsted, Chicago Heights. Advanced tickets are \$3.00 and \$4.00 August 2nd. Township senior may call Bloom Township Senior Wheels (708) 754-8200 for FREE transportation to the picnic. As a courtesy and to our seniors, advanced picnic will be available on Village Board meetings, senior movie day and blood pressure screening days.

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



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Spring is in the air and our kids are restless from being cooped up all winter! Please, drive with caution and be alert to kids on or near the street. Spring cleaning comes to mind as well. A little precaution goes a long way toward avoiding long term injury. If cleaning out your gutters is on that “honey do” list, take a moment and inspect your ladder. Look for weak or broken rungs and if using an extension ladder, check the pawls for safe and smooth operation. Remember to place the ladder at a minimum 15 degree angle to the building and when possible, have someone hold the ladder for you. At a minimum, make sure the ladder feet are firmly planted on the ground and avoid smooth, flat surfaces.

April was Safe Digging month, but it doesn't have to be April to practice safe digging- this applies all year 'round. What you consider to be a quick and easy digging job- a shrub, flowers, even simple gardening, can be enough to cause you heartburn. Remember many Sauk Village homes were built in the late 50's- early 60's. The existing gas and water lines may not be as far under ground as you think they should be. Plan your job, call JULIE at 811 at least a week ahead of time, and dig with peace of mind.

Also with Spring comes the chance of severe weather. Are you prepared? What does it mean to be prepared? Sauk Village is vulnerable, just as any of our neighboring communities are, to natural disaster. Flash flooding and tornadoes of course are our biggest threats, but as you read in a recent Sauk Talk article from me, earthquakes cannot be ruled out either. A disaster of any real magnitude will immediately tax all available emergency services. Any given citizen should be prepared to sustain themselves and those in their household for up to 3 days. This includes food, water, shelter, medication- anything you may need to survive for 72 hours. For more information, please visit www.ready.gov.

You or someone in your household may also be reliant on electricity for health reasons, like oxygen equipment, ventilators, or cardiac monitors. If this is you, please take a moment to contact the Sauk Village Fire Department during normal business hours to register your household on our confidential disaster registry. In a disaster event, our resources will be sorely taxed and priorities will need to be made. This list will help us in making priorities. Keep in mind though that it will still take time to get to you and in any case, the Fire Department cannot supply you with power. This is a common misconception. Include this in your household plan. Perhaps consider getting a portable generator.

It's so much easier to sit back and think “why bother- it'll never happen here, and so what if it does- that's what the Emergency Services are for.” That train of thought is a certain recipe for misery and heartache. I never thought I'd be driving a trailer full of disaster relief supplies to southern Illinois in the wake of a tornado, and I certainly never thought I would be deployed to Louisiana for a hurricane disaster- twice- 3 years apart. These are unique times we are living in. Take the time to educate yourself and get prepared. Once again, take a look at www.ready.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS-

PANCAKES!!! There will be a Pancake Breakfast at the Sauk Village Fire Department on Sunday June 3 from 8am to noon.



Police Alliance Committee

LeNarge Booker



Clarence Johns
Sauk Village Police Department

The Police Alliance was proud to salute to retired Officer Clarence Johns on February 28, 2012. Officer Johns was saluted in honor of the Nation’s observance of Black History Month. Officer Clarence Johns was the village’s first African-American Police Officer. Officer Johns was born in Shelby, MS one of nine children. He moved to IL in 1966 where he met and married Terri his wife of 42yrs. This union produced 5 children: Robert, Alisa, Theresa, Maria, and Brandon, as well as, 11 Grandchildren. Many of his family member were present for this honor.

Officer Johns worked in law enforcement since 1986 serving the Village of Sauk Village from 1989-2001. During his tenure he received many levels of responsibility serving as an Auxiliary Officer from 1989 – 1993, being acknowledged with several fellow Officers in the January 29, 1994 Community News. He served as a Reserve Officer from 1993 – 1997 where he continued to enhance his skills to better serve our great village, receiving Certificates of Award and Achievement in many training programs. Officer Johns also served as Code Enforcement and Community Service Officer. While working all phases of law enforcement and meeting the challenges face to face of the community he also received multiple Awards and Commendations from: The Village of Sauk Village Fire Department Captain Jim Couch, Community Consolidated Schools District #168 Superintendent Dr. Thomas E. Ryan, Deputy Sheriff Keith Paprocki Cook County Sheriff’s Office D.C.S.I/S.W.A.P, Sauk Village Baptist Church Pastor Dr. John Hanks, as well as receiving The Village of Sauk Village “Full Time Employee of the Year Award”. Officer Johns truly lives by his motto: “There is no substitute for hard work”. In honor of his historical service we expressed our gratitude with a plaque presented to him by his Sister Mrs. Julia Johns Marshall that came to visit Sauk Village from Memphis, TN; Officer Johns was so happy he had tears of joy in his eyes.

Thank You Officer Johns for all of your hard work for our Village

SERVING THE COMMUNITY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY

Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Sauk Village Public Relations Committee would like to thank everyone who made this year's Student Government Day such a huge success. Special thanks to our sponsors- Comcast Cable, Odelson & Sterk, LLC, Robinson Engineering, Community Consolidated School District 168, the Sauk Village Senior Committee and all residents and staff that were on hand to chaperone and participated in our fundraisers. Special thanks to Gary Holcomb and Joe Wiszowaty for videotaping and taking pictures during the entire day's event and for providing copies of the videos and pictures to the students. The 8th grade Rickover students participated in a mock Board meeting where they assumed the roles of all Village elected officials, department heads and consultants on April 26th. The students were then treated to a special day in their honor on May 9th with a bowling outing at Classic Lanes followed by lunch at Hometown Gyros. Check out the photos below which include a special visitor, Mike Paulos, from Comcast who spent the day with the students and the bowling winners and their prizes.



Public Works Department

Kevin Weller

Street Sweeping

The street sweeping schedule for the 2012 season will be as follows:

The week beginning- **April 16, May 14, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15.** Sweeping the month of **November** , will follow our leaf pickup program.

If additional sweepings are necessary, notification will be posted on the Marquee located on Sauk Trail at the corner of Cornell Ave.

Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrants will be flushed in the following sections of town on the specified dates.

- April 17** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- May 1** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- June 5** - Eastern section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- July 3** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- August 7** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- September 4** - Eastern Section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- October 2** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek

Actual flushing will begin at 11:00 P.M. of previous night, continuing through the morning until the area has been completed.

Residents should refrain from washing whites during flushing and for at least 24 to 48 hours after flushing.

Tree Limb Pickup

The first pickup for the 2012 season will begin **Monday May 1** and end on **Friday May 11**. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday May 6**.

The second and final pickup for the 2012 season will begin **Monday September 3** and end on **Friday September 14**. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday September 9**.

Remember to bundle small branches and to stack branches neatly in the same direction as this speeds the tree limb pickup. There will be no branches picked up after these dates **no exceptions**

Anyone having questions concerning their pickup can call the Village Hall (758-3330) Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Leaf Sweep Program

The leaf pickup program will begin November 5 through 9, skipping the week of 12 through 16 ,residents can still put leaves out up until November 18. Our final pickup will begin November 19 , crews will be out to pickup each section on garbage day, **THEY WILL NOT COME BACK AFTER THIS PASS.** . *Village Ordinance prohibits parking on the streets between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during the day of your garbage pickup.*

Sauk Village Independence Day Parade June 30th 2012

*The parade will kickoff at
1 PM from behind*

*Popeye's and end at the
Village Hall parking lot.
Come on out and enjoy the
festivities with the whole
family*



For more information go to: WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG



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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		

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