

Sauk Village Hall

21801 Torrence Ave.

Sauk Village, IL 60411

708-758-3330

Mayors Article

Senior News

Public Relations News

Baseball Registration News

Fire Department News

Blossoms News

Election News

Human Relations News

Issue 66
Jan 2013
Volume IX

Sauk Talk

Mayor's Corner

Sauk Village and the First 30 Days

During the first thirty days as Acting Mayor I have worked with the Board of Trustees and staff to restore order and decorum to the Village Board meetings, filled the Trustee position left by the resignation of Trustee Robert Chavez, appointed two members to the Zoning Board, appointed two members to the Housing Authority Commission, reorganized the Parks and Recreation Department and was able to convince Village Auditors McGladrey and Pullen to complete and present the 2009-2010 village audit.

The Board has also taken action on my suggested cost savings recommendations that include:

- Removed Delgado Law Group as the Village's tax increment financing law firm, and replaced them with Odelson & Sterk, the current Village corporate law firm.
Result: Condensing to one Attorney firm
- Terminated Baxter & Woodman Engineering and replaced them with Robinson Engineering, the current Village Engineering firm.
Result: Condensing to one Engineering firm
- Approved Hub International, the insurance broker of record for Worker's Compensation insurance which resulted in a cost savings of over \$20,000.00 a year

In addition, bi-weekly meetings are held with Departments Heads and myself in order to receive updates and to address any concerns that require attention. I am thankful to the staff that has continued to work under the conditions of the scaling down of their departments while being forced to do more with less.

Continued on page 2

News from the Village Clerk Debbie Williams



Warm greetings, fellow residents! FYI- Two elections will be held in the next four months.

Look for more election information throughout the Sauk Talk. The February 26th Consolidated Primary Election and Special Election will include several candidates for the Representative of the 2nd Congressional District Seat. Election polling places and times will remain the same. Early Voting will be available at various locations to be determined. Check

out www.saukville.org or cookcountyclerk.com for updates on the locations. Mail in ballots are available at the Village Hall. Voter's registration is available at the Village Hall Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am-5pm. Bring two forms of ID with at least one showing your current address. If you have recently moved to Sauk Village or moved from one Sauk Village address to another you must update your registration. The April 9th Consolidated Election will include candidates for Village Mayor (1), Village Clerk (1), Village Trustee- 4 Year Term (3) and Village Trustee-

2 Year Term (1). Candidates will have the opportunity to provide a short bio in the March Sauk Talk. The Sauk Village Board of Trustees recently approved placing Electric Aggregation on the April 9, 2013 ballot. Look for information to be posted on the web and in various businesses throughout the Village in the near future. There will be at least two Town Hall meetings to explain what Electric Aggregation is and how residents will have the opportunity to opt in or opt out of the program. Feel free to call with any questions or concerns- 708/753-5121.

Mayors Article Continued

The Police Department has re-implemented roadside compliance and safety checks, police cars have been outfitted with new tires and Chief Stoffregen has been directed to start the hiring process of two new police officers to fill the positions of officers that have resigned.

Our Public Works Department has purchased new fire hydrants and expects to start repairing or replacing non-working hydrants mid January 2013.

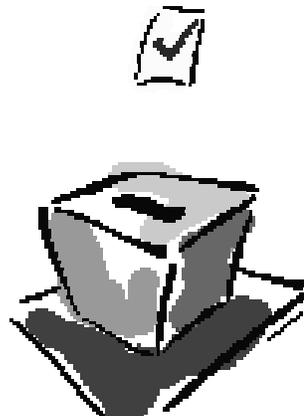
I will continue to insist that the Board pass the Crime-Free Rental Housing Ordinance. Trustee Myers and the Ordinance Review Committee are in the final stages of reviewing the ordinance and expect to present the final draft to the Village Board in January, 2013.

As Acting Mayor, I promise to continue working towards healing and peace as Sauk Village moves forward, bringing order and decorum back to village Board meetings, financial responsibility, open communication, enforcement of local ordinances, bringing back “Pride and Progress” and reaching out to the business community informing them that Sauk Village is the place to build or relocate.

*Editor’s Note: The Crime Free Housing Ordinance was approved on January 8, 2013 by a 5-1 vote of the Sauk Village Trustees. Check out www.saukvillage.org to view the ordinance.

Sauk Village Polling Places

<p>Precinct 7</p> <p>First Apostolic Church</p> <p>22709 State Street</p> <p>Steger, IL</p>	<p>Precinct 16</p> <p>Lynwood Municipal Center</p> <p>21460 Lincoln Highway</p> <p>Lynwood, IL</p>	<p>Precinct 26 & 55</p> <p>Rickover Junior High</p> <p>22151 Torrence Ave</p> <p>Sauk Village, IL</p>
<p>Precinct 23 & 53</p> <p>Paesel Center</p> <p>2700 Kavelage Drive</p> <p>Sauk Village, IL</p>	<p>Precinct 27</p> <p>McConathy Public Library</p> <p>21737 Jeffery Ave</p> <p>Sauk Village, IL</p>	<p>Precinct 32</p> <p>St. James Catholic Church</p> <p>22400 S. Torrence Ave</p> <p>Sauk Village, IL</p>



Election News

1/18/2013	First day mail ballots will be sent out
1/29/2013	Last day to register to vote
1/30/2013	*First day of grace period registration and voting
2/11/2013	**First day of Early Voting
2/21/2013	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
2/23/2013	Last day of Early Voting
2/23/2013	Last day of grace period registration and voting
2/24/2013	In-person absentee voting begins at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office
2/25/2013	Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office In-person absentee voting continues at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
2/26/2013	Election Day

See the key dates above for the February 26th Consolidated and Special Election. Check out the March Sauk Talk for the April 9, 2013 election news.

*Grace period registration and voting will only be available at the Cook County Clerk's office located at 69 West Washington, Suite 500, Chicago Illinois.

** Early voting locations to be determined



VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter registration is currently available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8am-5pm at the Village Hall between now and January 29, 2013.

Voter registration will resume on February 27, 2013 until March 12, 2013 for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election.

New Residents or Residents that have relocated within Sauk Village must update their Voter Registration.

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.



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



Happy New Year from all of us at the Sauk Village Fire Department! We trust that you and your families had a safe and happy holiday season.

If you're reading this, then I assume it's safe to say that we've survived the December 21 apocalypse. As crazy as that whole deal was, I would like to take a moment to beat on my disaster preparedness drum a little more- earthquakes, tornadoes, meteors or zombies, it is essential to emergency services that as many people as possible be self sustainable for up to 72 hours. I say "again" because I know I sound like an old broken record, but ready.gov is an invaluable resource. Please take the time to look it over.

Moving on...The Maltese cross is the symbol of the Fire Service and is a badge of honor to all of those that wear it. The Maltese cross has a long history going back to the first recognized firefighters who were actually knights during the Crusades.



One tradition revolves around the eight points of the Maltese cross. Each point represents a character trait that a firefighter should possess. These traits are Gallantry, Sympathy, Perseverance, Loyalty, Dexterity, Explicitness, Tact, and Observation.

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 too. If you are a Sauk Village resident 18 years or older, possess a valid drivers license, and are a 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.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to call the station during normal business hours at (708)758-2225 or email richresq1@comcast.net.

Blossoms

If you have a child under five years old, then BLOSSOMS is for you!

School District 168 offers many early childhood programs. BLOSSOMS is a FREE program that is available to families with children ages 0-5 who live in our area. We offer parent/child playgroups, a pre-kindergarten program, parent workshops, family nights, field trips, personal visits, a lending library and more throughout the year. Events and playgroups are held at Wagoner School. Personal visits can be held right in your own home or at school. The program also offers developmental screenings for children from ages birth to five.

We also meet once a month at McConathy Public Library.

Call the Blossoms Family Center at (708) 758-0319 to register or for more information.

Public Relations

Trustee Rosie Williams

We are doing many fun and exciting things in the Public Relations Committee. Every year at this time we begin planning for our annual Student Government Day. Letters have been distributed to schools in order to inform them of this year's topic "The New Year is often time for reflection as well as looking into the future. The year 2023 will be your 10 year reunion from 8th grade. In your essay, describe your life at that time. Will you have graduated college? Will you be attending Graduate School? Will you be a professional athlete? Be as specific as possible."

As a committee, we are very much looking forward to hearing the responses. We have also begun to fundraise for this and other events that the Public Relations Committee sponsors. Please be on the look out for many fund raising opportunities. If you would like to be a part of the judging process please contact Trustee Rosie Williams at 708-758-3330.

A special thanks to Carl Wolf and respond now for their continued donation of holiday baskets at thanksgiving. Also thanks to village attorneys Odelson and Sterk, Village engineer Robinson Engineering, Sauk Village elected officials and the many residents who's generosity helped to provide approximately 200 holiday baskets to Sauk Village families.

Human Relations Commission

Marva Campbell-Pruitt & Steve Bloom

Happy New Year!

May you soar into the new year filled with health, happiness and prosperity!

The Commissioners have completed one year of service to the Village of Sauk Village. We have conducted one training for Deputy Registrars and have assisted with citizens getting registered to vote, change marriage status or addresses. All registrars' ability to register individuals to vote, certificates ended in November. Those who still wish to serve should sign on the Cook County Clerk's Election Web-site to retrieve and sign a new oath.

We will host an Annual Training Session for anyone desiring to become a new Deputy Registrar on the last Thursday in January (1/31/13) going forth. The session will take place at the Sauk Village Fire Department in its Training Room and is tentatively scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. Interested individuals, should send an e-mail to: HRCCommissioner@yahoo.com and include your name, e-mail, phone number and address.

Many of us have an ideal image in our minds of what a healthy community looks like. Some of our lists may include safe streets, good schools, healthy business, strong churches, beautiful parks and so on. These are all good and right things to desire. The challenge for us is to figure out how we're going to bring these about, and we suggest that it begins with us.

Some students at Rickover School who are participating on the Youth Council, led by Commissioner Steve Blom meet monthly for active discussion and engagement are doing just that. They are mapping their ideal community with a focus on Education, Social Skills and Community Service. They will attend the first Board Meeting in January to view first- hand how the community is governed, and will be introduced. Please come out to show your support of students on the Youth Council.

The Commission has formed a partnership with CEDA to provide resources to our community. Thus far, they have been instrumental in providing Holiday Food Baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We look to further our interactions by bringing additional resources and training opportunities.

Lastly, as of December 31, 2012, four vacant seats on the Human Relations Commission are awaiting residents desiring consideration. Kindly send a letter of interest to Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chairman, stating why you wish to serve on this Commission. Desirable characteristics are a willingness to work towards peace and diversity within the community.

We Salute Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



January 21, 2013

Baseball Registration

Trustee John Poskin

LET'S PLAY BALL

It is time for us to start up a new Baseball League for Sauk Village.
You may ask what do we need-Well we need it all!

MANAGERS

COACHES

SPONSORS

COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Trustee John Poskin will be holding a meeting to recreate our youth baseball league at the Sauk Village Hall on Thursday 1/24/13 at 6:00 PM. Bring your ideas and your willingness to make the new baseball league work. If you cannot make the meeting you can call the village at 708-758-5125 or email JPoskin@saukvillage.org.

McConathy Public Library News

The McConathy Public Library is pleased to sponsor the Blossoms Program from Wagoner School. You can contact the Blossoms Family Center at (708) 758-0319 to register or for more information. Once a month the group visits the library for a special story time.

McConathy Library also has a GED preparation program. This special program is computer generated. Students may work at their own pace through each subject area of the GED with pretests and posttests. It is a great program for any individual who wants or needs to practice before taking their GED. We look forward to seeing you.

Senior News

Rose Langston

The SV Senior committee's agenda to date: 2nd Monday 12:30 p.m. FREE movies co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library: January 14, 2013 (with lunch preceding the movie, reservation required 708-757-4771) 'North To Alaska,' February 11th 'Indiana Jones and The Crystal Skull,' March 11th 'Something the Lord Made,' and April 8th 'The Incredible Hulk;' FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. held in the Senior Center office on Mondays, January 7th, February 4th and March 4th - use the east entrance), from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening also held preceding the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. FREE basic computer classes 1:00 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, January 10st, 11th, 24th, 25th, February 7th, 8th, 21st and 22nd, and March 22nd; Zumba Gold classes are held every first and third Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

Three Senior Citizens organizations meet in the Senior Center at 21801 Torrence Avenue and have openings for new members (seniors age 50 years plus). The Sunday SV Fun Club meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and every Sunday for their FREE (members only) basic line dance instructions at 3:00 p.m. The Senior Citizens of SV 'Sunshiners' meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Leisure Timers meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. beginning in February (no meetings in January). The annual membership dues will vary from \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

All seniors are welcome to join in various 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 (VFW) Post 2690 meets at 8:00 p.m. For motorcyclists the BMW Cross Roads No. 55 meets every 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The Sauk Village Senior Citizen Committee also sponsors a very successful book exchange program. We are overwhelmed with donations - only paperback and large print book donations will be accepted. Please, please no more donations of hard covered books, space is limited.

Bloom Township dates for the Senior Community Luncheon at Glenwoodie Golf Club (708-758-1212), 19301 State St., Glenwood are: 'HAPPY New Year 2013' on Tuesday, January 22nd;'Happy Valentine's Day' on Thursday, February 14th;'Step into Spring' on Wednesday, March 20th;' and 'Remember When' on Tuesday, April 16th. Tickets may be purchase at the township senior office, 425 S. Halsted, Chicago Heights - \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for out of township seniors. Deadline to purchase tickets is always the Friday prior to the day of the lunch. The sit down luncheon includes entertainment and door prizes. Recipes are being collected for the printing of a second cookbook this winter - please include your name and town on the recipe(s). The first cookbook is available for \$5.00 with proceeds to benefit the township's food pantry. Appointments for benefit check-up are available, call 708-754-9400 x244.

FYI -During extreme cold weather, Sauk Village have available several warming locations (municipal building 21801 Torrence Ave. M-T and Th-F during business hours, Fire Station 1804 222nd Pl. 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (708) 758-2225, and Police Station 21701 Torrence Avenue 24 hours (708) 758-1331).

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.

Committee members are Bob Barnes, Gary Holcomb, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Larry Sterrett, and Frank Williams.

Water Rate Increase

There will be an increase of \$2.00 per 1000 gallons on the water bills as of February 14, 2013 as per Ordinance 12-014. The increase is needed to begin repairs to the Sauk Village infrastructure which includes water mains, fire hydrants, meters, etc...



21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, IL 60411

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
ALLIED DISPOSAL	754-5460		

VISIT US ON THE WEB:
WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG