

Sauk Village Hall

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McConathy Library

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Fire Department

July 2014

*Mayor's Corner*

*Mayor David Hanks*

Sauk Talk

Budget Hearings in Record Time

On Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> I presented the village board with a proposed balanced budget from the Mayor's office. The proposed budget included new vehicles for our Police and Public Works Departments and possibly Homeland Security (ESDA) and also included negotiated pay raises for union employees.

I am pleased to say that the proposed budget did not include any layoffs and allocated funding for our Police and Fire Commission to start the process of a hiring list for the police department.

Thanks to our State Representatives in Springfield and the Governor's office the proposed budget included anticipated grants for the following:

- \$175,000.00 for infrastructure
- \$135,000.00 for parks and equipment
- \$50,000.00 for b-boxes and curbs
- \$25,000.00 for fire hydrant replacements and repairs

The budget also included another anticipated \$200,000.00 in CDBG funding for additional road repairs and continued to support events for the coming year for all ages through our Parks and Recreations Committee.

While this year's budget was challenging, it could not have been possible without the cooperation and leadership of our department heads. Although, they may not have received everything they may have wanted they stepped up to the plate and we were able to come to common ground for the betterment of the village and its residents.

By the end of the night and only in about 4 ½ hours the board only added approximately \$14,000.00 to the budget which was mostly for needed repairs and upgrades. The proposed budget is available for the public to review at the Village Hall, McConathy Public Library and [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org). A Public Hearing is scheduled for 6pm on July 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting.

I would like to personally thank the Finance Director Mohan Rao and all of the department heads Chief Tim Holevis, Chief Al Stoffregen, Director Art Johnson, Director Sherry Jasinski and Director Kevin Weller for their assistance in preparing this year's budget.

A special thank you to our Lobbyist Al Ronan, State Representatives Sims, Evans and Jones, Senators Harris and Trotter and Governor Quinn for their help from Springfield.

This next year remains challenging and we continue to address the tough issues like crime,

*News from the Village Clerk*

*Debbie Williams*

The deadline to purchase village stickers was June 30, 2014. The price of the village stickers is now doubled at a cost of \$60.00 for cars and \$96.00 for trucks. The ticket for failure to display a valid village sticker is \$100.00. The Village Hall will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Mayor Hanks has requested stricter enforcement of the Walking in the Street, Littering, Loitering and Saggy Pants Ordinances due to complaints of several residents and for the safety of our residents. Have a Safe and Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!

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



**July 5<sup>th</sup>**---Independence Parade- 1 pm (Line up at 11 am - Surreybrook Plaza)

Parade Participants and Vendors- **Register Now!**

Vendors behind Village Hall 2pm til dusk \*\*\*\*\***Fireworks at dusk**

Contacts : Trustee Morden 753-5129 Trustee Myers 753-5126 Trustee Poskin 753-5125

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**-- Game Night- Community Center 6pm Bring your family and favorite games.

Light Refreshments will be served. Contact: Trustee Poskin 708/753-5125

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**-- National Night Out- Behind Village Hall Time- 5:00 pm-Until Dusk

Bring the family and a picnic basket and meet your neighbors, village officials and staff.

Community organizations and vendors are welcomed to set up a table free of charge.

Contact: Village Clerk Debbie Williams 708/753-5121

**August 30<sup>th</sup>**-- Battle of the Badges 11:00 am Wagoner Ball field

Sauk Village Fire Department -vs- Sauk Village Police Department

Contact: Codi- 708/758-2225

**August 30<sup>th</sup>**---Annual Corn and Dog Roast 1pm-5pm Behind Village Hall

Contact: Trustee Poskin 708/753-5125

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**--Fire Department Golf Outing-Cardinal Creek - **Register Now!**

11:00 am Check- In Noon- Tee Off

Contact: Fire Department 708/758-2225

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**—Gospel Fest Noon- 5pm Sauk Trail- Corners of Prairie & Cornell

Free food and entertainment

Contact: Pastor Bill Hall 708/476-1717

**Check out [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org) to register now for Sauk Village Email Alerts to receive immediate notice of events and village information.**

(Revised June 28, 2014)



## Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



The Neighborhood Watch Program is looking for volunteers! **WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE WE DID A LIVE VIDEO TO THE SONG "HAPPY", by Pharrell** to a line dance created by Sauk Village very own line dance instructor Mz. Tina! You must learn this fun slide we will be teaching this Sauk Village version of HAPPY in preparation of our parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Thank you to all that contributed to this project we did for self esteem and to boost the moral of the residents.

We are moving forward with our **NO TEXTING while driving campaign**, and our popular **NO BULLYING Pledge**. Reminder you can pick up forms at the Village Hall or Library. **THE NAMES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE VILLAGE HALL FOR APPROXIMATELY 45 DAYS!!!** COME ON AND FILL OUT YOUR FORMS AND SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.

This is our Village and we have to work together, to ensure, that we have the cooperation of our entire block to make a difference. I am "HAPPY" to announce we confirmed **10 new block club captains KUDOS!!!!** Our meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday monthly at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. Encourage your neighbors to meet us there! BIG thank you to the School Districts, Businesses and Library for their participation with these Campaigns. As you support our local businesses you will see our decal for The Neighborhood Watch on 80% on their premises. WOW! Also, have you noticed the Signs throughout the Village and the main entrances? A BIG thank you to Mr. Kevin Weller.

Finally, **The Neighborhood Watch Program** have a new Citizen Alert Flyer with safety tips to help keep your family safer. Our committee works closely with the Sauk Village Police Department. We want you to be reminded of some important facts for the summer. There will be a estimated increase in activity and we want you to make sure if you see or hear anything suspicious you do not hesitate to **CALL THE POLICE!** As a Committee we are excited to share vital information with you so please put on your calendar a time to stop by. For more information contact me directly at (708) 753-5130. See you there!



## McConathy Public Library News

### McConathy Public Library RECEIVES \$700.00 GRANT FROM THE DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT SUMMER LITERACY

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded Nancy L. McConathy Public Library District a \$700.00 grant to support summer literacy. The library will be having weekly "Read-alongs." During the events, children will follow along with a story and will keep the book to build their own personal library. "We are very pleased to partner with the Dollar General Literacy Foundation in bringing more books into the hands of our children," stated Nanette Wargo, Library Director. To participate, children need a McConathy Public Library Card. Spaces are still available for events on July 8<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> for children ages 6 to 9. Sessions on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> will be for children ages 4 to 6. Sign up for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> and July 29<sup>th</sup> sessions will begin on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

"At Dollar General, we are passionate about our mission of **Serving Others** throughout the communities we serve," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "It's exciting to see the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's outreach in action as we partner with organizations to further education and literacy and make a real difference in people's lives."

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$92 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than five million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

**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@saukville.org](mailto:sauktalk@saukville.org).



## Senior News

Rose Langston

Eligible south suburban Cook County seniors at least 60 years of age may apply for the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition (SFMNP) checks at Park Forest Health Department (708-748-1118) or Argento Senior Center (708-832-1208) in Calumet City. The limited SFMNP checks are issued on a first come first served basis.

CEDA's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) offers case management and supportive services to suburban Cook County people with low income. CSBG program includes dental care, auto repair, vision care, scholarship, housing financial counseling and information and referral, and family nutrition. Application and/or additional information call south region CSBG office 708-371-1220 (or 708-385-6639) ext. 3057.

FREE senior citizen monthly movie days co-sponsored with McConathy Public Library at the library. Mondays at 12:30 p.m. blood pressure screening precedes the movie: July 14th 'Philadelphia Story'; August 11th 'Rat Race'; September 8th (lunch served at 11:30 a.m.) 'Chicago'; October 6th 'Gravity'; November 10th 'Waterboy'; and December 8th 'Christmas with the Kranks.'

Monthly FREE blood pressure screening on Mondays at the Senior Center office from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.- July 7th, August 4th, October 6th, November 3rd, and December 1st. The Village Senior Committee sponsors a senior social activity time from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Fridays: July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd, September 12th and 26th, October 10th (12:00-3:00 p.m.) and 24th, November 14th, and December 12th.

Three senior organizations welcome new members (2nd and 4th Sunday 3:00 p.m. SV Fun Club, 1st and 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. (except indoor family picnic July 21st at 5:00 p.m.) Sunshiners, and 2nd and 4th Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Leisure Timers) meeting in the Senior Center. Other groups meeting in the Senior Center are: the Sauk Village Blue Grass on Sundays from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m.; BMW Crossroads No. 55 every 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.; and the Ceramics Group 3:00-5:00 p.m. summer schedule on Wednesdays, July 16th and 30th and August 1st and 20th. Thereafter, Ceramics Group will meet every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The Bloom Township provides – Annual Senior picnic Thursday, August 7th at Veterans Memorial Park in Glenwood. Tickets are available for \$3.00 from the township senior department and free bus transportation for township seniors to and from the picnic. Chair exercise every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 and every Friday from 10:00-11:00. Four week basic line dance class session through July. The Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counseling is by appointment. Flyers are available in the literature rack for detailed township events. Call the township senior department 708-754-9400 x244 for additional information and services. Call Senior Wheels 708-754-8200 one (1) business day in advance for transportation (at a nominal cost) within the township.

Quarterly Senior Citizen Event – Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 11th for the 11th Annual Senior Spaghetti Dinner.

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 Gary Holcomb, Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Larry Stewart, and Frank Williams.

# Parks and Recreation

Trustee John Poskin

This summer is a busy time here at Parks and Recreations. In June we started our Right Start Outreach Center (RSOC) summer camp. We have over 70 of the village young people in this program which will be running until school resumes.

Now for the next couple of months, we will be having the July Festival on July 5<sup>th</sup> with our parade lining up at 11:00 AM at Surreybrook Plaza. If you have not registered to enter anything in the parade drop on by and we will get you in the parade. The parade will kick off at 1:00 PM going down Sauk Trail to Torrance and into the Village Hall parking lot. Starting at 2:00 PM behind Village Hall there will be a small festival with some food vendors and other table for information and items for sale. We will also have a bags contest going on, bring your two person team. The day will end at dusk with a firework display. What a great day we have planned.

Also going on in July the Sauk Village Summer Basketball league will start playing there games on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The games will be at the community center on Saturdays so come out and see the games.

Next up is the RSOC is presenting a trip to the Chicago Sky basketball game at the Allstate arena on July 11<sup>th</sup>. They have 150 tickets for the trip and busses will leave the community center at 5:30 PM sharp. Tickets are free but there is a \$10.00 charge for the busses. For more information contact John at 753-5125 or Patricia at [gethelp@rightstartoutreachcenter.com](mailto:gethelp@rightstartoutreachcenter.com) or come up to the community center from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM and ask for Pat.

Next the Parks and Recreation committees are proud to bring you the following baseball camps.

## The Sauk Village Parks & Recreation

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## Skys The Limit Youth Organization, Inc.

Presents

### 2014 Red Hawks Baseball Camp

*Camp will be held as follows:*

*Ages:*

***8 and under – 10am – 11am***

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***9-10 (Mustang division) – 12 noon – 1pm***

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***11-12 (Bronco Division) – 1:30pm – 2:30pm***

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***13-14 (Pony Division) - 3pm – 4pm***

*Dates:*

***July 12 - 13, 2014***

***July 19 – 20, 2014***

***August 3 – 4, 2014***

***Cost: \$25***

***For more information please contact:***

***Email – davidlaxton1@live.com***

***David Laxton – 708 261 2685***

July was a busy month and in August we have the Annual Corn and Dog Roast that is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM behind the village hall. We are planning good food and games for the kids. More information on this great event will be coming out soon. I hope to see you all at these events. Have a safe summer



## Fire Department News

Aaron Anderson



IT'S SUMMER TIME.

Yes it's finally here. The weather is starting to warm up, kids are outside playing, and everyone is starting to barbeque. There are a few things we should remember during this season;

Watch for children, they are out playing and riding their bikes. Drive carefully

Check on the sick and elderly, ensure their well-being.

People are out barbequing. Be mindful of your neighbors and their grills.

Never leave a grill unattended.

Fireworks are dangerous and deadly if they are misused.

Fire pits and bon fires can easily turn into brush and house fires so be careful.

Have emergency supplies in case of severe weather or floods.

If you have basements insure your sump pumps are working properly.

Continue to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure to replace the batteries periodically, they can go bad. Never be afraid to call the fire department because it is better to be safe than sorry.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Sauk Village Firefighter's Association Golf Outing is coming up soon. It will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> at Cardinal Creek Golf Course in Beecher, IL. The cost will remain the same as the previous outings, \$90 per golfer. That includes green fees, cart, lunch at the turn, and dinner. It's a noon shotgun start. So come out and support your fire department.

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 too. 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.



# Police Department

Tim Holevis

I would first like to take a moment to congratulate Officer Gary Luke who has once again been recognized for his efforts in DUI Enforcement by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM). Officers Luke's enforcement of DUI laws should make the citizens feel a bit safer when he is working. Thank you Officer Luke for a job well done!

Police have been working several saturation patrols in order to combat some of the more violent crimes that have been taking place, in certain areas. On Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> Sauk Village Police in conjunction with the Cook County Sheriff's Police, conducted warrant sweeps throughout the village. Several other communities were also involved and the sweep was a huge success. Many criminal were taken off the streets.

This will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Sauk Village Police Department has joined National Night Out Against Crime, which will be on August 5, 2014 at 5:00pm behind the village hall. The police department again will have a number of activities and special vehicles on hand for the citizens to view. Police will provide informational handouts along with surprises for the children. Please come out and show your support against crime!

Remember, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is around the corner, please remember to supervise children if they are using any type of sparklers or other fireworks.

## FROM THE CHIEFS DESK

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## A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR



## 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.

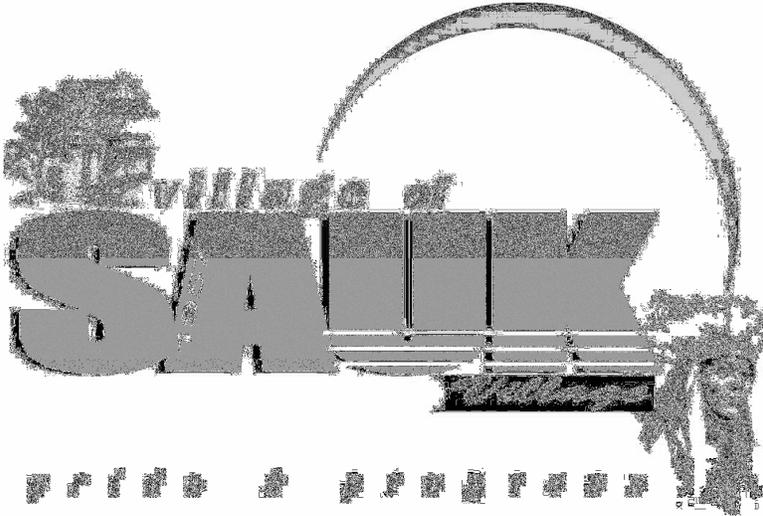
We also meet once a month at McConathy Public Library.

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

# 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		

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