

**Sauk Village Hall**

21801 Torrence Ave.

Sauk Village, IL 60411

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*Mayor's Corner*

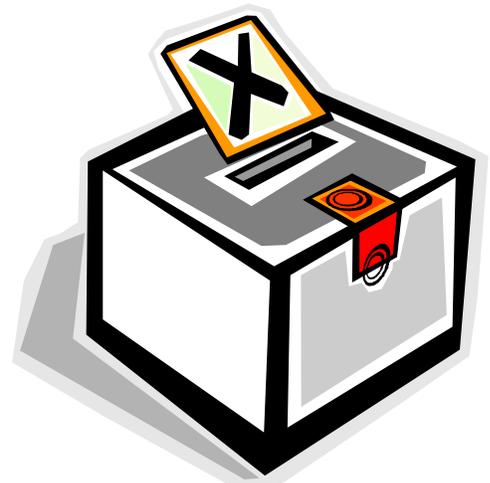
*Mayor David Hanks*

**March 18, 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election**

*To Be Nominated:*

- United States Senator
- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- Comptroller
- Treasurer
- Representatives in Congress
- State Senators
- Representatives in the General Assembly
- Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (3 to be nominated)
- President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners
- County Clerk of Cook County
- Treasurer of the Cook County

- Sheriff of Cook County
  - Assessor of Cook County
  - County Commissioners of Cook County (17 from single member districts)
  - Commissioner of the Board of Review of Cook County (District 3)
- Supreme, Appellate, Circuit and Sub-circuit Judges (to fill vacancies if required)



SAUK TALK

*News from the Village Clerk*

Polls will be open from 6am-7pm for the March 18<sup>th</sup> Gubernatorial Election. Look for additional information throughout this issue and check out [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com) and [saukvillage.org](http://saukvillage.org). The Cook County website offers information on Early Voting, Grace Period registration, sample ballots, candidate information, voter registration and more. The village website includes election information, meeting minutes and agendas, ordinances and resolutions, current events (such

as recent scholarship and financial assistance opportunities), village calendar, information on your elected officials and village departments and more.

This year we rolled out two new programs. As a way of getting information to the residents in a more timely manner we encourage everyone to enroll in the Sauk Village Email Alerts. The email alerts have been useful in supplying information on weather, traffic alerts and warming centers during the long

winter cold and inclement weather, election information and local events. The email alerts will be expanded to include information from outside agencies as schools, churches, businesses, etc...

**SUBSCRIBE TO SAUK VILLAGE EMAIL ALERTS NOW AT**  
[www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org).





## Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



Neighborhood Watch Meetings: Every 2nd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. ALL invited!!! Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch Program!!!! We have expanded our program to NO TEXTING while driving & NO BULLYING campaign!! You can sign the pledge and your name will be posted at the Sauk Village Hall for approximately 45 days to show your support with these 2 hot button issues! You can pick up pledges and complete them at the Village Hall & McConathy Public Library in Sauk Village today! We also have a Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch Shuffle! We will be filming a LIVE video on Saturday, April 19, 2014 COME GET INVOLVED! Call today for more info. (708) 753-5130, Trustee Lynda Washington-House.



## Sauk Village Polling Places

Precinct 7	Precinct 16	Precinct 26 & 55
First Apostolic Church	Lynwood Municipal Center	Rickover Junior High
22709 State Street	21490 Lincoln Highway	22151 Torrence Ave
Steger, IL	Lynwood, IL	Sauk Village, IL
Precinct 23 & 53	Precinct 27	Precinct 32
Paesel Center	McConathy Public Library	St. James Catholic Church
2700 Kavelage Drive	21737 Jeffery Ave	22400 S. Torrence Ave
Sauk Village, IL	Sauk Village, IL	Sauk Village, IL

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE MARCH 18TH PRIMARY ELECTION

3/13/2014	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
3/15/2014	Last day of Early Voting
3/15/2014	Last day of grace period registration and voting
3/16/2014	In-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office
	Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office
3/17/2014	In-person absentee voting at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
3/18/2014	Election Day

*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).

## Mobile Food Pantry

# Mobile Pantry

Free Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and  
Non-perishable groceries



**WHERE Respond Now: Sauk Village**

**21801 Torrence Ave**

**Sauk Village, IL 60411**

**WHEN Tuesday, March 25, 2014**

**4:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

***(One-time distribution)***

Open to suburban Cook County residents only.

**Questions?** Please call the Food Depository at  
**773-247-FOOD**

Greater Chicago Food Depository [chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org) 773-247-FOOD

## NEWS YOU CAN USE



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## Senior News

Rose Langston

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: April 14th 'GI Joe Retaliation'; May 12th 'You Me and Dupree'; June 9th 'Breakfast at Tiffany'; July 14th 'Almost Famous'; August 11th 'Rat Race'; September 8th 'Chicago'; October 6th (to be announced); November 10th 'Waterboy'; and December 8th 'Christmas with the Kranks.'

FREE blood pressure screening the first Monday of every month at the Senior Center office from 1:00- 2:00p.m

Quarterly Senior Citizen Event - 6th annual Chili Cook Off Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided. Line dance instruction by Flora Haynes. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. All you can eat chili for \$3.00 per bowl. Chili volunteers needed - monetary prizes.

Village senior social activities 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. twice (usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays) a month (check posted monthly calendar for actual scheduled dates). This program mirrors our summer program of various activities for village seniors.

Three senior organizations (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3:00 p.m. SV Fun Club, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00 p.m. Sunshiners, and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Leisure Timers) meet in the Senior Center. Other groups meeting in the Senior Center are: the Sauk Village Blue Grass on Sundays from 6 until 10 p.m.; Sauk Village VFW Post No. 2690 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 8 p.m.; BMW Crossroads No. 55 every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.; and the Ceramics Group on Wednesdays from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. All of these groups welcome new members.

The Bloom Township provides - Community Lunch program continues through April. Tickets (township seniors \$4.00, non-township seniors \$8.00) are available from the township office. Chair exercise every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 and every Friday from 10:00-11:00. Medicare and Medicare Part D counseling available Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on a first come, first served basis. Illinois Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counseling. Appointment required for tax preparation by AARP IRS certified volunteers. File tax FREE for low income families (less than \$50,000) and individuals (less than \$25,000) by Center for Economic Progress (CEP) at the Bloom township multipurpose room. Service provided by IRS certified volunteers on a first come, first served basis every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. through April 15<sup>th</sup>. Tax site closes when capacity is reached. Questions, call (312) 252-0280 or [www.economicprogress.org](http://www.economicprogress.org). Hearing impaired, please dial 711. 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.

CEDA Senior Opportunities & Services provides Bloom Township seniors age 60 years and older with assistance in accessing various benefits programs and resources. Service location s and hours are available by appointment Monday through Friday in Chicago Heights, Glenwood, Lynwood and Steger by appointment. Call Denise Chaffee at (312) 254-6096.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. For concerns/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

**Attn: Village Residents**

I am working on programs for Parks and Recreation for the 2014 year. I have some ideas and would be interested in your opinions, as well as help to put on these programs. If you or your child would be interested please fill out this form and return it to the Village Hall, Community Center or bring it to me at the board meetings on Tuesday nights.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball Leagues                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Basketball program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball program                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheerleading program      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game Night for Parents and Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Chess Club                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: List your idea _____         |  |

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

All of these programs will help the children of the village and provide something for the community. However, these would all require help from our citizens to start and keep them running

Thanks  
Trustee John A Poskin  
708/753- 5125



Parks and recreations are looking forward to more up coming programs. First on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM I will be attempting to have a Family game night/Chess Club start up at the Community Center. This program will be on the first Friday of each month with additional dates to be added as we go. The program will be open to children and adults alike. We encourage you all to come out and play games with your friends family and neighbors' (bring games you would like to play) we also have the Easter egg event on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM to 3 PM

The basket ball league is now in its eighth week and moving right along. Here are the standings for the league so far:

**SAUK VILLAGE CO-ED BASKETBALL STANDINGS**

NAME	WON	LOST
BULLS	7	0
SPURS	4	3
LAKERS	3	4
CELTICS	0	7

Our March Madness tournament will be March 29<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 AM, so come out and join us. The concession stand will be open.

# Housing Commission

Gary Holcomb

The Housing Commission has joined with the Sauk Village Code Enforcement and Sauk Village Public Works Department to work on vacant and abandoned properties within the village using the Cook County Vacant Building Ordinance that the village passed in December of 2013. This is a major step in improving the appearance of the village and stabilizing property values for homeowners. The Housing Commission is also awaiting final approval of a \$75,000 grant from IHDA to cut grass and board up abandoned properties with the hopes of curtailing unsightly properties as the village has no funds or staff to address these issues. Residents with concerns have several avenues to address housing issues in their neighborhood. 1.) Email the commission at [housing@saukville.org](mailto:housing@saukville.org). 2.) Attend housing commission meetings held every second Thursday at 7 P.M. in the village hall. 3.) Address your concerns by letter to the housing commission and leave it at the village hall.

The blight that the village has suffered over the past several years has effected everyone, and we are working to reduce and remove that blight once and for all. Everyone needs to understand that this is a slow process and will not happen overnight as we all know dealing with government agencies outside of local government is one step forward, two steps back. The housing commission is not in it for a pat on the back, we are all volunteers working for all of the residents.

## FREE

### **“RENT TO OWN”** **HOUSING SEMINAR**

Would you like to own your own home? This seminar is available to anyone wanting to learn more about transitioning from renting to home ownership.

#### **Topics to be covered:**

The “Pro’s and Con’s” of renting vs. owning your own home

Credit management: Improving, building, and maintaining your credit history

Basic Home Maintenance (Are you prepared for this?)

Your equity (investment/down payment) requirements

Resources to help along the way (first time homebuyers program, rental and home ownership assistance programs, and Neighborhood Housing Services). Mortgage applications and handout material will be available

**NOTE:** Come prepared. You may obtain and bring your free annual credit report with you for free private credit counseling. Order from: “[annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com)” or call 1-877-322-8228.

Sponsored by:

**First Community Bank and Trust & the Village of Sauk Village**

**Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**10:00 AM -11:30 AM**

**Senior Citizens Community Room**

**21801 Torrence Ave.**

**Sauk Village, IL.**

**Coffee and  
Cake will be  
Provided  
Multiple Door  
Prizes!!**



## Fire Department News



Greetings to you and your family from the Sauk Village Fire Department. We hope everyone has been staying safe will being safe especially with this crazy up and down weather we have been getting. One thing to remember is that even though it is warming up hazardous situations are still present. When it is warm outside the roads are still slick with water and bits of ice, give yourselves extra time and distance from the cars around you. When it is cold the obvious hazard will be ice, vehicles don't stop to well if they are sliding. Take your time, if you have to get up a little bit earlier please do so. Another thing to consider are the emergency vehicles in front of you. PLEASE express extreme caution when you either see emergency lights or hear a siren. You may think that you can beat that vehicle down the street before they get close to you but, you are only getting in the way. Please pull to the right for sirens and lights.

Lately when we are going or coming back from a fire call we have been seeing buried fire hydrants, and a few that were dug out. If we get a fire or any call that we may need to access a fire hydrant, if we cannot see it or we have to dig it out that is precious time that we could be using to put the fire out. It only takes a few minutes to dig a 4 foot area around the hydrant to allow us to quickly notice and connect to that hydrant.

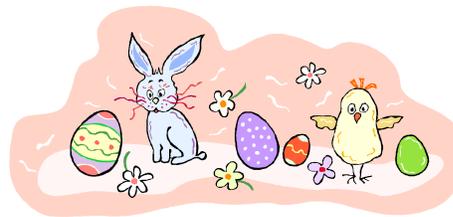
The Sauk Village Fire Department is always accepting applications from men and women who want to provide a valuable service to their community while trying to live up to these demanding character traits. Getting started as a new firefighter in Sauk Village can open doors to a rewarding career too. If you are a Sauk Village resident 18 years or older, possess a valid drivers license and are 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.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Join the fun at Sauk Village Church of God on Saturday April 19, 2014 from 2pm to 4pm. Easter Egg Hunt starts promptly at 2pm. There will be thousands of eggs to hunt along with refreshments, prizes and a jumping castle .

Sauk Village Church of God  
23001 South Torrence Avenue  
Sauk Village, Illinois 60411



## United Church of Christ News

United Church of Christ (U.C.C.) in Sauk Village at 2500 E. 223<sup>rd</sup> Street is preparing to end its' five decade of ministry in the Village of Sauk Village. United Church of Christ will celebrate over 53 years of faithful ministry during worship service on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. The church was established during the summer of 1960 utilizing Strassburg School class rooms. Reverend Paula Comper answered the call in 2003 and served until December 22, 2013.

United Church of Christ has been a huge part of our community and will be missed.



## Public Works

### Street Sweeping

The street sweeping schedule for the 2014 season will be as follows:

The week beginning- **April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, and October 13.** 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 for 2014 .

- April 15** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- May 6** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- June 3** - Eastern section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- July 1** - South Side of town; south of Sauk Trail & west of Torrence extending to Deer Creek
- August 5** - North Side of town; north of Sauk Trail extending to Carlisle Estates
- September 2** - Eastern Section of town; located east of Torrence & south of Sauk Trail
- October 7** - 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 2014 season will begin **Monday May 5** and end on **Friday May 16**. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday May 11**.

The second and final pickup for the 2014 season will begin **Monday September 1** and end on **Friday September 12**. Residents are asked to have limbs out no later than **Sunday September 7**.

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 6 through 10, skipping the week of 13 through 17 ,residents can still put leaves out up until November 19. Our final pickup will begin November 20 , 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.*

# Police Department

Tim Holevis

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST RECRUIT; ANDREW VAUGHAN WILL SOON COMPLETE THE FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WILL GIVE THE MIDNIGHT FIRST SHIFT SOME MUCH NEEDED HELP.

OFFICERS RECENTLY RECEIVED TRAINING AND QUALIFIED WITH PATROL RIFLES AND DUTY WEAPONS. THE TRAINING CONSISTED OF A NIGHTTIME SHOOT, WHICH WAS CONDUCTED IN THE BELOW ZERO WEATHER. GREAT JOB TO ALL!

OFFICER CHAD FREDERICKSON IS OUR NEW K-9 OFFICER AND WILL COMPLETE CERTIFICATION WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS. OFFICER FREDERICKSON AND K-9 FALCO WILL SOON HIT THE STREETS.

## ENFORCEMENT UPDATES

PLEASE REMEMBER OFFICERS WILL BE CONDUCTING DRUNK DRIVER AND SEAT BELT ENFORCEMENT THROUGH ST. PATRICKS DAY. ANOTHER REMINDER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2014, THE NEW "HANDS FREE" CELL PHONE LAW IS NOW IN EFFECT AND OFFICERS WILL BE ENFORCING THIS NEW LAW ALSO.

## FROM THE CHIEFS DESK

LAST YEAR THERE WERE SEVERAL HOUSE FIRES WHICH WERE DETERMINED TO BE ARSON AFTER SOME EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY FIRE AND ARSON INVESTIGATORS. EVENTUALLY TWO INDIVIDUALS WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED BY POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND DETECTIVES. LAST WEEK THE TWO SUSPECTS WENT TO TRIAL AND WERE FOUND GUILTY ON TWO COUNTS OF ARSON AND RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF 5 YEARS FELONY PROBATION.

## A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR

### REPEAT SERVICE

A POLICE OFFICER PULLED A YOUNG WOMAN OVER FOR SPEEDING AND POLITELY ASKED TO SEE HER LICENSE. "WHY DON'T YOU GOPS GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER," SHE SAID IN A HUFF. "YESTERDAY YOU TAKE MY LICENSE AWAY, AND NOW TODAY YOU EXPECT ME TO SHOW IT TO YOU!"

## 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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