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Mayor's Corner

Acting Mayor David Hanks

Dear Sauk Village Residents:

I am pleased to inform you that Sauk Village will be repairing almost a mile of streets this year at a cost of over half a million dollars. Moreover, these projects are fully funded by Federal, State, and County sources, and therefore at no financial cost to the Village's residents. The following roadways are being repaired with the estimated project schedule shown for each street:

STREET	FROM	TO	TIMELINE START-FINISH
223 rd Street	Nichols Ave.	Murphy Ave.	April – July
215 TH Place	Peterson Ave.	Jeffrey Ave.	May – August
Luella Ct.	221st St.	221st St.	May – August
225st Ct.	Theisen Ave.	Theisen Ave.	May – August
Merrill Ct.	216th St.	216th St.	May – August
223rd Pl. Ct.	Yates Ave.	Yates Ave.	May – August
Water Main Repair Restoration	Various	Various	May – August

Unfortunately, with the above roadway improvements come unavoidable inconveniences. Please be patient with the contractors, Public Works personnel, and engineers who will be involved with the construction of these projects as they work to restore your street and driveway access as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation with our efforts to improve Sauk Village's infrastructure and restore pride in our community's neighborhoods! Should you have any questions or require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
David Hanks Mayor



News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Election time is here again but I am sure you already know that. This issue of the Sauk Talk provides information on polling places, candidate's bios and other election information as well as committee and department reports. The Sauk Village Board recently passed a resolution to place Electric Aggregation on the ballot. Electric Aggregation has been approved by many neighboring communities as a way to save money on residential

electric bills by pooling together. Please watch for a mailing later in the month and for the posting of two Town Hall meetings where Electric Aggregation will be discussed and public comment is encouraged.

Voter registration will take place between February 28th and March 12th at the Village Hall during normal business hours. The Village Hall is closed on Wednesdays.

Please update your voter's registration if you have recently moved to Sauk Village or have moved from one Sauk Village residence to another. Vacant homes will be purged from the system.

Check out www.saukvillage.org for updated election information. Please review this issue carefully before placing your vote on April 9th. Most importantly- PLEASE VOTE! Polls are open from 6:00 am – 7:00 pm.

Sauk Talk

Election News

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING RESIDENTIAL AGGREGATION FOR ELECTRIC RATES VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

Public Hearings will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sauk Village Municipal Center boardroom located at 21801 South Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, Illinois, 60411. A referendum will be presented to voters on April 9, 2013, to ask voters to authorize the Village of Sauk Village to negotiate for electric residents and small businesses of the Village of Sauk Village. A copy of the proposed plan is available for review in the Sauk Village Municipal Center during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Written and oral comments will be accepted.

March 8, 2013

Debra L. Williams

Village Clerk

April 2013 Election Data

3/12/2013	Last day to register to vote
3/13/2013	First day of grace period registration and voting
3/25/2013	First day of Early Voting
4/4/2013	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
4/6/2013	Last day of Early Voting
4/6/2013	Last day of grace period registration and voting
4/7/2013	In-person absentee voting begins at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office Last day voted mail ballots can be postmarked for acceptance by the Clerk's office
4/8/2013	In-person absentee voting continues at the Clerk's downtown Chicago office and five suburban courthouse mini-centers
4/9/2013	Election Day

Sauk Village Polling Places

Precinct 7

First Apostolic Church
22709 State Street
Steger, IL

Precinct 23 & 53

Paesel Center
2700 Kavelage Drive
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 16

Lynwood Municipal Center
21460 Lincoln Highway
Lynwood, IL

Precinct 27

McConathy Public Library
21737 Jeffery Ave
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 26 & 55

Rickover Junior High
22151 Torrence Ave
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 32

St. James Catholic Church
22400 S. Torrence Ave
Sauk Village, IL



Candidates Forum

The following is the Fun Club forum flyer and a copy of the guidelines to be given to the village voting public at the forum.

CANDIDATES FORUM

Village Board of Trustees

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2013

1:00 until 3:00 P.M.

Mayoral and Village Clerk

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2013

1:00 until 3:00 P.M.

SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER AUDITORIUM

21801 TORRENCE AVENUE

**Light refreshments will be served in the lobby
(Please, absolutely no food in the auditorium!)**

Sponsored by Sauk Village Fun Club

GUIDELINES

Priority seating for Sauk Village voting public will be on a first come first serve. Absolutely no reserve seating! Doors will open at 12:40 p.m.

Hand written questions from Sauk Village registered voters will be accepted at the forum prior to the opening statements. E-mail questions may be sent to svfunclub@hotmail.com at least one day prior to the forum. No more than two questions (vulgarity or slander will not be tolerated) per person will be accepted. All questions (precise and to the point) must be directed to all candidates. Voter's first and last name (moderator will only mention the first name), and the address (no P.O. Box) must be included on all questions.

Candidates will not receive prior knowledge of the questions. Every candidate (by rotation) will have one (1) minute to respond to the question and each candidate will have the opportunity to be first in answering a question.

UNRULY/DISORDERLY AUDIENCE:

Members of the Audience are 'guest' and as such are requested to remain polite and courteous to everyone. Unruly or disorderly audience member will be cautioned and warned one time, further outbursts, the Forum will be stopped. Sauk Village police will escort the individual out.

UNRULY/DISORDERLY CANDIDATE:

As an official warning, all candidates are to remain respectful and courteous to each other and the moderators. If a candidate becomes unruly or disorderly, the Forum will stop and we will ask her/him to leave so we may continue without their presence.

Candidate Biographies

The following candidates did not submit a Candidate Biography:

Enoch Benson IV-Mayor

Shirlene McCreary-Village Clerk

Carla Phillips-4 year term Trustee

Eddie D Kimble-4 year term Trustee

Jacqueline Clemons-4 year term Trustee

Hope A Moody-2 year unexpired term Trustee

Candidate Biographies

1.) Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):

David A. Hanks – Independent Candidate for Mayor

2.) Years of residence in Sauk Village: 40 Years

3.) Family information: David is married to Linda and they have ten children, five boys and five girls. David and Linda love living in Sauk Village and are excited to be part of a town that has so much to offer--great quality of life, wonderful people, and many opportunities.

4.) Employment History:

David is a Quality Engineer for ACCO Brands in Lincolnshire, IL. David is responsible for supervising inbound auditors and technicians for direct products and quality control at their manufacturing facility in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin.

5.) Village Involvement/Current Involvement:

Since serving on the Village Board his assignments have included chairing the Economic Development Committee, Commissioner on the Calumet Corridor Council, Route 30 Corridor Council and the South Suburban Commuter Rail Corridor Sub-Committee, Human Relations Commissioner and is currently a member on State Representative Anthony De Luca's Safety Advisory Committee.

As our country was starting to slide into the worse economic times since the "Great Depression" David was challenged with the opportunity to work with local businesses, financial institutions and government agencies to assist our residents. In the fall of 2005, David was appointed as Chair of the Sauk Village Housing Committee.

As Chair, David was given the task of forming a committee from the ground up. He brought together key individuals to form the Sauk Village Housing Commission.

With the assistance of local businesses the commission has hosted many workshops over the years to assist residents with home improvements and financial aid. In 2010, the Sauk Village Housing Commission hosted the first NACA "Home Save/ Purchase" workshop for residents in the far South region.

In November of 2012, David Hanks humbly accepted the appointment of Acting Mayor due to the former mayor's immediate resignation. As Mayor, David now represents the village on the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (SSMMA) and is working with 41 mayors from surrounding communities. David is also a member on the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative

Past Involvement:

David is a longtime volunteer in this community. Prior to being elected, David was a cadet on the Sauk Village Police Department and later served as a commissioner on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

6.) Number of yrs. for your Term and plans: 4 Year Term

PRODUCTIVITY AND TAX RELIEF

I will continue to oversee a vigorous push to attract entrepreneurs and industry to our village. A healthy local economy will help to lower taxes, not raise them!

WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY

I will continue to work with our water department to see strides in both water quantity and quality. This matter is a top priority!

SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION

As interim mayor, I have worked hard to rebuild our police force - and will continue to do so during a Hanks Administration.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Health, safety and vitality are all critical – but impossible without fully functional village resources. I have plans underway to repair streets, infrastructure and fire hydrants village-wide.

"As a lifelong resident of Sauk Village, I care about this community. I am raising my family here, just as you are... and want the best for them, just as you do. This is my written pledge to work hard for the People of Sauk Village!" - David A Hanks

Candidate Biographies

Derrick Burgess – Candidate for Mayor

Derrick Burgess is a resident, homeowner and taxpayer of Sauk Village for 31 years.

He and his wife, Juanita originally lived on Theisen Avenue until they moved into their home in Deer Creek Estates. Derrick and Juanita are the proud parents of four children, 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Derrick is currently an operating plant engineer at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is a 31 year member of St. James Catholic Church where he immediately volunteered and was dually elected as Vice President of the School Board and President of the Finance Committee.

As Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Derrick is leading the charge to battle the challenges created by the greatest economic meltdown since the Great Depression. The committee has set its immediate focus on communicating with Sauk Village's existing businesses, to ensure the needs of the business owners are heard so that the Village can support them in these trying times. Committee members under the guidance of Trustee Burgess have been very dedicated in planning for the Village's future when both the Village and the economy recover.

Derrick's Sauk Village credentials include, elected Trustee for two terms, filled a two-year unexpired term for Trustee; he is a past commissioner of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals, past chairman of a successful Parks & Recreation committee, member of the South Suburban Managers and Mayors, member of the Police Association. He has also volunteered to coach Girls' Soccer at Wagner School, Sauk Village Girls Beginning Bowling League, and Glenwood Boys Football Practice Team. He has mentored the Sauk Village Basketball Program and was a Scout Master for the Boy Scouts of America. Derrick attended the University of Illinois at Chicago in the college of Pharmacy, has also earned professional accreditations and licenses as a Stationary Operating Engineer, CFC and Master Gardener. He is a current member of the Deer Creek Homeowner's Association, Founder of Deer Creek Men's Club, member of the IUOE 399 and BPAA. He was President of the Friday Night Merchants Bowling League for 12 years, WM F&AM PHA and District Deputy GM of the Masons for the State of Illinois. Finally, he was Treasurer for Sauk Village 50th Anniversary Celebration and served on the Sauk Village Lincoln Highway Mural committee.

Bernice Brewer Houston Mayor, 4 year term

12 year resident of Sauk Village

Mother of 2 grammar school teacher

United States Environmental Protection Agency

33 years retired Environmental Protection Specialist, BA General Studies Roosevelt, concentration Environmental Impact Studies, working on MA (Environmental Justice Program) Governor's State University

Village Involvement:

Park & Recreation Committee, Ordinance Committee, Lake Michigan Water Referendum Committee, Police Alliance, Coordinator of the Water Distribution Program, Neighborhood watch, South Suburban Collaborative Housing, Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness.

Candidate Biographies Continued

1.) Name and desired position (As is appears on official petitions):

Debra "Debbie" Williams – Independent Candidate for Village Clerk

2.) Years of residence in Sauk Village: 26 Years

3.) Family information: Married to Frank for 35 years.

Two children who attended Wagoner, Rickover and Bloom Trail Schools. One grandchild who attends the Blossoms program.

4.) Employment History:

Pammer Research - 24 years-Administrative Assistant / Field Research

The Pampered Chef- Direct Sales- 3 years

5.) Village Involvement/Current Involvement:

S.V. Public Relations Committee - 8 years

Sauk Village Website Committee- 8 years

Sauk Talk- Co-Editor- 8 years

Sauk Village Economic Development Committee- 3 years

South Suburban Mayors and Manager Housing Consortium-1 year

Sauk Village water distribution Hotline Coordinator

McConathy Public Library, Treasurer - 6 years

Sauk Village Church of God- Member and Sunday School Secretary- 2 years

Past Involvement:

S.V. Human Relations Commissioner - 6 years

Concerned Citizens of Sauk Village, Secretary - 4 years

Concerned Citizens Youth Group- Co-founder and Youth Leader – 2 years

S.V. 50th Anniversary Committee, 2007 & 2008

Co-organizer of the Sauk Village Annual Family Festival

Girl Scout Leader - 12 years

2008 Sauk Village Volunteer of the Year

2008 Diversity, Inc. "Spirit" Award

2008 SSDMC "Community Spirit" Award

6.) Number of yrs. for your Term and plans: 4 Year Term

To continue to provide open and transparent government via detailed meeting minutes and the posting of minutes, ordinances and other vital information on the Village web site and to continue working to be part of the solution and not part of the problem.

Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams

Welcome to the 2013 election edition of the Sauk Talk. The Public Relations Committee has welcomed all candidates running in the April 9, 2013 election to provide individual bios for the Sauk Village residents to review prior to casting their ballot. Remember your vote is your voice on April 9, 2013.

Join us for Student Government Day on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall when our 8th grade Rickover Junior High students assume the positions of the elected official. Student Government Day is always the highlight of the year for the Public Relations Committee.



Candidate Biographies

Marva Campbell-Pruitt , M.Ed., M.A. and State of Illinois Administration Certificates

Candidate for Village Clerk

Years of residence in Sauk Village

Five (5) Years and 9 Months

Family information

Loving family consists of Mother, three brothers, one sister, and one pooch. Her marital status is single.

Employment History

Marva is a retired public servant, who has served as Senior Public Service Administrator, Teacher, Principal, and School Superintendent. She was previously employed by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services, and Chicago Public Schools. She represented the State of Illinois on the National and local levels, serving on varying committees, commissions, and councils. She was responsible for the administration of program implementation, budgetary, policy and decision making. She provided training, program development, event planning, and technical assistance. Marva has a strong customer-centric focus, organizational and specialized computer skills---all transferable skillsets that will insure the success of the municipal government.

Village Involvement

Currently, Marva serves as an appointed volunteer as Chairman of the Village of Sauk Village's Beautification Committee, and Commissioner and Chairman for the Human Relations Commission. She continually champions many community based projects. Within the past two years, Marva has demonstrated leadership with residents to join her in creating a successful Community Garden program, and conducting weekly gardening sessions with a youth summer program. She volunteered to assist with Parks and Recreation activities, serves on the Fire Departments Pancake Breakfast committee, hosted the Village's first Movies in the Park activity. Marva served as chairman of the Illinois Lincoln Highway Mural Project that brought an historical landmark to the Village that was later used for the 2012-2013 vehicle stickers. Along with the Beautification Committee, under her leadership we brought back the Hootsie Awards, hosted two Annual Clean Green and Preen Weeks, and hosted a Community Yard Sale. She assisted with last year's Easter Egg Hunt and Christmas with Santa (including helping to decorate the float). Her public service history is rich with professionalism, acts of volunteerism and proven community service.

Number of Years of the Term and Plans

Marva seeks a four-year term as Village Clerk and offer the following commitment:

I pledge to: Exhibit total accountability by establishing regular hours and revising overall accounting and reports procedures, record the minutes of the all meetings, and present reports and minutes efficiently and timely; maintain and respond to inquiries from citizens, other municipalities, agencies and the public concerning operations of the Village; update Charters, Codes and Ordinances as necessary in a timely manner; develop tools that invite two-way communication between citizens and the Village; and update the Village's web-site to make it inviting, user friendly and interactive. As the Sauk Village Clerk, I will perform duties that support both employees and Village residents with excellent customer service.

Nominee, Nora Lee Dabner, for Sauk Village Clerk

Proud Mother of two and grandmother of six.

4 year Sauk Village resident.

Retired post office worker (38 years) Management.

Facilitator for Age Option Wellness Courses.

Campaign coordinator for President Obama, Regional Area Headquarters.

Sauk Village Census Team Coordinator.

Volunteer for various Sauk Village committees (water referendum committee).

Administrator for senior wards for Cook County Courts.

Candidate Biographies

1. **Rosie L. Williams** Trustee 4yr term
2. Village resident for almost 26 yrs.
3. I have my family and friends who are extremely important to me.
4. Currently employed as the Director of Social Services at Beecher Manor; recently received licensure to become a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator.
5. As a Village Trustee for the past 8 years, I have worked diligently to ensure that the residents of Sauk Village remain at the center of the Board's focus. I have attempted to do my best with providing educational and important information to the Village through the Sauk Talk and the Website, with the help of members of the Public Relations committee. As Chair of the Public Relations committee, I have been responsible for Student Government Day, Employee Recognitions, 2 years of Fireworks displays as well as assisting various organizations with fund-raising and participation, including but not limited to; Corn and Dog Roast, P.L.A.N Easter Egg Hunt and multiple Food Basket drives.
6. I am running for a 4 yr term. My plan is to continue to listen to the needs and concerns of the residents. This knowledge, along with a drive for constantly remaining aware of new and changing Village affairs, will provide me the tools to continue to be an effective Trustee. I also look forward to working with the Village Board, both new and old members to help rebuild Sauk Village financially by reducing overall spending while not reducing additional staff and services and to return a sense of pride to the residents of Sauk Village.

Edward 'Ed' Myers I am seeking re-election as trustee of the Village of Sauk Village.

My family and I have lived in Sauk Village for 42 years. My wife Carol and I raised 3 children in Sauk Village. We enjoyed the quiet and peace of the Village. Our children were able to participate in many of the activities provided by the Village. The first year we lived in Sauk Village I became a Volunteer for the Sauk Village Fire Department and I am presently Assistant Fire Chief. My oldest son joined the Fire Cadets when he was 16 and it lead him to a career in Firefighting. He is now a Lieutenant on the Park Forest Fire Department. My youngest son also joined the Fire Cadets and is now an Acting Lieutenant on the Sauk Village Fire Department. For Years my wife Carol served as president of the Sauk Village Fire Dept. Auxiliary. We have been involved with the Village for over 40 years.

I also worked for the Village from 1986 to 2002. I was the Superintendent of Code Enforcement and Building inspection. I am Asst. Chief of the Fire Department, I also serve as a director of the Illinois Firefighters Association, which a State wide organization. I am a lead coordinator of the MABAS 27 arson investigation team. I am a trustee for the Village of Sauk Village, also serve as chairman of the ordinance committee. I presently work for the Village of Steger as Department head of Code Enforcement and Building Inspection and Health inspections.

I am seeking to be re-elected to a four year term. I plan to work for the betterment of the Village. This will take teamwork, and time. We have many issues that need to be resolved so that the people of Sauk Village can benefit from it and not just one or two people. We need a team devoted to the future of Sauk Village. So we can once more be a town of Pride and Progress. If you want to see progress and change please vote for me.

Tariq I. El-Amin, is running for the position of Village Trustee 4 year term. He and his wife (Dr. Aisha El-Amin) have been residents of Sauk Village since 2007; they've been married 13 years and have 3 beautiful daughters who attend school in Sauk Village. Tariq is a union journeyman ironworker (Local 1 Chicago), and also the founder and Executive Director of Bridging The Gap Inc., (www.webridgethegap.org) a non profit organization focused on providing underserved youth with educational, enrichment, and service opportunities, intended to help form the servant-leaders of tomorrow. He serves on the board of various civic and religious organizations dedicated to social justice, and community empowerment. Tariq believes that Sauk Village is a wonderful place to live and raise a family, and wants to work toward making our village a standard bearer for what is best in government and community.

Candidate Biographies

Francine Anderson, Trustee Trustee, 4 year term

A resident for 29 years.

I'm single.

I'm a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Mental Health consultant. I have two Masters Degrees, MA in Counseling from Argosy University and MS in Human Service Administration from Spertus College.

Village Involvement:

A Trustee on the Village board for one term (2007 to 2011). I'm currently, a Commissioner on Sauk Village Zoning Board. I had the leadership of two village committees, The Senior Committee and The Police Alliance Committee. Both Committees have provided increased services to the citizens.

Current Memberships:

Sauk Village Citizens Empowerment Organization, a 501c 3 Organization, Vice President & Director of Youth Services (SVCEO)

Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness (SVCPA), Treasurer

Past Memberships:

Member of Economic Development Committee, Sauk Village Park & Recreation Committee, Water Distribution Team Volunteer

Member of Concern Citizens of Sauk Village

Debra "Deb" Davis –Trustee Candidate - 4 Yr. Term

Debra "Deb" Davis is a 12 year resident of Sauk Village. Debra is a single parent and the primary care person for her mother. Debra is a Customer Service specialist, a former manager and Union Steward for Local 15 at Commonwealth Edison. Upon moving to Sauk Village, Debra immediately became a member of Deer Creek's Homeowner Association and after a few years, was elected Vice President because of her dedication and involvement.

Even with her busy schedule, Debra is very much involved in her children's education and volunteers for many of their events. Her son is an honor student at Mount Carmel High School and is the former Mr. Sauk Village. Her daughter is an honor student at Mother McAuley High School and is the former Junior Miss Sauk Village.

Debra plans to champion activities for our youth, adults and senior citizens. She wants to bring young parents together in a volunteer atmosphere to help foster positive relationships with young people and bridge the gap with adults. Debra says, "Sauk Village has no business losing its next generation to gun violence. We must take steps to end their angers and frustrations by implementing programs designed to instill self-esteem and the confidence to handle the challenges they experience without resorting to violence. Our children are our future. We are responsible for their safety and well-being. By creating a strong volunteer base in Sauk Village, our town can begin the healing and become a strong cohesive community that our residents deserve."

Di Shawn King Trustee 4 year term

1 year 6 months resident

Mother of 6

20 years as a Licensed Practical Nurse and BA in Business Administration, MA in Organizational Management

Village Involvement:

Water Distribution Coordinator for senior residents

Sauk Village Citizens for Public Awareness

Candidate Biographies

1. **Lynda G. Washington** Running for: Trustee for the 4 year term for the Village of Sauk Village, IL
2. I have been living in Sauk Village Approximately 20 years.
3. I have one adult son & 3 grandsons.
4. I have been employed for West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147 for approximately 24 years as an Administrative Assistant.
5. Parks & Recreation Program, Co-Chair Neighborhood Watch Program, Lake Michigan Water, Police Alliance, Human Relations Commissioner
6. I am running for a 4 year Term. I plan to work with the other Trustees and Mayor to bring pride and Progress back to Sauk Village. There are very serious issues that are of great concern to the residents of Sauk Village. My main focus is Quality Programs for our youth. Enhancing programs for our Seniors and bridging the gap with more police presence in our community to provide public safety.

1. Name and desired position: Elizabeth "Beth" Zupon-Trustee 4 year term
2. Years of residence in Sauk Village: 13
3. Family information: Albert, husband of 20 years
4. Employment history: I have worked in the Financial Services (Securities Operations, supporting the Trust & Investment Business) industry for 28 years, first at Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh for 13 years, and then 15+ years here in Chicago at Northern Trust. Currently, I am a Vice President in the Operations & Technology - Change Management Group, managing a team of Senior Business Consultants who support several of the Bank's mission critical applications and operations.
5. Village Involvement:
 - A. Member, Economic Development Committee
 - B. Member, Beautification Committee
 - C. Former Village Clerk
 - D. Former Commissioner, Housing Authority Commission
 - E. Former Member, Ordinance Review Committee
 - F. Former Volunteer, Parks & Recreation Committee events
 - G. Former Volunteer, Senior Citizens Committee events
6. Number of years for your term and plans: I am seeking a 4 year term for Village Trustee. My first priority as Trustee will be to work with the Mayor and Board to ensure stability and accountability for Village finances. This starts with ensuring the timely completion of the unfinished Village Audits from 2010 to 2012. From there, we need to review all aspects of the Village's payables and receivables, to identify opportunities for savings and potential sources of revenue. Balanced budgets which include money to pay down outstanding debts are a must, as is finding the resources to fully fund Village Services such as Police, Fire, Community Development, Public Works and Emergency Services (ESDA). *We have* to get our financial house in order before we can expect anyone to want to move to our Community, businesses included. From there, I will work with the Mayor, Board, and Residents to ensure whichever Committee or Department entrusted to me works as efficiently and robustly as possible. At the end of every day, we must all work together for the betterment of Sauk Village.

Candidate Biographies

1. Jeffrey A. Morden Trustee Two Year Unexpired Term
2. 12 years and 9 months
3. Married to Ann Marie Morden, have three daughters and two grandchildren
4. I've been in the Transportation Industries since 1996
5. I've been involved in many committees within the village and they are as followed,
Sauk Village Beautification Committee, Sauk Village Ordinances Review Committee, Parks & Rec's and Economic Development.
6. In my two year term in office if I get elected I will be willing to work with whomever gets elected into office and will work extremely hard for the residents of Sauk Village. I will have a open door policy and will listen to ALL residents of our community.
Only together can we move our village forward.

Helen Washington Trustee 2 year unexpired term

4 year Resident

I'm Single

Program Coordinator for Adult Learning Program, Social Services Program manager with QIDP Status Census Bureau Trainer/ Recruiter and Prevention Education consultant. BA in Criminal Justice -Bradley University, MA work in Political and Justice Studies at Governor's State University

Village involvement:

VISTA volunteer, Police Alliance

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1. Melvin Stevenson School Board Member Community Consolidated School District 168
 2. I have lived in Sauk Village for four years
 3. I am the proud father of three wonderful boys
 4. I work in healthcare with ten plus years in helping others, I currently run the day to day operations for a home health agency
 5. Currently a School board member and just recently joined the Public Relations committee
 6. This is a four year term, I plan to work with the board members and Superintendent to improve the quality education for all children in the Village. I will continue to follow the vision, goals and policies set fourth by the district. I will be a leader of the district, a representative of the entire community and an advocate for public education including safety for the students as well as employees of the district.

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@saukvillage.org.

Economic Development

Trustee Derrick Burgess

Despite some tough economic challenges facing our nation, our state and many communities, Sauk Village has made some advances in economic development. Jacobsen Warehouse Company recently relocated from the LogistiCenter to the old Behr Paint facility on Torrence Avenue occupying 108,550 square feet.

With the village facing many challenges, a new approach to attracting businesses to Sauk Village will be required going forward. The Economic Development Committee will be working together in a joint effort with our business community, members of the Governor's staff, our State Representatives and Senators, the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association as well as joint efforts with our neighboring communities to work together in attracting national, regional and local businesses.

Our Committee continues to work on creating a brochure and marketing materials in an effort to showcase the advantages of commercial and industrial opportunities in Sauk Village. We hope to have this ready to be presented for consideration by the Village Board during our upcoming budget process.

The Economic Development Committee will work toward a full and complete update of the Village's outdated 1999 Comprehensive Plan and incorporate Economic Development as a major piece of the plan. I had asked in November, 2012 that the Zoning Board begin the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan and will continue to move in that direction. If we fail to plan, we plan to fail.

On March 14th at 4:30pm, the Economic Development Committee will be sponsoring a "Business After Hours" event. This even will be hosted by our very own Villa Di Pizza, formerly known as Iuccios Pizza. The owner, a village resident, has been committed to Sauk Village for many years. While the familiar name of Iuccio is no longer, the owner assures us that this Village's pizza tradition still remains! He invites all businesses and community leaders to attend this business after hours event.

Please be sure to shop Sauk Village First and support our local businesses.

Derrick Burgess, Village Trustee

Chairman, Economic Development Committee

Parks and Recreation

Trustee John Poskin

My first report as trustee over Parks and Recreation is to update the residence on what programs are currently in place for both the children and adults. The basketball program is running once again at the community center Monday through Friday. For information on age groups and time either contact Trustee Poskin at 753-5125 or JPoskin@saukvillage.org, you can also visit the community center. Line dancing for adults is on Monday nights from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming events in March we have the South Suburban Humane Society Pet clinic at the village hall parking lot on the ninth (see flyer) and on the 30th we have the P.L.A.N. Easter Egg hunt at the community center starting at 1pm.

We are still looking for anyone who would be interested in helping get the sports program committee started. We need volunteers in order to get the Baseball and Soccer Programs up and running again. If you have information, ideas or are willing to help in this project or any other related projects please contact me at the village hall.

We are also looking for any ideas, programs or events that can be used to help create activities for the spring and summer months.

Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

The Beautification Committee invites and extends a warm welcome to new committee members and volunteers who would like to join us as we seek to beautify our community together. We have listed the 2013 Calendar for review with a strong desire that you will join us as we stage varying events. Additional information will be provided directly before each event. The foremost event will be an Informational Meeting on plans for this year's Community Garden. Details to follow.

2013 Calendar

Regular Meetings: 2nd Monday of month, as needed, 7pm at the Municipal Center

Activities:

May 26-June 1: Clean Green and Preen Week

June 1: Clean, Green and Preen Service Day

June 15: Community Yard Sale

Community Garden – Informational Meeting will be in April ~ Further Details Forthcoming

Teaser: DO YOU KNOW THE STORY BEHIND THE 2012-2013 VILLAGE STICKER THAT ADORNS THE WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE?

Human Relations Commission

Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt

NEW Commissioners

We asked, and two answered the call! We are pleased to have Lynda Washington as a new Commissioner, and Mayor/Trustee Hanks who agreed to sign on for another term. They were both sworn into office at a recent Board Meeting.

There are two seats open and, again we ask interested individuals to send a letter of interest to HRCCommissioner@yahoo.com or address a note to Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chairman and send it to the Municipal Center, 21801 Torrence, Sauk Village, Illinois 60411. Desirable characteristics are a willingness to work towards peace and diversity within the community.

Officers of the 2013 Commission are Commissioners: Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Chairman, Frank Williams, Co-Chairman, Steve Blom, Secretary, and David Hanks, Treasurer.

Youth Council

A couple of students and their parents from Rickover Jr. High School, who are participating on the Youth Council led by Commissioner Steve Blom, attended the Board Meeting in February to present the Youth Council's Vision Statement and to witness our governance. They were well received.

Activities Planned for 2013

Memorial Bricks – We are currently working with Public Works on details

Mothers' Day Tea – Tentatively planned for the Saturday before.

Volunteers are needed to help plan this event.

Diversity Dinner – The Commissioners will host 6 – 10 Sauk Village community citizens in each of our homes to discuss topics relating to improving relations and to increase understanding of others' culture. Details to follow

Special Note: This Commission is here to provide mediation and assistance to those experiencing difficulties relative to problems with landlords, community services and however we can be of assistance. Let us know how we can assist! We are only steps away!

Senior News

Rose Langston

The Senior Citizens Committee's various senior programs are available to our village seniors and are mostly FREE.

- . Blood pressure screening (also for all village residents and village employees) on Mondays, March 4th, April 8th,
- . Book exchange program, thank yous to the McConathy Library and the many donors.
- . Computer classes on Thursdays, March 21st, April 11th and 25th, May 9th and 23rd for practice and current students from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m. On Fridays, March 22nd, April 12th and 26th, May 10th and 24th pre-registered students from 1:00 until 2:30 p.m.
- . Monthly movies co-sponsored with McConathy Library on Mondays, March 11th (Something The Lord Made), April 8th (The Incredible Hulk), and May 13th (I Remember Mama 1948) at 12:30 p.m. at the library. The library provides light refreshments and you may bring a brown bag lunch.
- . Zumba Gold classes, especially for seniors, on the first and third Saturdays, March 2nd and 16th, April 6th and 20th, May 4th and 18th from 1:00 until 1:45 p.m. All seniors age fifty and older are welcome to this class regardless of residency.

The Committee's quarterly senior citizen event is our 5th annual 'Chili Cook Off' on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 12:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with entertainment, line dancing, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Chili volunteers are needed (contact any committee members), there will be monetary prizes. It's a all you can eat for a nominal cost, see posted flyers for details.

Three village senior organizations meet in the Senior Center in the Municipal building at 21801 Torrence Avenue (use north entrance) are looking for new senior members age fifty and older. The Fun Club provides FREE basic line dance lessons for their members every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. dues are \$10.00 annually. Sunshiners meet at 7:00 p.m. every first and third Monday (except on Labor day) dues are \$14.00 annually. Leisure Timers meet at 2:00 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday dues are \$15.00 annually.

Other groups meeting in the Senior Center are: VFW every second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; BMW Crossroads every third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.; and Ceramics every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. New members welcome.

The committee meets monthly every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. For additional information and/or questions, please leave a brief message at (708) 758-3330 for a call back as time permits.

Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood

A guy by the name of A. Whitney Brown said, "The past actually happened, but history is only what someone wrote down." How very true this statement is. If not for those that took pen to paper (or fingers to keyboards) though, what record would we have? We have the stories- the kitchen table talk when two or three old friends get together, the bits and pieces we gather from an old photograph. What happens when those stories are lost and the photographs faded? We wish somebody took the time to write that stuff down.

Just recently, our department secretary Donna Rooney happened upon a small gold mine. Tucked away deep in a seldom used file drawer, Donna chanced upon a three page document titled, "Sauk Village Fire Department, A History," by Assistant Chief Tom Schroeder. Assistant Chief Schroeder retired from the Sauk Village Fire Department in 2002 after 27 years of service to this community. AC Schroeder was one of those few people who took the time to write out history.

paper was the objective approach he took. Other than penning his name under the title, there were no names mentioned- only the progressive growth of a fire department from 1957 to 1999. This paper inspired me to write the next 14 years as an addendum to AC Schroeder's work. I followed his lead and left out the names, well, except one- our late Fire Chaplain Lee Gatzke. It seemed appropriate. So, now there exists a pretty decent, chronological history of the Sauk Village Fire Department- from the "10 men and a 1934 Chevrolet fire engine," to today. The next project will be to dig up some old photos and put together a book, but don't hold your breath.

Want to become a part of history in the making? The Fire Service is FULL of history and tradition. 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 of the things I admired about AC Schroeder's



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On March 6, 2013, a court order was issued requiring the Village of Sauk Village to continue to use temporary air stripping equipment to provide its residents with safe and clean drinking water. This concludes years of litigation between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Sauk Village.

In 2009, vinyl chloride was detected in the Village's water system, specifically Well #3. The Village shut down Wells #3 and supplied its residents water from Wells #1 and #2. The EPA directed the Illinois Attorney General to file a compliance lawsuit against the Village in April 2010, requesting an overhaul of the Village's water system. The Village made some improvements to the water system and reviewed all options to supply its residents with the safe and clean drinking water. One option suggested by the EPA was the installation of temporary air strippers to remove vinyl chloride from the water.

During the summer of 2012, vinyl chloride was detected in Wells #1 and #2 and continued to rise to levels which required the Village to send notices to its residents and businesses. Residents were advised not to consume water from Wells #1 and #2 and bottled water was distributed by the Village. In August of 2012, temporary air strippers were installed with the assistance of multiple state agencies, and the Village has provided safe and clean water and continues to do so today.

The Village is in the process of purchasing and installing permanent air strippers to provide safe and clean water for years to come. The Village's long term plan is to obtain Lake Michigan water. This is only possible after major infrastructure improvements can be made to the water supply system. The Village's plan to install permanent air strippers, repair the Village's leaking water supply lines and other infrastructure work has been reviewed and approved by the EPA. The Village's approval plan is contained in the March 6, 2013 court order.

The EPA lawsuit carried a potential fine of \$50,000 per count of the Complaint, plus a maximum fine of \$10,000 for every day the violations existed. The Village fines could have easily exceeded \$1,000,000 based upon the length of this litigation. In concluding this litigation the Village has agreed to pay a fine of \$2,500, a significant savings to the Village and its taxpayers.

The resolution of this complex matter was made possible by the cooperative efforts of our consultants, Village Attorney Odelson and Sterk, Village Engineer Robinson Engineering, and the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

A copy of the court order can be reviewed on the Village's website www.saukvillege.org.