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Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks



Sauk Village Mayor, Village Clerk and Board of Trustees. The results of the April 9, 2013 election are final. Pictured from the left: Re-elected Trustee Rosie Williams, Re-elected Trustee Edward Myers, Newly elected Trustee Jeff Morden, Newly elected Mayor David Hanks, Re-elected Village Clerk Debbie Williams, Newly Elected Lynda Washington, Trustee Derrick Burgess and Newly appointed Trustee John Poskin. Trustee Burgess is beginning his third year of a four year term.

Mayor David Hanks and the Board of Trustees are excited for the opportunity to work together to restore the pride and progress to Sauk Village. The Board will work together to focus on safety for the residents, economic development, programming for all ages and water quality improvements. There are several committees looking for volunteers including Parks and Recreation, Intergovernmental Relations and Neighborhood Watch to name a few. Find out how you can be part of positive movement in your community by submitting a letter of interest to Mayor David Hanks at 21801 S. Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village, IL 60411 or email Village Clerk Debbie Williams at dlw1633@aol.com.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

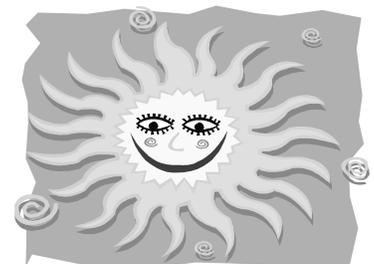
Village stickers are now on sale. All stickers must be displayed by midnight June 30th. Late fees will be assessed and tickets will be issued after the June 30th deadline. Village sticker prices are as follows:
Motorcycles, passenger cars and RV's \$30.00
Motor buses and trucks - Starting at \$48.00

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. There will also be no Republic Service garbage pickup on that day.

Look in this issue for more information on the July 6th Freedom Celebration.

Check out the Sauk Village calendar at www.saukvilleage.org to

learn more about the activities taking place in the community including. School is out soon. Please be careful and have a safe, enjoyable summer!



Public Relations Committee

Trustee Rosie Williams



Congratulation to the 2013 Student Government Day winners. The students listed below were chosen to participate in Student Government Day on April 23, 2013. Each student was assigned a position to actively conduct the Village Board meeting which involved committee reports and passing legislation. The students did an outstanding job and were honored at a reception following the Board meeting. The Public Relations Committee would like to thank everyone involved in fundraising, organizing and conducting the tour of Village facilities for these students.

Imani	Crews	Terrance	Rodgers	Tyreese	Erwin
Osaze	Enorence	Tennell	Spann	Aniyia	Bell
Monique	Aguilar	Octavia	Brown	Rayquan	Williams
Mikayla	Echols	Kalayah	Robinson	Brianna	Manney
Zakari	Ayres	Bianca	Henson	Tia	Lipscomb
Kristen	Ryan	Ticaria	Reed	Danryen	Doyle-Fulton
JuJuan	Jackson	Jade	Jenkins		



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.

Police Department

Tim Holevis

Tuesday, May 14, 2013, was a historic day in Sauk Village. Congratulations from the Police Department to Mayor Hanks and the newly elected board. It was also a commemorative day for the Police Department as Officer Scott Langan was sworn in as a Sergeant and 3 new recruits were also sworn in by the Village Clerk Debbie Williams. Congratulations to all four of these Officers. The 3 recruits are Jacob Howard, Ryan Sasano and Ronald Tomalis. All three recruits are currently being trained in the Chicago Police Academy and are expected to graduate sometime in August. I would like to congratulate our other 3 probationary Police Officers who started in February 2013, Officers Mike Brown, Chad Frederickson and Frank White. All three are experienced officers, who came to the department with certifications in hand. This in turn was an advantage for the village since there was no expense associated with their training. I would also like to report with the help of Mayor Hanks, the Police Department was able to obtain a new K-9. Officer Seth Brown and his K-9 Falco are in training and citizens will be seeing them shortly.

I would also like to commend Sauk Village officers for their continuing efforts in combating crimes throughout the village. I am proud to report crimes are down in the village as they are throughout the nation. Citizens are continuing to call the police and report suspicious activities, which is a great help to the police. Citizens have called in descriptions of offenders and other information necessary for the police to make an apprehension. Several citizens were also instrumental in assisting the police in the efforts to apprehend the bad guys. It's a great feeling when the citizens can come together with the police in a situation of this type. It is also a great feeling when neighbors come together to help each other. After all, isn't that what neighbors are for? Thanks for all your help!

JUST SOME REMINDERS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Curfew times are 11:00pm Friday until 600am Saturday

11:00pm Saturday until 600am Sunday

All other days 10:00pm

No parking on the street on garbage day between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm.

FROM THE CHIEF'S DESK

A Little Police Humor

A police officer attempts to stop a car for speeding and the guy gradually increases his speed until he's topping 100 mph. He eventually realizes he can't escape and finally pulls over.

The cop approaches the car and says, "It's been a long day and my tour is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behavior, I'll let you go."

The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back!"

Senior News

Rose Langston

You are welcome to other groups meeting in the Senior Center, they are: the Sauk Village Blue Grass on Sundays from 6 until 10 p.m., the event is free, no dues and a free will donation is taken to cover the cost of beverages and paper supplies; Sauk Village VFW Post 2690 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8 p.m.; BMW Crossroads No. 55 every 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.; and the Ceramics Group on Wednesdays from 8 to 11 a.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. The SV VFW welcomes the public to their annual Memorial Day service at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 27th at the St. James Cemetery (394 and Sauk Trail) with a 50/50 raffle drawing following the service.

Keep the dates open for: the annual Bloom Township senior picnic on Thursday, August 1, 2013. Tickets will go on sale July 1st; and the Sauk Village Senior Committee annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 12, 2013. There is a nominal cost for both events.

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 Sterrett, and Frank Williams.

Code Enforcement

Sherry Jasinski

To All Residents

With spring here and summer just around the corner, the Sauk Village Community Development Department would like to point out a few of our ordinances that we have had numerous complaints on. We want to make our residents aware that tickets can and will be issued for violating these ordinances.

Garbage cans cannot be stored in front of your house

72.11D Parking in the street on garbage day prohibited from 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m.

151.037(A) Parking on non hard surface is prohibited

79.2 Village stickers required

94.50 Grass and weeds over 8 inches tall prohibited- When cutting your grass please do not cut into the street, when it rains it washes down to the sewers and the sewers become clogged which causes flooding on the street

90.01 Junk auto and parts prohibited

150.34 Failure to maintain pool

151.38 Failure to maintain property

In order to help the appearance of our community please pick up litter that is lying around your property.

Parks and Recreation

Trustees John Poskin and Jeff Morden

The Parks and Recreation Committee is working on a Freedom Celebration that will take place on Saturday, July 6th. The July 6th Parade Committee is working on a parade which is scheduled to begin at 1:00 pm at Popeye's Chicken and will continue down Sauk Trail ending at the Village Hall. Parade lineup will start at 11:00 am. See the attached Parade Registration form to register your car, truck, bike or float.

The Parks and Recreation Committee is also working to provide activities behind Village Hall after the parade which may include fireworks at dusk. The Parks and Recreation Committee is currently conducting fundraising to offset the costs of the fireworks. Please watch for definite follow up whether or not fireworks will actually take place. Donations towards fireworks can be dropped off at the Village Hall.

Volunteers are needed on both the Parks and Recreation Committee and the July 6th Parade Committee. The Parks and Recreation Committee is also working on establishing a baseball/ softball league for ages 5-12 starting in the fall and a basketball league in January. Registration for baseball is ongoing at the Village Hall. Basketball registration will begin late fall.

Any questions, please call Trustee John Poskin at 708/ 753-5125.



PARADE APPLICATION

The parade application is available at the Village Hall and www.saukville.org



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



There's no denying that our weather this season has been goofy, to say the least. Unfortunately, it's not over yet. Disaster in general is something nobody likes to think about and your chances of winning the lottery are probably better, but none the less, disaster can strike any of us at any given time. In a disaster situation, like a tornado, there are numerous resources available to us as a fire department and community. But depending on the magnitude of the disaster, it will take time for emergency resources to get to you.

There are things you can do to help yourself. Take a look at these resources- www.ready.illinois.gov

www.fema.gov

www.alertchicago.org

These websites contain valuable information about preparing for and surviving any number of disasters. The key to survival starts with you- take the time to make a

family disaster plan and kit. Any of the listed websites can help you with this.

Along these same lines, Sauk Village is notorious for prolonged power outages in certain areas. Again, if you are energy dependant for health reasons, plan ahead. Make arrangements ahead of time for a backup generator or to be moved to another location. As we have learned the hard way over the last couple years, there are significantly more energy dependant residents in town now than in years past and the Fire Department cannot supply generators. Many years ago, that was not the case, but not any more. Like we say here at the Fire Department- plan/prepare for the worst and hope for the best.

Stay tuned to the Sauk Village Fire Department Facebook page for details on our upcoming annual June Pancake Breakfast!



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. Registration will begin in August.

Beautification Committee

Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Regular Meetings: Second Monday of the month, as needed, 7p at the Municipal Center. Come out and join the Committee!

The Committee is moving into its busy season! Check out all we have in store and then pick up the actual detailed flyers at the Municipal Center and locations throughout the Village.

Activities:

The Sauk Community Gardens



The Community Garden is a piece of land behind the Library, gardened by a group of people. Community gardens provide access to fresh produce and plants as well as access to satisfying labor, neighborhood improvement, sense of community and connection to the environment. Come by and join us as we plant, weed and reap. Or if you like, secure your own plot. Contact Marva Campbell-Pruitt at SVBeautification@yahoo.com

June 15: Community Yard Sale – VENDORS and BUYERS needed!

Now that you have cleaned, make some extra money. One person's junk is another's treasure. For a small fee of \$15.00, Vendors receive a 10 X 10 space to sale items.

Contact Marva Campbell-Pruitt at SVBeautification@yahoo.com or 708-753-0582



Save the Dates

July 7-13: Hootsie Judging Week – Contact Beth Zupon

July 20-23: Presentation of Awards

October 13th or 20th: Living Springs Service Day

Human Relations Commission

Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt

The Human Relations Commission is guided by the Open Meeting Act. As such, there is an agenda item for public comment. Please plan to meet with us on the first Monday of every month at the Municipal Center, as we are eager to serve our community to insure peace, harmony, diversity, problem –solving and resources. Let us hear from you. And, going forth, check the Village web-site for the agenda for upcoming meetings and approved minutes.

Upcoming Events

Community of Healing Affair – Date to be announced

We are planning a social gathering of Village Officials, residents and former candidates. Stay tuned for more details!

Movies in the Park

Let's get out of the house and socialize with family and friends! The Commission, along with the Library Board District, the Senior Committee, Parks and Recs, and the Sauk Village Youth Council will host two summer events. We are eager to know which movies you wish to see. This event is free to the public. Concession Sales will benefit activities of the Sauk Village Youth Council! An Adhoc Committee is being formed. Contact HRCommissioners@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving on the committee.

Health and Resource Fair

This event is planned for the fall. Keep a look-out for more details as there will certainly be something for everyone.

Commissioners Needed

The Commission is in need of three Commissioners. We wish to review a full slate of candidates to present for Board approval. There are, one – 2.5 year term, and two – 1.5 year terms. Please inform either Commissioner Marva Campbell-Pruitt or Mayor Hanks of your interest to serve.



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE & FIRE NON-EMERGENCY	758-1331		
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	SENIOR CENTER	753-5141
BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400	COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.	210-4500
RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357	McCONATHY LIBRARY	757-4771
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-334-7661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
SKYLINE DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG