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Governor Quinn Announces Investment in Sauk Village Water Supply Project
New Treatment System to Help Keep Drinking Water Supply Clean and Contaminant-Free

Governor Pat Quinn announced a \$4.8 million investment to improve the drinking water supply system for Sauk Village. Funded by the Governor's Illinois Jobs Now! capital construction program, this project will help keep the village's water supply system clean and contaminant-free. The announcement is part of Governor Quinn's agenda to drive the economy forward and protect the environment by modernizing Illinois' water infrastructure. "Illinois is committed to ensuring all residents have access to safe, clean water," Governor Quinn said. "This investment will provide much-needed aid to Sauk Village that will help ensure their drinking water is safe. The new treatment system will utilize an innovative method to remove contaminants and provide peace of mind to all residents of Sauk Village." The village is currently operating a temporary water treatment system through two wells to combat contamination of vinyl-chloride. The state's investment will be used to construct a permanent treatment system and help develop maximum setback zones for community water wells in the village to protect the groundwater from future contamination. "It is important that Sauk Village residents have assuredly safe drinking water," Illinois EPA Director Lisa Bonnett said. "This grant will make needed drinking water treatment equipment more affordable for the community." "I would like to convey my personal thanks to the Governor and the IEPA for all their assistance in helping the village deal with our water contamination," Sauk Village Mayor David A. Hanks said. "The Governor's Clean Water Initiative was key to enabling Sauk Village to install the necessary treatment to provide safe water in sufficient quantity to the village's water users. We could not have done this without you!" "I also truly appreciate the IEPA's assistance in helping the village deal with our water contamination," Mayor Hanks added. "The IEPA was instrumental in keeping the project moving forward, from the early planning stages, through design and continuing during construction. I cannot thank you enough for your expertise, cooperation and dedication throughout this challenging period for our village." The Sauk Village project is part of Governor Quinn's \$31 billion Illinois Jobs Now! program, which will support more than 439,000 jobs



News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Happy Fall!
Village Hall hours are Monday through Friday 8am-5pm. The Village Hall will be closed on November 27 and 28, December 24 and 25 and January 1 and 19 in observance of the upcoming holidays. There will be no trash pickup on November 27 and December 25.

We are looking for ways to communicate with our residents. There is a lot happening that you may want to be a part of. Check out the "What's Happening in Sauk Village" included in this edition. Also, enroll now for Sauk Village email alerts at www.saukville.org, and like us

on Facebook- Sauk Village Information for OFFICIAL Sauk Village news and alerts. There are three Trustee seats up for election in April 2015. Check out www.cookcountyclerk.com for more information. See the flyer in this edition for the upcoming Resource/ Craft Fair taking place on November

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SAUK VILLAGE???

November 6th - Public Works offers a leaf collection program at no cost to you which will allow you to dispose of your leaves.

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

All leaves must be out for the final pickup no later than November 19th there are no exceptions.

In order for this program to be successful, we are asking all residents to follow the guidelines that are listed below.

October 31st - you may start raking leaves over the curb onto the street. **DO NOT LEAVE THEM ON THE PARKWAY.** Only leaves that are on the street will be swept and picked up.

During these scheduled sweeping/ pick ups we are asking all residents **NOT** to park on the streets Monday through Friday from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Vehicles parked on the street greatly reduce the success of the program.

After November 30th any leaves must be bagged using the brown yard waste bags with the yard waste stickers. These will be picked up on the day of your garbage pick up. You must follow these instructions in order to avoid a fine.

We greatly appreciate your continued cooperation and support. If you have any questions regarding the program please contact the **Village Hall at 758-3330.**

November 19th - Town Hall Meeting- 7pm- 8:30 pm Village Hall Contact Trustee Burgess for additional information 708/758-3330

November 20th - Sauk Village 2nd Annual Resource Fair- 3 pm- 8 pm Sauk Village Municipal Center – See www.saukvillage.org for a list of vendors and resources that will be available. Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams for more information 708/351-8922

December 6th - Santa Parade starting at 10:00am. Watch for Santa and his sleigh to ride down your street throughout the day. The Santa Parade will finish at the Community Center later in the day (Time not determined) for refreshments and the tree lighting ceremony at dusk. Sponsored by Sauk Village Parks and Recreation. Contact Trustee Poskin at 708/753-5125 or jposkin@saukvillage.org

December 7th - Breakfast with Santa- 8am- noon Join Santa for all you can eat pancakes (with sausage and beverages). Cost \$5.00 Bring your camera to take pictures with Santa. Sauk Village Fire Department. Call 708/758-2225 for more information.

December 8th - Neighborhood Watch Committee- Christmas Party- Pot Luck 6:30 pm Fire Station Contact Trustee Lynda Washington to RSVP or for more information 708/753-5130

December 11th - Deputy Registrar Class- 6:30pm-Paesel Community Center- bring a Picture ID and one other proof of identification.

*****Bloom Township now has a satellite office in Sauk Village every Thursday from 11 am – 1pm** in the Village Hall. They are available to serve all Bloom Township residents with a variety of services including utility bill and other housing assistance. Contact Keith Lott for more information. 708/754-9400

*****Enroll Now for Sauk Village Email**

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.



Fire Department

Aaron Anderson




**BREAKFAST
WITH
SANTA**

**DECEMBER 7TH
8AM TO 1PM**

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO
TOWN AND HE IS HUNGRY FOR
BREAKFAST**

**COME ENJOY
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES
ADULTS \$5
KIDS (11 OR YOUNGER)
AND SENIORS \$4
ALSO GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN
WITH SANTA**

**COME HAVE BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA
AT THE SAUK VILLAGE FIRE
DEPARTMENT
1804 222ND ST.
SAUK VILLAGE, IL**






IT IS STARTING TO RAIN AND GET COLD.

Watch for leaves on the ground when driving, they are just as slippery as ice. Check and change your furnace filters. We will soon be getting snow, I know that nobody likes to hear that but its coming so take caution when driving.

We would like to congratulate Codi Ramaeker on his promotion to the rank of Acting Engineer. We wish him the best on this new journey.

We would like to welcome Monica Ciarlo, and Scott Booth back to the fire department. They have been and will continue to be great assets to the department and the town.

Continue to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Make sure to replace the batteries when daylight savings time changes or every six month, they can go bad. Never be afraid to call the fire department because it is better to be safe than sorry.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – December 7th from 8am to 1pm

Come out for the Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa and his helper firefighters.

We will serve pancakes, sausage, bacon, and eggs.

Come get your picture taken with Santa. Bring the entire family.

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.





2nd Annual Sauk Village Resource Fair
Thursday, November 20, 2014
21801 S. Torrence Avenue
3pm-8pm

Village Woods- 3pm- 5pm Retirement - Assisted Living and Senior Day Club

Campaign for Better Healthcare- What benefits are you eligible for? Make an appointment for free assistance with Open Enrollment on Medicaid or the Affordable Care Act. Open enrollment period- Nov 15- Feb 15.

Illinois State Treasurer's Office – I-CASH Program

Sauk Village Walgreens – FREE Flu Shot

ComEd's Smart Ideas® Energy Efficiency Program offers tips, tools, and rebates to help you save money and energy. Learn More. Save More.

Neighborhood Housing Service- “Realizing the American Dream”- Receive information about the home buying process and learn how you may qualify for up to \$32,500 in assistance

Bloom Township- Provides Counseling, Assistance with Utilities and Resume Writing/ Food and Pet Pantry Applications- Keith Lott

UBER and PACE - Expanding Transportation Options

Special Presentations:

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| 3:00 pm- 3:30 pm | Village Woods – Elyssia Roozeboom |
| 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm | Campaign for Better Health- Jessica Palys |
| 5:30 pm- 5:45 pm | Illinois State Treasurer's Office – I-CASH Program-
Debbie Meyers- Martin |
| 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Sauk Village Walgreens – FREE Flu Shot |
| 6:00 pm – 6:30 pm | ComEd's Smart Ideas® Energy Efficiency Workshop |
| 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm | Neighborhood Housing Services- Sandra Wells |

For additional information please contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams 708/351-8922 or enroll for Sauk Village eblasts. Login to www.saukvillage.org and Get Access Today!



Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington-House



THANK YOU TO ALL THE SUPPORTERS THAT CONTRIBUTED FOR OUR Back to School Book Bag give a ways. Also, The safety rally and swearing in of the Block captains was great!

Remember we meet the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station 1802 222nd Street. Also we are looking for Block captains for every block. We need your support. We are winding up our NO TEXTING while driving and NO Bullying campaign. You can retrieve copies of the Pledge to sign at the Village Hall during regular business hours.

Lastly, we have a few copies of our video HAPPY . You can also purchase a copy at the Village Hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (708) 758-5130.

We welcome volunteers to come and join The Neighborhood Watch Committee!



Mayor David Hanks With Trustee Lynda Washington-House at the Back to School Safety Rally on September 8, 2014

McConathy Library News

Victoria Dettloff

Now in session McConathy Library will be doing crafts and movie days alternating on Mondays.. Crafts are for grades

1st thru 3rd sign up at front desk. Space is limited.

3p.m. to 4 p.m.

Movies are 3p.m until approximately 4:30. No limit or sign up required for movie..

Children must be accompanied by an adult

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE LIBRARY STAFF!!!!!!!



Senior News

Rose Langston

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period deadline is approaching soon, December 7. Medicare recipients can: enroll in a Medicare Part D drug; enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan; and change to a different Part D or Medicare Advantage plan. These changes will be effective January 1, 2015.

Annually, insurance companies that offer Medicare Part D coverage are allowed to change their premiums, deductibles, co-pays and also allowed to add or remove medications from the list of medications an insurance plan covers. Insurance companies are required to send Annual Notice of Change packets to their Part D plan with the explanation of changes to a plan's benefits, drug list and costs.

Assisting with evaluating your current plan or switching to a new one is available from your local township offices (some are Bloom 708-754-9400, Crete 708-672-8279, Rich 708-748-6722, and Thornton 705-596-6040) or Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN) agency. Call Age Option at 708-383-0258 for referral to your local ADRN. Assistance is also available by calling 1-800-Medicare (1-800-633-4227) or the website www.medicare.gov clicking 'Find health & drug plans.

Beware of Medicare scams especially during this enrollment period. It is imperative that you do not give out any of your personal information, especially your Medicare or Social Security number, when someone makes the call or via e-mail the request. Banks and Medicare do not call requesting your personal information, they already have the information. Be sure to check your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) carefully for errors or possible fraud or abuse. Call the Illinois SMP (Senior Medicare Patrol) at AgeOption at 800-699-9043 for assistance in reading your MSN or to report a suspected fraud or abuse

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: on November 10th 'Waterboy'; and on 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.- November 3rd, and December 1st. A new program 'Silver Sneaker FLEX' meets every Tuesday from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for a low cost of \$2.00 per class, no charge for Silver Sneaker members. 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 except for one on November 14th, and December 12th.

Three senior organizations meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday 3:00 p.m. SV Fun Club, 1st and 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. Sunshiners, and 2nd and 4th (except in November and December) Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Leisure Timers 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 meet every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

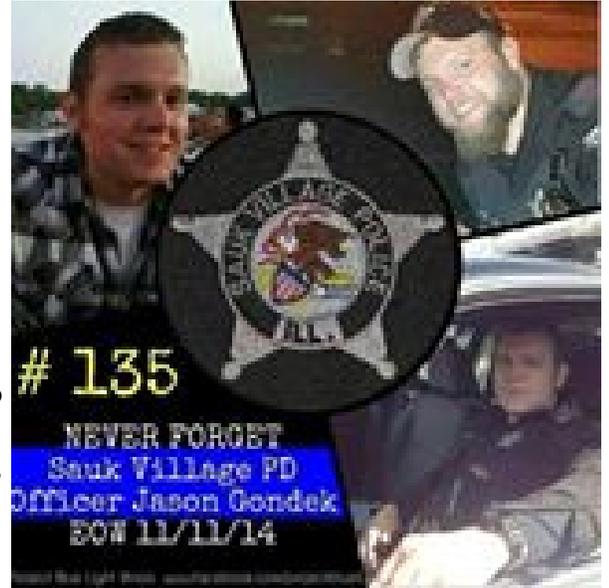
The 11th Annual Senior Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success, thanks to our wonderful volunteers Alici Comge, Belinda Dekruiff, Rose Ketcham, Bill and Donna Luedtk, Roberta Martinez, Nadine Morgan and Chris Turner. Our special thank you to line dance instructor Flora Haynes and the musicians 'The Morgan Family and Larry Long.' Congratulations to the many door prize (donated by Rose Langston, Nadine Morgan and Delores Randall), special prize (donated by Bob Ketcham and Delores Randall) and a 50/50 raffle (Wayne Ravesloot) winners. Not to forget to thank committee members chef Gary Holcomb, Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett and Larry Stewart.

Police Department

Tim Holevis

As the Chief of Police, I would like to inform the community of a great loss. Police Officer Jason Gondek lost his fight with cancer on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Jason was and always will be a 6 year veteran of the Sauk Village Police Department and a member of SSERT. I remember when Jason first approached me about being assigned to SSERT, the South Suburban Emergency Response Team. These are the guys that go after people like the Boston Bombers. I thought maybe he was pulling my leg! Turns out, Officer Gondek was the best officer and person that I could have assigned to SSERT. Officer Gondek has continued to thank me for that assignment, time and time again. Even at a recent benefit for Jason he found the time to thank me and stated being assigned to SSERT was the best thing for him and how he would be coming back to work the desk. I told Jason, "you deserve it, you earned it" and "I will be holding that desk job open for you".

My condolences to the entire Gondek Family and the entire police family. May God Keep You All Safe!



The Police Department is also sad to report that Records Clerk Emily Walker lost her battle with cancer on Friday November 14, 2014. Emily was a long time, hard working employee who will be sorely missed.

Housing Commission

This has been a summer to remember both as a learning curve dealing with state government and trying to remove some of the blight with the summer grass cutting program.

A limited number of vacant homes had their lawn cut every two weeks for a total of 900 plus cuts over a five month period. The sad part was we were unable to cut every property that needed it because many of the homes have owners of record and the grant was for abandoned properties only. The commission was granted an inside track onto some hard working residents that played a major role in cutting the grass and cleaning up a lot of eyesores throughout the village. Next year should be less hectic for one and all. I for one as Chairperson of the Housing Commission cannot thank the commissioners, residents, and public works personnel who stepped up to the plate and did their part not only for the money but for the pride of doing something beneficial to their community. Thanks to every one of you!

Blossoms News

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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