

Sauk Village Hall

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Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks

Sauk Talk

I am pleased to share with the residents a recent positive development for the Village's industrial community. The Village through its TIF team has been working with developer VHE II-Sauk, LLC over the last six (6) months in order to facilitate the almost \$17,000,000 purchase and development of a 496,260 square foot building.

VHE II-Sauk, LLC entered into a real estate purchase agreement for the property with plans to make substantial improvements in order to operate the building as a warehouse distribution facility. On Tuesday, October 25th the Village finalized the Redevelopment Agreement with VHE II-Sauk, LLC when the board passed a resolution to approve the agreement at the regular village board meeting. This resolution aids in the completion of the property improvements and to ensure growth in the Village's industrial district.

Incentives were required in order to bring this development to Sauk Village and the Village's TIF team met with several state and county agencies to facilitate this development and agreement. The improvements include a rail spur, additional rail siding, truck spots, truck doors and parking lot enhancements. This development will result in additional job opportunities within the Village as well as increased tax revenues within the district. It also provides the Village an opportunity to highlight the advantages of the Village industrial center to businesses the Village is currently meeting with as well as future developers.

I would like to thank the Village's TIF team for working with the state and county on this agreement, including Former Mayor Ed Paesel, Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc and Odelson and Sterk.

VHE II-Sauk, LLC is a reputable business whose continued presence within the Village's industrial community is expected to stimulate and strengthen the Village's business environment. We look forward to a continued relationship with VHE II-Sauk, LLC and wish them success with their project and improvements.

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Visit www.saukville.org for an update of village news and events. Click on the calendar tab to view month by month. There are various events scheduled throughout the month that residents need to know about. During the month of November, there are several workshops that you or someone you know may benefit from. Representatives will be on hand to provide a presentation on the Affordable Care Act and registration between the hours of 10:30 am- 1:30 pm on Thursday, November 14th and 12:00 - 4:00 pm on Saturday, November 23rd and presentation only at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November

14th. Find out how the Affordable Care Act may affect you and your family. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions. Also, on Saturday, November 23rd there will be a Foreclosure Workshop during the hours of 9:00 am-12:00pm and a Property Tax Review and Appeal Workshop from 10:30 am-12:30 pm. The Village Hall is now open Wednesdays. Village Hall hours are Monday through Friday 8am- 5 pm. Water bill payments can be dropped off at the night depository box located at the northeast corner of the Village Hall located at 21801 S. Torrence Avenue. Residents can also pay

online with the PSN system. Check out www.saukville.org for more information. The Village Hall will be closed November 28th & 29th, December 24th & 25th, 2012 and January 1, 2014 in observance of the holidays. There are many ways you can make a difference this holiday season by remembering the reason for the season. Have a safe and loving holiday season and a Happy New Year!



Community Outreach Partnership

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Community Outreach Partnership committee has been very busy. Last month we had the opportunity to work with the Sauk Village Police Department to have a SVPD Meet and Greet. The event was very well received by residents, officials and the SVPD. It was an opportunity for the citizens of Sauk Village to obtain more information about our officers, the department and the hard work that the men and women of the SVPD are committed to every day. Light refreshments were served, questions were answered and door prizes were given out. As a committee, we look forward to doing more open houses with the Police Department as well as all of the departments of Sauk Village. Many thanks go out to the members of the Community Outreach Partnership committee as well as the many volunteers for that day. A special thanks goes to the SVPD for their support and assistance with this and future events. If you would like to be a part of the committee and or have suggestions for more informational events you would like to see in the future please contact Trustee Rosie Williams. It is our sincerest wish that this holiday season bring you joy, compassion and fellowship.



Public Relations

Trustee Rosie Williams

The Public Relations Committee of Sauk Village is holding a “Design the 2014 Village Sticker” competition open to all Sauk Village students in grades 3- 7. The rules along with the entry blank are included online, at the local schools and the Village Hall. Sauk Village home schooled students and Sauk Village students attending private schools are encouraged to participate. Students are also encouraged to use their own imagination.

Artwork must be drawn on the original form. No substitutions will be accepted.

All Artwork must be done in markers. Drawing only- NO WORDS.

Drawings must fit within the space provided. Do not draw outside of the line.

Deadline to submit drawings: December 2, 2013 12:00 pm.

Judging will take place on December 4, 2013.

Winners will be announced at the December 10th Village Board meeting.

The Public Relations Committee is also working on the 2014 Student Government Day for the 8th Grade students. This year’s topic will be “Who has had the most impact on your life up to now?” We encourage all 8th grade students to participate.

Please watch for future Public Relations Sauk Talk articles which will include the winners of the village sticker contest and Student Government Day.

Happy Hanukkah, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanza and may you have a very Happy

McConathy Public Library News

Colleen Baughman



The garden season is over. This was a very successful year and so many residents were able to enjoy the fruits of their labor. We have been cleaning out the beds so they are ready for next spring. Renee’s Garden has donated a nice variety of seeds for next year. Please look us up on facebook and like us so you can keep updated on what’s going on at the library.

We hope everyone has a safe holiday season!

Parks and Recreation

Trustee John Poskin

We here at Parks and Recreation Committee has been working on several projects the last couple of months. First, we had the corn and dog roast in September which turned out great as the kids loved all the games that were there. All of the kids won several prizes. We sold out of our corn and dogs making it a great time for all.

In October, we had the Trunk and Treat which we had a great turn out for we had several people bring their cars decorated to give away candy. We had drawings for a pumpkin give away as well as a costume contest. We raffled off our giant bear and the winners for that were Jacen and Jaina Facchini. Congrats to them.

Our basketball program now has teams and we are getting ready to kick the season off as soon as we get the coaches in place. There will be a candy sale that goes along with it so when you see the coaches and players selling the candy please buy some. Games will be on Saturday at the community center.

We have contacted Santa-so watch for him in the Holiday Parade Saturday, Dec. 14th starting at 10:00 am from the Public Works Garage. He will make his way down every street in town. He will be on the south side of town until about 1 pm. Then he will be on the north side of town ending up at Paesel Community Center at approximately 4 pm. The Christmas tree lighting ceremony will follow. Afterwards, everyone is invited to go inside for a chance to sit on Santa's lap. Light refreshments will be served. Bring your camera to take pictures. Also, we are looking for anyone who would be interested in helping decorate the float and help with greetings at the community center after the parade through town.

We are planning more activities here in the coming months so please check in with the village to find out what is going on. Baseball season is fast approaching and we have plans for that and fixing up the fields.



Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



You are invited to attend our monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday of every month at the Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. Looking for Block Captains.. invite your neighbors.

Thank You: I would like to thank the residents for allowing me to serve you as a Trustee for the Village of Sauk Village. From October 17 - 19th, I attended with the other Trustees the IML Conference downtown Chicago at the Hilton Towers for 3 days. It was very informative, stimulating and educational. Networking with other Elected Officials all over the State of Illinois was enlightening as I discovered we share financial struggles and joys of serving our communities. Attending the classes was engaging, provoking and well structured to what we are facing today. Again, anytime I can be of any service to you feel free to contact me.

Announcing: The Neighborhood Watch Program will host a Tag Day on **Friday, November 15, 2013 from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** for donations to assist with purchasing Neighborhood Watch Signs, to be posted throughout Sauk Village! We are looking for volunteers to help for a couple of hours. We will be at 4 intersections and we need your help. Please contact me today at (708) 753-5130. It takes team work to make the dream work! Call me....Thanking you in Advance

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@saukvilleage.org.





Beautification Committee

Jeff Morden



Thank You for "Giving a Hoot!"

The Beautification Committee is pleased to present the winners of the 2013 **Hootsie Awards**. This year, Committee Members reviewed all 3000+ homes and businesses in the Village, looking for the "Best of the Best." We are pleased to present Hootsies to the 100 residences and 3 businesses listed below. Each winner was presented with a sign and letter of appreciation.

Residential Winners

1602 215th Pl	1922 215th Pl	2129 215th Pl	1636 216th Pl	2145 216th St
2018 217th St	2118 218th Pl	2151 218th Pl	1807 218th St	2012 218th St
1817 219th Pl	1828 219th Pl	1914 219th Pl	1924 219th Pl	2132 219th Pl
2238 220th St	2250 220th St	1708 222nd Pl	1742 223rd Pl	1748 223rd Pl
2824 223rd Pl	2849 223rd Pl	1734 223rd St	1823 223rd St	1827 223rd St
2043 223rd St	2402 223rd St	2424 223rd St	2437 223rd St	2455 223rd St
2818 223rd St	2820 223rd St	3039 224th Pl	2940 224th St	1777 225th Pl
1713 225th St	1747 225th St	1764 225th St	2401 Apache	1178 Barry Ln
191 Blue Jay Dr	22618 Brookwood	37 Candlelight Dr	86 Candlelight Dr	244 Cardinal Dr
1702 Carolina	99 Carriage Ln	160 Carriage Ln	172 Carriage Ln	21606 Charlotte Ct
21812 Clyde	22209 Clyde	22412 Clyde	21542 Cynthia	21606 Cynthia
10 Debra Ct	1746 East Brook Ct	22940 Eastbrook Dr	179 Falcon Drive	236 Falcon Drive
21600 Galine	22399 Indie Ln	22400 Indie Ln	1189 Janice Dr	21600 Jeffrey Ave
22427 Jeffrey Ave	22428 Jeffrey Ave	22506 Jeffrey Ave	803 Mary Byrne Dr	899 Mary Byrne Dr
926 Mary Byrne Dr	21912 Merrill	22167 Navaho	21706 Orion	21709 Orion
21751 Orion	230 Park Ln	249 Park Ln	257 Park Ln	291 Park Ln
21448 Peterson	21741 Peterson	22311 Plum Creek Dr	22317 Plum Creek Dr	22518 Plum Creek Dr
22526 Plum Creek Dr	2206 Poplar St	169 Robin Dr	2325 Rush St	1828 Sauk Trail
1830 Sauk Trail	22152 Shirley	161 Sparrow Dr	165 Sparrow Dr	22420 Strassburg
22425 Strassburg	22427 Strassburg	2200 Yates	22541 Yates	22547 Yates

Business Winners

Fire Station

McConathy Public Library

McDonalds

WANTED: Gently used holiday decorations.

The Beautification Committee will soon be decorating Village Hall and the Community Center for the upcoming holiday season. If you have any gently used decorations you'd like to donate, please contact Trustee Jeff Morden or bring them to Village Hall. Volunteers to assist with the decorating are welcome, too!

Senior News

Rose Langston

The Senior Committee's 10th Annual Senior Spaghetti dinner was a huge success, the largest one! Thank you one and all for your support making it all possible. We were very pleased to have had two mayors in attendance, our own Mayor David Hanks and South Chicago's Mayor Dave Owens. Several of our Trustees Jeff Morden, John Poskin, Lynda Washington and Rosie Williams, village clerk Debbie Williams and Fire Chief Al Stoffregren were also in attendance. We were very thankful for our new volunteer kitchen workers, Rose Ketcham, Sharon Nowak, Heidi Parker, Claudia and Ken Walker for a fantastic job. Other volunteers included Ben and Ethan Hanks, Nadine Morgan, Shirley Rowley, Steve Shympkus, and Linda Todd (my apologies to anyone I missed). Clean-up headed crew (Bob and Rose Ketcham, Heidi Parker, Steve Shympkus, and Linda Todd) by our fabulous chef Gary Holcomb, thank you for a job well done. Many thank yous to Steger Memorial for ticket, Barb Dorman/Southland Voice for ad and door prizes, and US Bank for ballpoint pens donations. Not to be remiss, thank you hard working committee members Gary Holcomb, Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Bev Sterrett and Frank Williams.

Our continuing Senior Committee FREE programs are: Zumba Gold every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 1-1:45 p.m. for all seniors 50+ regardless of residency; monthly blood pressure screening on the 1st Monday of the month for all village residents and employees, not just seniors; 12:30 p.m. monthly movies at the McConathy Library on the 2nd Monday of the month, December 9th 'Heidi' with blood pressure screening preceding the movie (bring a brown bag lunch, optional); and a paperback book exchange (thank you Nancy Baker and Linda Todd for recent paperback book donations) at the Senior Center. The monthly movies and refreshments at the library are co-sponsored with McConathy Library. See flyers for detail information and future scheduled dates.

Three senior organizations: 2nd and 4th Sunday 3:00 p.m. SV Fun Club; 1st and 3rd Monday 7:00 p.m. Sunshiners; and 2nd and 4th Wednesday 5:00 p.m. (except November 27th) 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 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. For security reasons, key access by authorized individuals (on their respective meeting time and day) may be obtained from the police station to the Senior Center.

The Bloom Township Community Lunch program continues monthly through April, see posted flyer for details. Tickets (township seniors \$4.00, non-township seniors \$8.00) are available from the township office seven (7) business day prior to the event. 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.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday (except in December) at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. For concerns and/or questions, call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits. Committee members are Gary Holcomb, Bob Ketcham, Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Delores Randall, Beverly Sterrett, Larry Stewart, and Frank Williams.

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.



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



I'm going to title this month's article "Welcome to the suburbs." I want to take this opportunity to clear up a few common misconceptions regarding the difference between big city fire departments, i.e. Chicago, and suburban departments like Sauk Village and many of our surrounding neighbors.

Misconception #1: The Sauk Village Fire Department is staffed 24/7/365- NOT TRUE. Like many suburban departments in our area, we are predominately Paid on Call. That means our firefighters have other full time jobs. When a 911 call comes in for the fire dept, our personnel are notified via pager. If they are available, they respond. We do have one part-time shift 7 days a week from 6am to 6pm. This is statistically our highest chance of having calls. The shift is intended to guarantee an apparatus driver/operator.

Misconception #2: The Sauk Village Fire Department has to have other towns come in to fight their fires for them (and that's a direct quote)- also NOT TRUE. The Chicago Fire Department staffs 100 fire stations with a wide variety of equipment and about 5000 firefighters and staff (Wiki-answers.com). When they have a working house fire, Chicago automatically sends 2 fire engines, 3 fire trucks (yeah, there's a difference), 1 rescue squad, 3 chiefs and an ambulance. All these vehicles come from 3 or 4 different fire stations, but yes, they all say "CFD" on the side of the vehicle. In Sauk Village, when dispatch receives a report of a working fire, they automatically dispatch 4 fire engines and an ambulance- not that much different from Chicago. The big difference being that our four fire engines are going to say Sauk Village, South Chicago Heights, Crete, and Crete Township on the sides. We all work and train together to provide you with a better service. Sauk Village Fire Department likewise responds to these communities for their fires.

Misconception #3: The Sauk Village Fire Department will hire anybody- ALSO, not true. Granted, you don't have to have any prior experience, BUT to even be granted an interview, you must positively answer these five simple questions: 1) are you 18 or older; 2) do you have a high school diploma or GED; 3) do you live within Sauk Village; 4) do you have any felony convictions; and 5) do you have a valid driver's license? Once these questions have been answered satisfactory, then we'll have the chat called "this job won't pay your bills or support your family" followed by "what are you hoping to get out of this?" Then I lay out the expectations: weekly training requirements, call participation requirements, state firefighter certification. Then I explain that last item. For 16 weeks out of your life, you will attend the Fire Academy through Prairie State College. Two

week nights and every Saturday for those 16 weeks you will be in class or performing hands on skills. In between those times, you will have your nose in a book studying. Assuming I haven't scared off the applicant by this point, and we agree that our hopes and expectations are aligned, I will send the applicant for a back ground check. If that comes back favorably, the applicant will be sent for a full blown, no non-sense medical physical. Only after that comes back clear will the applicant be sworn in as a Sauk Village firefighter- then the real adventure starts. Just ask my 7 new recruits that are in the middle of the Academy now- they'll tell you ALL about it.

On the subject of new recruits, of the five pre-requisite questions, we lose the most applicants over the residency requirement, and even more because of felony convictions. That's not even our rule- that's Illinois law to be a firefighter, so stay out of trouble if you want to head in this direction some time.

And finally, **Misconception #4:** The Sauk Village Fire Department gives out free smoke alarms- this too is incredibly NOT TRUE. A couple of times a year, there'll be a news story where Chicago is giving out free smoke detectors and I know the phone is going to start ringing. We do not get smoke detectors for free, and I'm sure Chicago doesn't either, but however Chicago manages this, we don't have that resource. Now from time to time, we have bought just a few detectors to give away as prizes at one of our public events, but that is the extent of it. It's just not fiscally feasible for us to supply smoke and/or carbon monoxide detectors.

I do sincerely hope that this article has helped you to better understand how we function and why we function the way we do. And it's not anything special to Sauk Village. Many of our neighbors work this way as well, with the exception of having dedicated staff around the clock to run ambulance calls, but that's not an issue for us.

These were just 4 of the biggest misconceptions that I've heard. Seriously, if you have any questions of your own, I am more than happy to sit and chat with you. There's no need for FOIA requests or blurting on Facebook- just give me a call at 708-758-2225 or email me at richresq1@comcast.net.

On behalf of the men and women of the Sauk Village Fire Department, we do wish you and your families a safe and very happy holiday season.



Police Department

Tim Holevis

As your newly appointed Police Chief, I would first like to take a moment to thank everyone who supported me and the Police Department through the last couple of years and stood behind us through all the difficult times. It does raise the morale of the entire Police Department knowing the citizens have such a strong support for the Police Department and the Chief of Police. I can promise the citizens that we will not take a backseat to crime in Sauk Village and the Police Officers will not sit idle while criminals sell drugs on the street corners. We will continue to be an aggressive Police Department and we refuse to let the criminal element control our neighborhoods. Please remember to keep an eye out for your neighbors when they are not at home as the holidays are right around the corner.

I would also like to welcome our 3 new Police Recruits, Jacob Howard, Ryan Sassano and Ronald Tomalis who recently graduated the Chicago Police Academy and are currently in training on the streets of Sauk Village. The Police department would also like to congratulate Officer Gary Luke for receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists, for Officer Luke's exceptional DUI enforcement throughout 2013. Congratulations to new Recruit Ryan Sassano who was awarded the Top Shooter Award during his training in the Academy.

The Police Department will be conducting the annual Sex Offender Registration checks over the next several weeks along with several village sticker checkpoints. The fine for no village sticker is now \$100.00. I am also happy to report the Police Department has been awarded the Bullet Proof Vest Grant, the STEP Grant and the Police Department also has been awarded a new Breathalyzer instrument. The Breathalyzer alone will save the village approximately \$7,000.00. I would like to thank members of my administrative staff for their hard work and dedication in getting these grants approved.



A LITTLE POLICE HUMOR

NEWS YOU CAN USE

There are several workshops scheduled to take place in the Village Hall in November. Please share this information with your friends and family.

Find out how the **Affordable Care Act** will affect you and your family. Representatives will be available to help you find the plan that works for you.

Thursday November 14, 2013	10:30am- 1:30 pm	Affordable Care Act- Presentation and Enrollment
Thursday November 14, 2013	7:00pm- 8:30 pm	Affordable Care Act- Presentation Only
Saturday November 23, 2013	12:00 pm- 4:00 pm	Affordable Care Act- Presentation and Enrollment

Foreclosure Workshop

Saturday November 23, 2013 9:00am -12:00 pm

Property Tax Review and Appeal

Saturday November 23, 2013 10:30am -12:30 pm

For updated information please check out the Sauk Village calendar at www.saukvillage.org.

COMING SOON- SAUK VILLAGE E -BLASTS

Be among the first to sign up for email alerts for Sauk Village residents. In an effort to reach more residents in a more timely and effective manner we will be rolling out the new e-blasts soon. Please provide your email address to dwilliams@saukvillage.org.

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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WWW.SAUKVILLAGE.ORG

The Human Relations Commission Presents



1st Annual Diversity Dinner

Come join us for an evening of great insightful conversation !!!!

On this evening, Sauk Village residents will engage in a potluck dinner and share in intriguing conversation on a variety of topics. We are hosting this event to invite diverse members of the community to interact with one another with acceptance and respect. This dinner will explore differences of diversity in the community, in a safe, positive and nurturing environment. We need a diverse group of male and females over the age of sixteen. Please return completed form to Village Hall or sign up by email as soon as possible.

Friday, January 24 2014
6:30 - 9:30 pm (Senior Center)
21801 S. Torrence Ave (Sauk Village)
For more info Email: SVHRC@saukvillage.org

Register by January, 10th (Seats won't last!)
Registration (Limited Seating) ACT NOW!!!

Name(s) _____ (Limit 2 per family) Age(s) _____

Ethnicity _____

Contact Number _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____ Potluck Dish _____

