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Vinyl Chloride No Longer Detected in Sauk Village Water

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Springfield, IL—Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Interim Director John J. Kim announced today that sampling results confirm that vinyl chloride is no longer being detected in the finished public water supply in Sauk Village, as a result of temporary air stripping equipment installed by the Illinois EPA at the direction of Governor Pat Quinn. As a result of the sampling results, the Illinois Attorney General’s Office will notify Sauk Village officials that they will no longer be required to provide free bottled water to residents, pursuant to the conditions of earlier court orders. “While this is good news for the residents of Sauk Village, work remains to be done to find a permanent solution to safeguard the quality and quantity of the public water supply in Sauk Village,” said Director Kim. “The goal has always been to minimize exposure to this substance. We can now report that the small health risks associated with exposure are now essentially zero,” said Illinois Department of Public Health Director LaMar Hasbrouck, M.D., M.P.H. Sampling results from both the Illinois EPA laboratory and from a laboratory used by Sauk Village found vinyl chloride to be “non detect” in the finished water supply. The requirement for the village to provide bottled water was part of a court order obtained by the Attorney General’s Office and agreed to by the village. Illinois EPA is continuing sample and analyze Sauk Village’s public water supply on a frequent basis. Vinyl chloride is a man-made chemical that is found in groundwater from break-down products of solvent-type chemicals. When detected it can indicated spills or releases that occurred 25 years or more in the past. Illinois EPA is continuing to investigate the potential cause of the groundwater contamination in Sauk Village. Additional information, including three detailed fact sheets, the most recent issued on Wednesday, August 8, can be found on the Illinois EPA website (www.epa.state.il.us) under “Highlights.”

News from the Village Clerk

Debbie Williams

Check out www.saukville.org Thanks to all of the volunteers added to the data base. Pass this for updates on the water issue and staff who worked so hard information on to your friends and the upcoming elections. to distribute water during the and family. Happy Fall! The Village Board is continuing recent water emergency. Also, to work on both short term and thanks to the Hotline long term goals to improve the volunteers and the Fire Sauk Village well system and to Department for working to work toward the voter’s create a data base of seniors and mandate of Lake Michigan handicapped residents who water. Another valuable source need special attention during of information is the Board emergencies. Senior and meeting minutes that are also disabled residents can call available on the Village website. 708/753-5121 in order to be



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ELECTION NEWS

NOVEMBER 6, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - SAUK VILLAGE POLLING PLACES

Precinct 7

First Apostolic Church
22709 State Street
Steger, IL

Precinct 16

Lynwood Municipal Center
21460 Lincoln Highway
Lynwood, IL

Precinct 26 & 55

Rickover Junior High
22151 Torrence Ave.
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 23 & 53

Paesel Center
2700 Kalvelage Drive
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 27

McConathy Public Library
21737 Jeffery Ave.
Sauk Village, IL

Precinct 32

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

APRIL 9, 2013 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

To Prospective Candidates

Please refer to the State of Illinois Candidate's Guide 2013 issued by the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections recommends that all prospective candidates consult with competent legal counsel when preparing their nomination papers.

For additional information, we advise that you contact your County Clerk or the State Board of Elections in Springfield (217/782-4141) or Chicago (312/814-6440). Website: www.elections.state.il.us



Voter Registration ends October 9, 2012-To register to vote, you must be:

1. A U.S. citizen
2. At least 18 years old by Election Day

A resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to Election Day

You also must display two pieces of identification. Neither needs to be a photo ID, but one must include your current address. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Illinois driver's license
- Employee or student ID
- Social security card
- Utility bill in applicant's name
- Valid U.S. passport
- Lease or rental contract
- Illinois state ID
- Credit card
- Birth certificate
- Mail postmarked to the applicant
- Public aid ID card

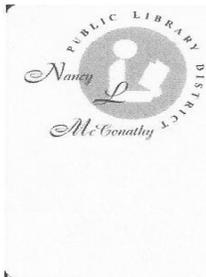
Village Clerk Debbie Williams
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McConathy Public Library News

McConathy Public Library

21737 Jeffery Avenue Sauk Village, IL 60411 (708) 757-4771

McConathy libraries hours are Monday-Thursday 9:30-6:50, Friday and Saturday 9:30-3:50 Sunday closed.



Nancy L. McConathy
Public Library District
(708) 757-4771
www.at-the-library.org



LEARNSCAPE®

You can study for the GED at your own pace at McConathy Public Library. The Learnscape program gives the opportunity to learn the skills to pass the GED. You need a valid Sauk Village library card to participate. You need a current Sauk Village drivers license or state id along with a current piece of mail. After a student takes the diagnostic pre-test, they automatically receive a custom GED practice plan based on their test results. GED prep lessons are highly interactive, focusing thinking skills, Specific, short practice tests are found throughout the GED prep lessons.

Education is the key to your future, let us help you to reach your goal in life. The library is the place to gain knowledge and confidence for a better life.

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.

Senior News

Rose Langston

Voter's registration deadline is October 9 for the Presidential General Election on November 6! You must re-register if you have changed your name or moved since the last election. Two forms of identification are required with one ID having your name and current address. Qualified seniors who owned and occupied their home are eligible for the Senior Exemption regardless of income. If you failed to file for the senior exemption this or prior years, file for each year. Senior exemption credit will be given only for the missed/past three years. Medicare Part D open enrollment period coming soon from October 15th through December 7, 2012. Three Senior Citizens organizations meeting in the Senior Center at 21801 Torrence Avenue are looking for members (seniors age 50 years plus). The Sunday SV Fun Club meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and every Sunday for their FREE (for members only) basic line dance instructions at 3:00 p.m. Senior Citizens of SV "Sunshiners" on the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Leisure Timers on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Annual dues varies from \$10.00, \$14.00 and \$15.00 respectively.

The SV Senior committee's agenda to date for 2012: 2nd Monday (except in October and November) 12:30 p.m. movies co-sponsor with McConathy Library at the library: September 10th 11:00 a.m. Soup n' Sandwich luncheon (reservations required, call 757-4771) precedes movie 'I Remember Mama' - October 1st (optional - bring a brown bag lunch) 'Recount,' November 5th 'Rio Bravo,' December 10th 'Santa Claus 1,' Saturday, October 13th '9th Senior Spaghetti Dinner' 1-4 p.m. \$6 at the door \$5 advanced; FREE Blood Pressure Screening co-sponsor with P.L.A.N. held in the Senior Center office (use east entrance) on Wednesdays: September 12th and 26th from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. Screening also held preceding the Monday movies at the McConathy Library. FREE basic computer classes (program for awareness and to introduce seniors who need some assistance)- 6 p.m. Thursdays 9/6, 9/20, 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, & 11/15 - 1 p.m. Fridays 9/7, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 11/2 & 11/16; and FREE Zumba Gold classes (geared for seniors) - 1 p.m. Saturdays 9/8, 9/22, 10/6, 10/27, 11/3 & 11/17. A survey is provided for your input of any additional activities/programs you (seniors) are interested in participating.

Seniors are welcome to join in various Senior Committee activities/events held in the Senior Center. Every Sunday evening from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., the SV Blue Grass (established over forty years ago) 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. A free will donation is accepted to cover the cost of beverages and supplies. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, the SV Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2690 meets at 8:00 p.m. For motorcyclists the BMW Cross Roads No. 55 meets every 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. The Ceramics Group meets every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The Sauk Village Senior Citizen Committee would like to thank the many book donors (recently Barb Dorman and Adeline Johnson) to our very successful book exchange program. Since space is limited, only paperback and large print book donations will be accepted - please no more hard cover books.

Bloom Township Senior Community Lunch program resumes at Glenwoodie Golf Club (708-758-1212), 19301 State St., Glenwood: Wednesday, October 17th; Thursday, November 15th; Tuesday, December 18th; Thursday, February 14th; Wednesday, March 20th; and Tuesday, April 16th. Tickets for the October lunch may be purchase at the township office, 425 S. Halsted, Chicago Heights - \$4 for township seniors and \$8 for out of township seniors. Deadline to purchase tickets is always the Friday prior to the day of the lunch. The township in cooperation with Maxim Health Systems is sponsoring onsite flu shot clinics beginning Wednesday and Thursday, October 10th & 11th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Appointment s are required, call 708-754-9400 x244.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday at 5:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. For concerns and/or questions, you may call (708) 758-3330 and leave a brief message for a call back as time permits.

NOTE: Sauk Village have several cooling locations (municipal building 21801 Torrence Ave. M-F during business hours, Fire Station 1804 222nd Pl. 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (708) 758-2225, and Police Station 21701 Torrence Avenue 24 hours (708) 758-1331).

Quarterly Senior Citizen's Events

Ninth Spaghetti Dinner held Saturday, October 13, 2012
 From 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Senior Center
 21801 Torrence Avenue (North entrance) Sauk Village, IL
 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce (all the spaghetti you can eat)
 Salad-Bread & Butter- Dessert - Coffee
 Door Prizes - 50/50 Raffle
 Line dance with Flora Haynes
 Entertainment: Country Review Band & The Morgans
 Donation \$6.00 @ the door/\$5.00 in advanced

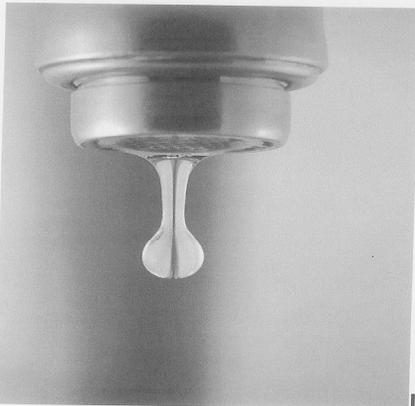
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 Sauk Village Senior Citizens Committee
 Tickets available from Committee members
 and Village Hall

Public Works

Kevin Weller

- Sweep Up.** Clean the driveway and sidewalk with a broom instead of a hose to save hundreds of gallons of water.
- Speak Up.** When you see an open hydrant, errant sprinkler or broken pipe, tell the property owner, local authorities or your Water Management District.
- Look for Leaks.** Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is used. If it doesn't read exactly the same, you have a leak.
- Tap Out.** Instead of letting the tap run until water gets cold, keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator, and use it to refill certified reusable water bottles instead of opting for single-use plastic ones.
- Tap In.** Place a bucket in your shower to capture the water that runs while you're waiting for it to get hot. Use the water to water plants.
- Watch for WaterSense.** When you shop for plumbing fixtures, look for the Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense label, which means they meet strict criteria for the efficiency and performance.
- Go to the Carwash.** Water in most car washes is reclaimed (re-used) so the total amount of freshwater used is reduced.

The Why and How of Water Conservation



It's hard to imagine running out of water, but it could happen. Between 1950 and 2000, the population in the United States doubled while public demand for water more than tripled. The extra stress on water supplies and distribution systems threatens our health as well as the environment.¹ The good news is there are plenty of small things you can do to conserve water and help avert future water shortages

Every Drop Counts

If you ever wonder whether the small changes you make really matter, consider this: each of us uses an average of 100 gallons of water per day – enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses!² Just think how much water you can conserve if your whole family becomes more water wary. Here are some easy ways:

- **Cook Smart.** Peel and clean vegetables in a bowl of water instead of under running water.
- **Slow the Flow.** Install a slow-flow faucet to reduce water consumption up to 50 percent.
- **Shorten Showers.** Take short showers instead of baths, and consider using a shower timer. To make it fun for kids, turn it into a game to see who can get the most "squeaky clean" in under three minutes!
- **Test Your Tank.** Add 12 drops of food coloring to your toilet tank and wait an hour. Look to see if any color seeped through the tank, a fitting or into the toilet bowl. If so, you may have a leak.
- **Let It Grow.** Raise your lawnmower blade to at least three inches; taller grass holds soil moisture better.



Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



If you drove by the fire station during the summer, you may have noticed our marquee sign. During the hottest weeks of the summer, we had posted "Where's Baby?" This went along with a nationwide campaign asking drivers with small children to "look before you lock." Last year, over 100 infants died from heat stroke when left in a vehicle outside. This tragic occurrence most often happens quite by accident. Quiet or sleeping babies are simply forgotten and left in the backseat of a closed up vehicle where temperatures easily exceed 100 degrees. Don't become a terrible statistic- look before you lock.

School is back in session! Please exercise extra caution when driving through school zones, near bus stops, and remember the rules of the road pertaining to stopped school busses. If you are behind a bus and it stops and activates its stop sign, you must stop. If you are approaching in the oncoming traffic lane from the opposite direction, you must stop- UNLESS it is a divided street with a median, 221st Street for example. On the other hand, on Sauk Trail for example, all four lanes must stop for a stopped school bus.

The Sauk Village Firefighter's Association will be holding their biggest fund raiser of the year on Saturday September 15. Our annual Golf Outing will again be at Longwood Country Club in Crete. Registration opens at 11 am. For the low price of \$90 per person, you get 18 holes of golf, a cart, gift pack, lunch, dinner and a 3 hour open bar. For you business owners out there, there are great advertising opportunities as well. Call 708-758-2225 for details.

We're also ALWAYS looking for new recruit firefighters. No experience is necessary! We only ask for a few specific things to start with- you must be a Sauk Village resident, possess a valid driver's license, possess a high school diploma or GED, and be able to pass a background check and a comprehensive medical physical. Call 708-758-2225 for details or stop by the fire station Monday through Friday.



Blossom News

If you have a child under five years old, then BLOSSOMS is for you!

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, 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 0-5.

Call the Blossoms Family Center at (708) 758-0319 to register or for more information.

Community Development

Sherry Jasinski

As of August 15, 2012 the water rates have been increased to \$5.50 per 1000 gallons. You will notice the increase on the next utility bill.

Parking on a non hard surface is against the Village ordinance. Please make sure you park on concrete or asphalt.

Inoperable vehicles will be ticketed. All vehicles must have current State license plates and Village stickers. All inoperable vehicles that are on public or private property and in view of the general public will be declared a nuisance.

Residents cannot sell candy or any other food items from their home. This is becoming a big problem & it is prohibited.

All pools must have a fence around them whether it's a kiddie pool or a full size pool. This is for the safety of the children. Also, if a pool has a filter system it can not be plugged into an extension cord, it has to have its own GFI outlet. With extension cords you run the risk of getting an electrical shock. Pools need permits. With fall and winter around the corner all pools have be covered.

Garbage can placement must be to the rear of the property. It's unsightly to have garbage stored in the front of your house overflowing with lids that can't be shut.

Garbage cans must be removed from the parkway no later than 6:00p.m the day of your garbage pick-up or fines will be issued.

Please be reminded there is no parking on the street on your garbage day between the hours of 7:00a.m to 3:30p.m.

Please be reminded Building Permits are required for most work being done to the home. Please call the Building Department if you have any questions.

Veterans Day

The SV American Legion Post 1259 (Commander Ed Milkint) and the SV Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2690 (Commander John Dennis) will hold a joint Veteran's Day Service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at St. James Cemetary. The American Legion will have a 50/50 raffle drawing following the service. Both organizations are looking for members.





21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, IL 60411

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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