

# Sauk Village Hall

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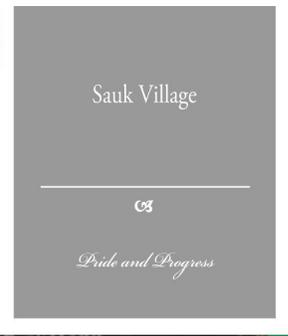
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## Mayor's Corner

## Mayor David Hanks



Sauk Talk

Please look us up on the official Facebook page Sauk Village, Illinois. You will know it's the new and approved Facebook page listed as a governmental organization page. This site will be used for outgoing information only. Also check us out on [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org).

## News from the Village Clerk

## Debbie Williams

This is probably my favorite time of the year! The weather cools off, the leaves change color and a cool breeze makes everything all right! Change has been in the air for some time now! If you have been involved in Sauk Village at all you must have noticed the increase in resident participation on various committees. From the fast forward moving Housing Commission to a Beautification Committee that is determined to beautify our village from corner to corner. We have very active residents who really exemplify the Pride and Progress Sauk Village has always boasted about. Mayor Hanks and the Village Board are all working together to try to do their utmost to restore the positive image that

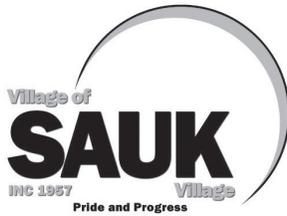
Sauk Village has been known for in years past. New committees have been created to foster community participation such as the Neighborhood Watch, Intergovernmental Community Relations and Community Outreach Partnership committees. Established committees from the past such as the Human Relations Commission, Public Relations, Parks and Recreation and Ordinance Review have worked hard to provide quality programs and information to our residents. Committees are always looking for new residents to get involved and bring fresh ideas.

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Disposal. Please visit the Lynwood Recycling Center located at 21540 Lincoln Hwy Monday through Friday 8am -5pm and Saturday 9am – 2pm. Call 708/757-7300 or visit [lynwoodrecycling.net](http://lynwoodrecycling.net) for more information on what items can be recycled.

Check out the Sauk Village calendar, as well as, minutes, agendas, current events and an ordinance history dating back to 1957 and more on [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org).





## From the Desk of Mayor David Hanks

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### **Village Water System Update**

Sauk Village is conducting a three-phase plan for improvements to the water system infrastructure:

*Phase 1 – Construct Improvements to the Existing Water Treatment Plants*

*Phase 2 – Implement Water Distribution System Repairs and Replacements*

*Phase 3 – Acquire Lake Michigan Water*

Below is an update on the progress the Village has made on this plan.

#### **Phase 1 – Water Treatment Plant Improvements**

The IEPA has issued an opinion that the proposed water treatment plant improvements project is the quickest and most cost effective means to returning Sauk Village's water system to water system to compliance with IEPA standards. With just a few items left to complete on the loan application, it appears likely that the IEPA will issue a loan to Sauk Village for the project. When completed the project will provide water that is safe and of sufficient quantity for the Village's water users. New air strippers to remove the vinyl chloride will be installed; the current aged iron filters will be replaced with new equipment and filtering media; and various other site improvements will be completed.

The IEPA issued a construction permit for the project in June. The project was advertised for bid in early August, and bids from contractors will be opened at the October 8<sup>th</sup> Village board meeting. Once the project is awarded, the contractor will have one year to complete the work. The Village has met the compliance schedule deadlines listed in the Illinois Attorney General's consent order.

#### **Phase 2 – Water Distribution System Repairs and Replacements**

The Village hired a firm to conduct a leak detection survey to pinpoint the major leak locations in the distribution system. Fourteen leaks were detected during the field investigations conducted this past summer. Public Works staff has since repaired two of these leaks and will complete repairs of the remaining defective infrastructure in the coming months.

#### **Phase 3 – Lake Michigan Water**

Once water loss is reduced to less than 8%, Sauk Village will submit another application to the IDNR for Lake Michigan water. It is anticipated that the IDNR will view Sauk Village's application more favorably with minor system water loss, and it is hoped that the IDNR will grant the Village's request to receive Lake Michigan water.

With an approved Lake Michigan water allocation, Sauk Village will then move forward with the design and construction of the required water infrastructure improvements (supply water main, pump station, and storage tanks). Funding for these improvements would have to be determined, and a water rate increase would likely be required.

# McConathy Public Library News

Colleen Baughman

Help us watch our pumpkins grow. We are growing them for the Blossoms preschool program. By the middle of October we are hoping to have four good pumpkins so each of the four classrooms have a pumpkin. You can watch the progress on our Facebook page: **McConathy Library District** and click like.



## Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch

Trustee Lynda Washington



I would like to take this opportunity to inform the residents of Sauk Village that this is our Official Decal for the Neighborhood Watch Program. We would like to invite you to attend our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month at the Fire Station located at 1802 222nd Place in Sauk Village. We are also communicating on our newly established Facebook page. Follow us at: Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch or email us at [saukvillageneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com](mailto:saukvillageneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com)

If you don't have a decal for your home or business you can pick one up today at the police station or at McConathy Public Library.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer feel free to call me at 708-753-5130.

We just received notification that we will be posting signs around the Village! Stay tuned for our upcoming ceremony.

*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](mailto:sauktalk@saukville.org).



## Senior News

Rose Langston

The Senior Committee held its first Senior Summer Program (on a very short notice) this year which was not well attended. Many thank you to the youths Abigail Purdue, Aaron and Stephanie for assisting with the program. Also thank you to Shavon, Sidney and Stacy for handing out flyers and making calls to seniors about the program.

Our continuing Senior Committee FREE programs are: Zumba Gold every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 1-1:45 p.m. for all seniors 50+ regardless of residency; monthly blood pressure screening on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday (except 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>) of the month for all village residents and employees, not just seniors; 12:30 p.m. monthly movies at the McConathy Library Mondays, October 7<sup>th</sup> 'Schindler List,' November 4<sup>th</sup> 'Glory' (with lunch at 11:30 a.m.), and December 9<sup>th</sup> 'Heidi' with blood pressure screening preceding the movie; and a paper book exchange at the Senior Center. Blood pressure screenings are co-sponsored with the P.L.A.N. and the movies and refreshments co-sponsored with McConathy Library. The November 4<sup>th</sup> lunch at the library prior to the movie requires reservation, call (708) 757-4771. See flyers for detail information and future scheduled dates.

Three senior organizations: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3:00 p.m. SV Fun Club; 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 7:00 p.m. Sunshiners; and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 5:00 p.m. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 8 p.m.; BMW Crossroads No. 55 every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 may be obtain from the police station to the Senior Center.

The Bloom Township Community Lunch program resumes Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> with Joe Vega entertaining. Tickets will be available from the township office on September 9<sup>th</sup>, \$4.00 for township seniors and \$8.00 for non-township seniors. A new deadline time will be seven (7) business day to purchase your tickets. Beginner line dancing classes is scheduled from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Thursdays, September 26, October 3, 10, and 17<sup>th</sup>, registration required. Flu shot by appointment only on Wednesday and Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Call 708-754-9400 x244.

Senior Committee's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Citizens Spaghetti dinner Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Ticket donation \$6.00 or \$5.00 in advance from committee members or village hall. Cost includes spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread & butter, dessert and beverage with all you can eat spaghetti. Music by The Morgan Family and Larry Long, line dance instruction by Flora Haynes, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday (no meeting scheduled for October) 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.

## Shine Gospel Fest



September 14, 2013 from noon till 4pm

Located at 1700 East Sauk Trail

Sauk Village, IL 60411

(across from Best Hardware)

For additional information: call 708-476-1717 or 708-758-0425

Gospel Singing and Sharing of the Word

Free Food and Door Prizes

# Parks and Recreation

Trustees John Poskin and Jeff Morden

## SAUK VILLAGE ANNUAL CORN DOG ROAST

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2013 Noon to 5:00 PM**

**AT WELCH PARK NEXT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 21701 TORRENCE BEHIND THE SAUK VILLAGE POLICE STATION.**

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS.



DJ, EMPLOYEE RIB COOK OFF

FREE JUMPING CASTLE AND GAMES FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12

FOOD COURT ITEMS FOR SALE

HOTDOGS \$1.00 CORN \$1.00 POP \$1.00

THERE WILL BE VOLLEYBALL, BAG TOSSES, BASKETBALL AND MORE FOR EVERYONE

CONTACT: TRUSTEE PARKS AND RECREATION CHAIR JOHN POSKIN 708-753-5125

## SAUK VILLAGE PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS YOUTH CO-ED BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Looking for boys and girls 7-14 years old

Registration has been extended and will now take place at the Community Center:

Friday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm - 7:00 pm
Monday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday, September 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm - 7:00 pm
Friday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm - 7:00 pm

Registration fee will be \$55.00 per player. Each player will receive 30 candy bars to sell. The sale of the candy bars will reduce the registration fee from \$55.00 to \$25.00. The registration fee will provide uniforms and qualified referees at each game. Each team will have a coach that is 21 years old or older. A banquet is planned at the end of the season. Each player and their coach will receive a plaque or trophy at the banquet.

Contact: Program Director - Edward Sullivan 708/758-8328





## Fire Department News

Deputy Fire Chief Rich Atwood



The Sauk Village Fire Department would like to thank everyone that pitched in and made our Back to School event a success. We had 65 book bags full of school supplies to give away, all of which came from corporate or personal donations. Along with the school supplies, families were treated to hotdogs and free haircuts. Our volunteer barbers were busy long after the school supplies and hotdogs were gone! A special thank you to Travaras Scott and SVFD Firefighter DeAndre Dickerson for volunteering your time and talents!

As our kids head back to school, PLEASE keep a few safety items in mind:

- Mind the speed limit around schools
- Be cautious when driving by a bus stop- the kids aren't paying attention to you.

Remember the rules of the road when approaching a stopped school bus- unless there's a concrete or grassy median between you and the bus, you have to stop.

As we head into fall with cooler nights, please keep these safety tips in mind too:

- Space heaters need to be AT LEAST 3 feet away from anything- walls, clothes, beds, any furniture, etc.

- Get those furnaces checked and serviced.
- Replace your carbon monoxide detector batteries. Also keep in mind that any detector- carbon monoxide or smoke was not meant to last forever. If your detector is more than 5 years old or you're not sure, consider replacing it. On that note, the Sauk Village Fire Department does not provide free detectors.

Upcoming events:

- September 14: Sauk Village Firefighter's Association Annual Golf Outing.

October 6-12: Fire Prevention Week. Watch the SVFD Facebook page for related events.

Photo: Barber Travaras Scott



## 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.

## Public Relations

Trustee Rosie Williams

Greetings from the Public Relations Committee. We have been really busy lately! Like many other citizens, we have decided to take time out to show our appreciation for our employees for all of the hard work and dedication that they have put into our Village. On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Police Department battled the Fire Department in a Battle of the Badges softball game. It was an awesome time of friendship and rivalry that was all in good fun. Both sides definitely came to play, but in the end there could only be one winner. The Police Department wrestled away a 28-26 victory. Talks of a rematch began before the game even started. The guys and girls were ready to play! We would like to thank all residents and employees who came out to play, watch and help out!!! A huge thank you to Trustee John Poskin, chair of the Parks and Recreation committee and Mrs. Debra Poskin, for coming out and running the concession stand that day!!

We are also starting to work on our favorite project- Student Government Day. We are in the process of picking an essay topic for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders of Sauk Village to write about. This is always a great time for us. We really enjoy reading the thoughts of the youth of Sauk Village and watching them participate in the day's events. We are also working on a new project that we hope to have all of the issues ironed by the next Sauk Talk. Be sure to look for updates on our new project as well as Student Government Day on [www.saukvilleage.org](http://www.saukvilleage.org).



## Community Outreach Partnership

Trustee Rosie Williams

There is a new committee in town! The Community Outreach Partnership Committee intends to bridge the gap between the residents of Sauk Village and the Sauk Village Police Department. The committee is comprised of concerned citizens who see the importance of having residents and Sauk Village's finest on the same page. If you share this passion or you if you have questions or concerns you want addressed, we invite you to attend our Meet and Greet on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The event will be held at the Sauk Village Police Department and will begin 6:30 pm. Look for our flyers for more information! Hope to see you there!!!



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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
ALLIED DISPOSAL	754-5460		

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