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A Message from the Mayor: Looking Ahead to a Stronger Community in the New Year

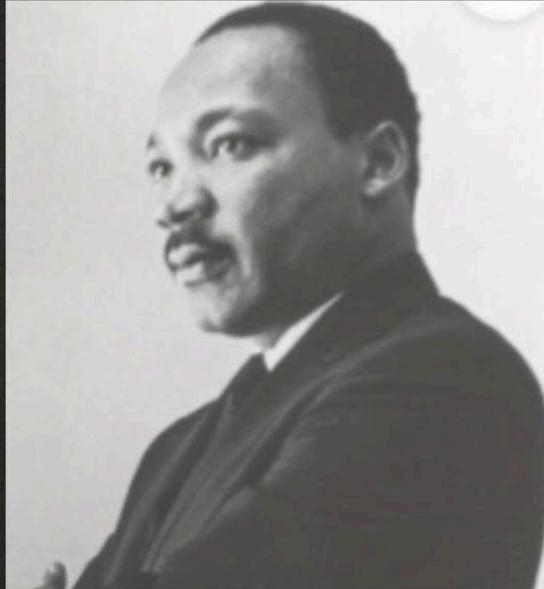


As we welcome the New Year, I extend my warmest wishes to every resident of our community. May this year bring you good health, peace, and prosperity. Together, we begin a new chapter filled with opportunity, progress, and renewed commitment to one another. The strength of our village has always been rooted in the dedication of its people. Community involvement and volunteerism are not just ideals—they are the foundation of who we are. In the year ahead, we are launching several important initiatives designed to enhance the quality of life, promote sustainability, and ensure that every voice in our community is heard. I am especially excited to invite you to our first Town Hall Meeting of the year this Saturday. This meeting marks the beginning of our monthly town hall series, where residents will have regular opportunities to engage, ask questions, and help shape the future of our village. These meetings will support a very important energy-efficient mission, made possible in part through an upcoming grant initiative that will help us move toward a more sustainable and cost-effective future. Your participation matters. Whether through attending meetings, volunteering your time, or simply staying informed, each of us plays a role in building a stronger, more vibrant community. If you are unable to attend this Saturday, I encourage you to follow future announcements and look forward to updates on additional town halls and initiatives throughout the year. As we move forward together, let us remain committed to unity, service, and progress. I look forward to working alongside you and seeing you at our town hall meetings in the months ahead. On behalf of the Village, I wish you a very Happy New Year and a successful year ahead.

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt

— JANUARY 19, 2026 —

**Sauk Village Partners
Presents Second Annual Unity Breakfast**



Honoring the Remarkable Legacy of
Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
A Day Dedicated to Unity, and Reflection



MARTIN L. KING, JR. DAY

**Guest Speaker - The Honorable Elgie Sims, Senator, invited
Performances by
Bloom Township Youth Troupe**

Sauk Village Senior Center
21801 Torrence Avenue
January 19, 2026 9:00-Noon

Marva Campbell-Pruitt, Mayor

SAUK VILLAGE Town Hall Meeting

ED PAESEL COMMUNITY CENTER
2700 KAVELAGE DR.

*Let's Discuss Current and
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Energy Efficiency & Social Issues*

Saturday

**January 17, 2026
10:30 - 1:00**

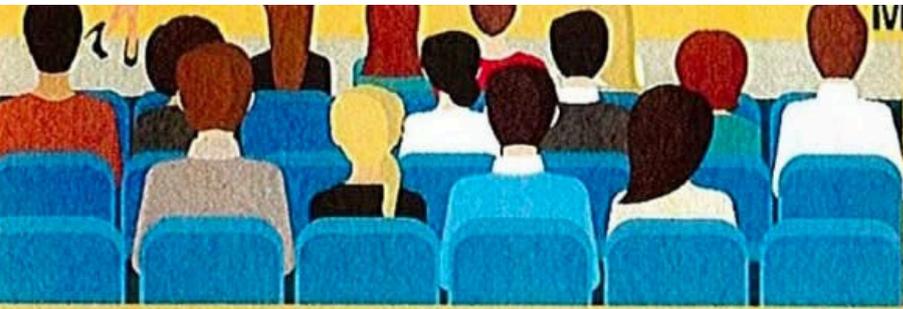
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Dr. Tonyia Winston, Trustee

Mack Sanders, Police Chief





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Breakfast Will Be Served

**Notices like the one below
will be placed to identify the
areas where hydrants are
being replaced**

NOTICE

Fire Hydrant Replacements

The Village of Sauk Village
through the support of Cook County
is replacing 28 inoperable fire hydrants
across the Village.

Work crews will be in your area to complete a fire hydrant replacement on the following days:

September 17 – September 19

Your water may need to be shut off for a period of time to facilitate the installation of the new hydrant. Shutdowns are expected to occur daily between the hours of 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Every effort will be made to minimize the length of the water shutoff.

If your water is shut off, your home will be under a boil order until further notice. A boil order means that any water used for consumption (drinking, cooking, preparing food etc.) should be boiled for at least 5 minutes before use.

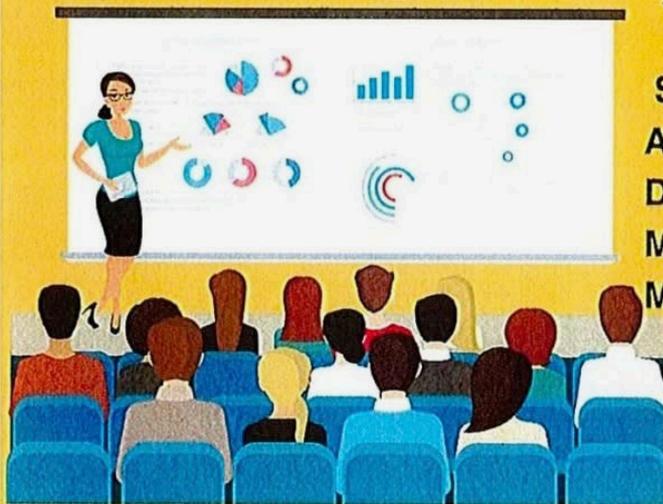
Sauk Village will test the water to make sure it is safe for consumption before the boil order is lifted. If you have any questions, please call the Village's Responsible Operator in Charge, Mr. Will Wilson, at (815) 953-5579.

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DANGER!

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) POISONING



**CAN'T BE
SEEN**



**CAN'T BE
SMELLED**



**CAN'T BE
HEARD**



**CAN BE
STOPPED**

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that kills without warning. It claims the lives of hundreds of people every year and makes thousands more ill. Many household items including gas- and oil-burning furnaces, portable generators, and charcoal grills produce this poison gas. Following these important steps can keep your family safe.

CO DETECTORS

- Install battery-operated or battery back-up CO detectors near every sleeping area in your home.
- Check CO detectors regularly to be sure they are functioning properly.

OIL & GAS FURNACES

- Have your furnace inspected every year.

PORTABLE GENERATORS

- Never use a generator inside your home or garage, even if doors and windows are open.
- Only use generators outside, more than 20 feet away from your home, doors, and windows.



**U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services**
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY



Office of the Village Clerk Debra L. Williams
dwilliams@saukvillage.org
www.saukvillage.org
630/921-1352



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am excited to come in to this year with great promise and great goals.

Follow me, help me, encourage me...

Increase Communication -

Website, Online Presence

Provide Community Outreach

Encourage Community Engagement

Providing Opportunities for Seniors and Youth

Continue Community Resources -

Blood Drives, Food Drives, Clothing Drives

Explore Resources for Employment, Housing, Transportation

Increase Online Presence to Decrease our Communication Gaps-

Website Enhancement- (In Progress)

Updating Past Village Financial Information, Ordinances, Board Minutes

Post Agendas weekly, Maintain Community Calendar

Codebook Codification

Serving as the Election Official to assist during elections and throughout the year.

I am glad to have served Sauk Village for over 15 years as both a Trustee and a

Village Clerk. One thing these years of service has taught me is it takes a village...

I love collaboration, listening to others ideas for new project ideas, working with people who have the same goal in mind.

Important Message from Cook County Clerk Monica Gordon

The Cook County Clerk's downtown Vitals office located at 118 N. Clark St. #120 will be open the next three Saturdays (January 17, 24, & 31) from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to help you secure the documents required for your Real ID.

Look for more information regarding the March 17, 2026 Primary Elections in upcoming Sauk Talks and the website

www.saukvillage.org



Candidates' Meet-and-Greet

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE PARK FOREST AREA

Empowering Voters • Defending Democracy

📍 **Meet the Candidates. Hear the Issues. Make an Informed Choice.**

📅 **Date**

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

🕒 **Time**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

📍 **Location**

Sauk Village Municipal Center

21801 Torrence Avenue

Sauk Village, Illinois

About the Event

The League of Women Voters of the Park Forest Area invites the public to a Candidates' Meet-and-Greet. This nonpartisan event offers voters an opportunity to hear directly from candidates, learn about their priorities, and ask questions in a respectful and informative setting.

The event will be moderated by an experienced facilitator, with timekeepers provided by the League to ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all candidates.

Nonpartisan Commitment: The League of Women Voters® is a nonpartisan organization and does **not** endorse candidates or political parties. The League is committed to providing voters with accurate, unbiased information to support informed participation in democracy.

This event is free and open to the public

Happy New Year 2026

The Future of Sauk Village: Built With Purpose, Led With Heart

Leaders, Sauk Village is at a turning point. We are no longer observers on the outside, we are entrusted with the responsibility to lead from the inside. Sitting in these seats changes everything. You see the weight of every decision, the impact on families, and the urgency to do better, not later, but now.

Under our leadership, the future of Sauk Village is guided by one promise: Building in the Spirit of Excellence. This means raising standards, restoring accountability, and always putting people first. Strong communities don't accept excuses; they demand results, transparency, and leadership that tells the truth and acts with courage.

The Sauk Village ahead of us is one where growth is intentional and opportunity is real. Where small businesses are supported, residents are empowered, and economic development creates jobs, not just headlines. Where infrastructure reflects pride, safety is strengthened, and neighborhoods feel seen and valued.

It is a village that invests in its youth, stands up for accountability in education, and creates spaces where families can gather, celebrate, and belong. A village where leadership understands that knowing better means doing better.

Above all, this work is guided by faith. Faith that service is a calling. Faith that integrity matters. Faith that when we lead with humility, compassion, and courage, God will order our steps and bless the work of our hands. We move forward not in fear, but in purpose, trusting that if we do what is right, the results will follow.

The future of Sauk Village is strong, connected, and full of promise, and together, with faith and action, we will build it.

Trustee Aretha Burns

COMMUNITY NOTICE

We are pleased to share that the Community Support Network (CSN) will be providing ongoing support services for residents of the Village of Sauk Village **every 3rd Saturday from 10am to Noon**. CSN is designed to connect residents directly with caring professionals who are ready to help navigate everyday needs and life challenges.

These services will be facilitated by Trustee Dr. Tonyia Winston, as part of a continued commitment to ensuring Sauk Village residents have access to meaningful resources and trusted support.

We warmly encourage residents to take advantage of these services as they become available. Details regarding dates, locations, and scheduling will be shared regularly.



TRUSTEE

DR. WINSTON
Community Support Network (CSN)

ABOUT US

Established a local resource hub dedicated to connecting Sauk Village residents with essential services and support systems.

Under Trustee Winston's leadership, CSN offers residents direct access to professionals who can assist with social service applications, healthcare resources, financial education, employment support, and comprehensive community empowerment.

OUR SERVICES

Location: McConathy Public Library
21737 Jeffrey Ave, Sauk Village, IL

When: Every 3rd Saturday

Time: 10am to Noon

Community Support Network (CSN)

offers residents direct access to professionals who can assist with:

- Social service applications
- Healthcare resources
- Financial education
- Educational enrollment
- Veteran services
- Employment guidance
- Comprehensive community empowerment

Stop searching—the support you need is right here!

Call (773) 848-0959



Learn more at Trustee DrTonyia Winston

CSN – Empowering Sauk Village, One Connection at a Time

Bringing Resources, Support, and Solutions to Residents



Words to Carry Into the New Year

We are now stepping into a new year, and I want to share a few words with you. I hope you carry them into the new year:

Grace- for ourselves and for one another. None of us are perfect, and every day is a chance to begin again.

Peace- even when life feels uncertain or stressful. Protecting your peace is not weakness; it is wisdom.

Strength- to keep going, even when the road feels heavy. You are stronger than you think.

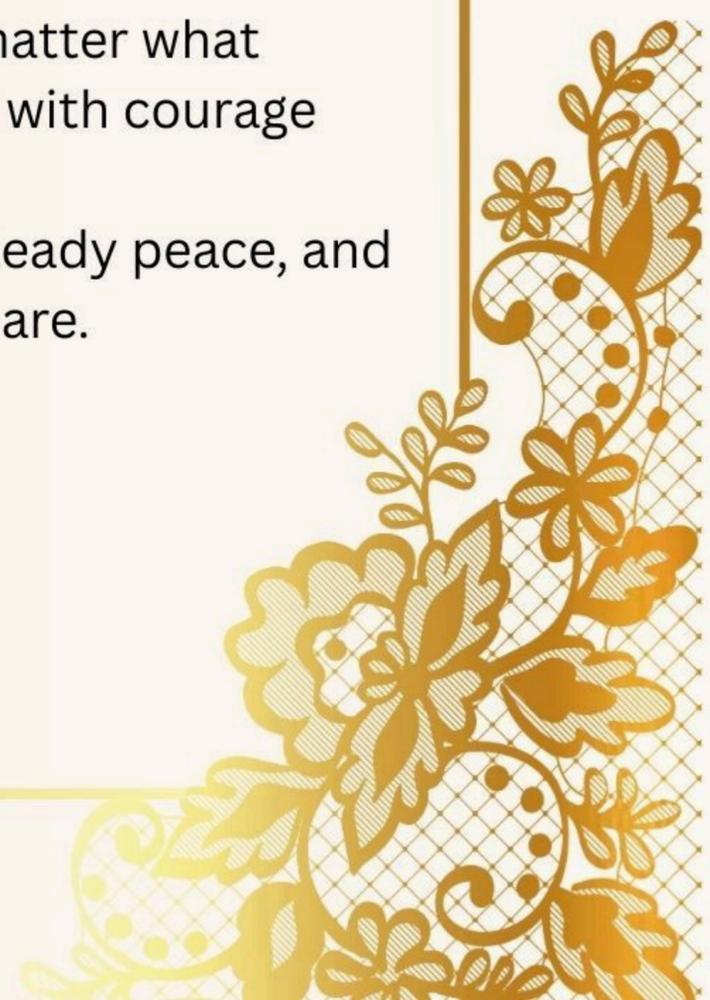
Hope - because new beginnings are real, and better days are always possible.

Unity - because our community is at its best when we look out for one another and move forward together.

My hope for this year is that we continue to lead with kindness, patience, and understanding. No matter what challenges come our way, may we face them with courage and care for one another.

Wishing you a year filled with good health, steady peace, and moments that remind you how valuable you are.

Many Blessings,



Trustee Michelle Sterling



Republic Services Recycling & Trash Services Guidelines

Get Ready for Your Bulk Waste Pickup

Certain materials shouldn't be put in your regular trash. We can help you safely recycle or dispose of these common items.

Mattresses

Wrap old mattresses in plastic for safe and efficient disposal.

Furniture

Leave items like sofas and chairs fully assembled.

Home Construction Debris

Contact us to find out what types of construction debris we accept.

Large Appliances

Remove doors from appliances like refrigerators and washing machines.

Toilets

Toilets are accepted as part of the bulk pickup service. The item should not exceed 100 lbs. There's a limit of one free item per week plus up to one additional (paid) item per week.

Customer Service Hours

Monday - Friday: 7:30AM to 5:00PM for all time zones // Call Wed - Fri for shorter wait times

Saturday: Login/create an account for self-service options

Your local customer service number:

877.692.9729



A FIRE IS LOOMING

...when you plug your space heater into a power strip. Many power strips are not designed to handle the energy needs of space heaters.

ALWAYS plug your space heater directly into a wall outlet.

USCPSC



CPSC.gov



ELECTRIC BLANKET FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

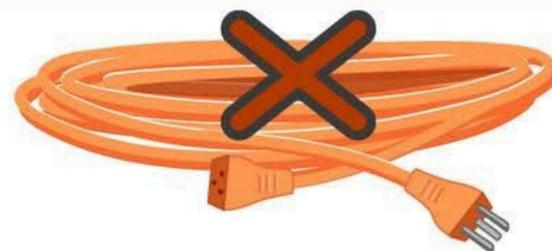


Heating pads and electric blankets cause around **500 fires each year**. Almost all of these fires involve electric blankets that are **more than ten years old**. Learn how to stay safe.

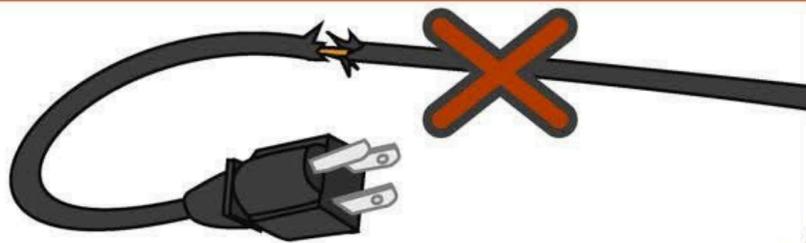
Heating appliances should **never be left unattended** or used while **sleeping**.



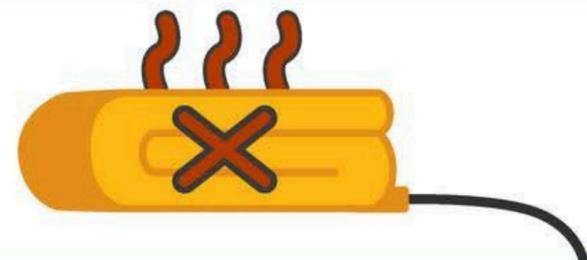
Do not plug electric blankets into an **extension cord** or **power strip**, as they could overheat and **cause a fire**.



Look for dark, charred, or frayed spots on electrical cords that are cracked or frayed. **Replace** any worn or old heating pads or electric blankets.



Never fold electric blankets when in use. Folded or tucked-in blankets could overheat and **cause a fire**.



When purchasing electronics, including electric blankets, be sure to only **purchase from reputable retailers**. Purchase devices that have been approved by a **Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory**.



Do not allow anything to **rest on top** of a heating pad or electric blanket when it is in use. It may cause the device to **overheat**.



There are **two types** of personal heating appliances, **heating pads** that are placed directly on the mattress and **electric blankets**. They are not meant to be used interchangeably or at the same time.



Please **share** this **free** resource to save lives



www.facebook.com/ESFi.org



www.twitter.com/ESFi.org



www.youtube.com/ESFi.org

As we begin 2026, the Sauk Village Fire Department would like to recognize the outstanding dedication of our Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics. This past year, our Team responded to **2,295 emergency calls**, each one representing a neighbor, a family, or a moment when our community needed help. We are proud of the professionalism, compassion, and commitment our members bring to every response.

As we look ahead to 2026, we wish all Sauk Village residents a safe, healthy, and hopeful new year. You can help keep our community protected by practicing a few simple, everyday safety habits:

Fire Safety

- Test your smoke alarms regularly
- Avoid overloading electrical outlets
- Stay attentive while cooking

Defensive Driving

- Slow down and stay alert
- Never drive distracted

Home Accident Prevention

- Keep walkways clear of ice, clutter, and tripping hazards
- Secure loose rugs
- Store hazardous materials safely and out of reach of children

Thank you for your continued support of the Sauk Village Fire Department. Together, we can make 2026 a safer year for everyone in our community.

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McConathy News

JAN

21737 Jeffrey Ave Sauk Village, IL 60411

Phone: 708-757-4771

Fax: 708-757-3580

www.mcconathypubliclibrary.org

Library Hours

- Monday - Wednesday 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- Friday 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
- Saturdays 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
- Closed Sundays



*FOL= Friends of the Library

*All programs are in person unless listed

*All programs with costs are as listed

*All programs are open to everyone unless listed.

Happy New Year! Check us out on Facebook and our website www.mcconathypubliclibrary.org

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				1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED
4	5 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	6 Kid's games and crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	7 Craft Bag Pick-Up	8 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	9 Bunco 5:00 pm \$5.00	10 CLOSED
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Plate stickers now sold here!

Total cost is \$160.50 Cash or Credit only



DO YOU HAVE ANY VACANT UNITS?

Say Yes to the Address!

1 Stable and Reliable Tenants

We connect landlords with tenants who are committed to maintaining stable housing and have access to supportive services which help them succeed as tenants and maintain consistent rental payments.

2 Financial Assistance and Support

Tenants have assistance with rental payments, security deposits, and other financial challenges. This minimizes the risk of missed payments and ensures a steady income stream for your property.

3 Professional Guidance

Dedicated case management staff provide guidance on tenant screening, lease agreements, and best practices for working with individuals experiencing homelessness.

4 Positive Community Impact

Safe and secure housing is one of the most effective ways to break the cycle of poverty. By offering a stable home, you are making a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families.

Join us! Fill out our Landlord Directory Form.

SCAN HERE



Our community continues to seek landlords with available units who are interested in joining our Yes to the Address efforts. Landlords with available units in suburban Cook County are invited to complete the Landlord Directory Form by scanning the QR code or visiting our website at www.suburbancook.org/yes-to-the-address



The Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County is the lead agency for the Cook County Continuum of Care (IL-511) and is responsible for coordinating the homeless response system for the 130 suburbs of Cook County located outside the City of Chicago.

www.suburbancook.org

CONTACT INFORMATION



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBER 911

MUNICIPAL CENTER 708/758-3330 M-F 8am-5p

POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 708/758-1331

FIRE NON-EMERGENCY 708/758-2225

MCCONATHY PUBLIC LIBRARY 708/757-4771

DIST. 168 ADMINISTRATION 708/758-1610

BLOOM TOWNSHIP 708/754-9400

COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 708/210-4500

RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY SERVICES 708/755-4357

COMMON WEALTH EDISON 1-800-334-7662

REPUBLIC DISPOSAL SERVICES 708/385-8252

NICOR 888/642-6748

CEDA 800-571-2332