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September
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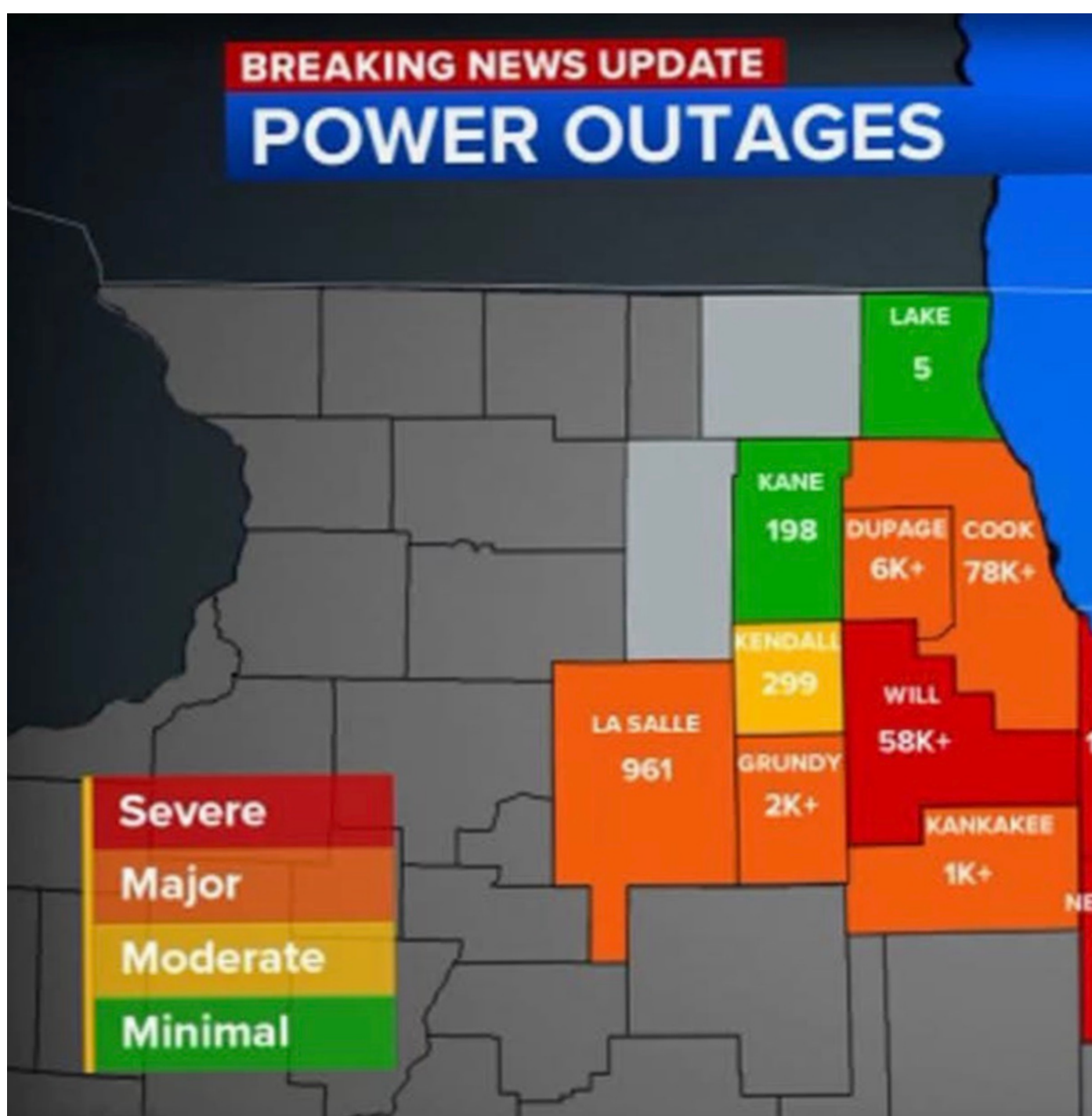
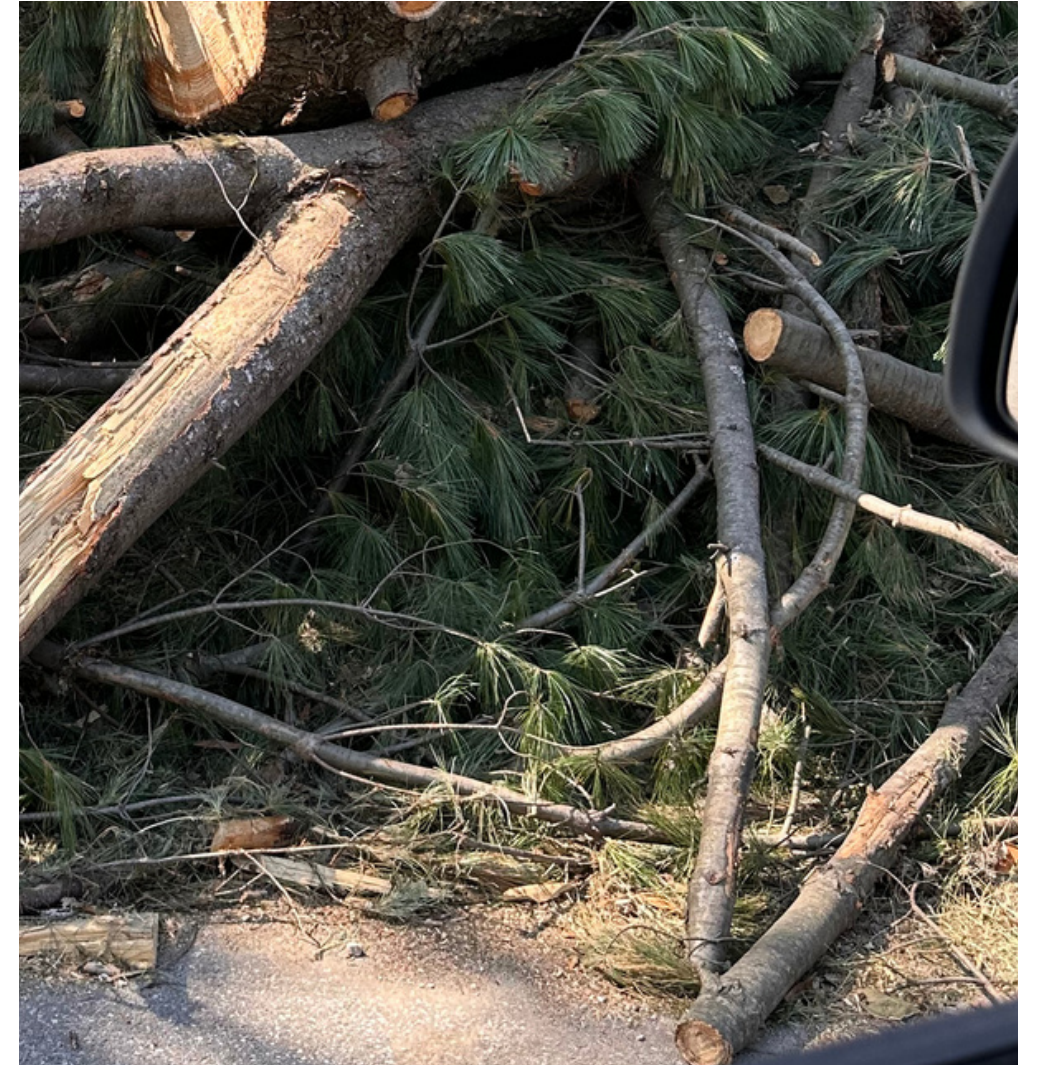


Village of Sauk Village
21801 Torrence Avenue
Sauk Village, IL. 60411
708-758-3330

Sauk Village ravaged by Back to Back historic storms!

Neighbors helping Neighbors!

Sauk Village Strong!



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MARVA CAMPBELL-PRUITT

I need to speak candidly with our residents.

I understand that when a storm damages your property, your immediate street, or your yard, that is what matters most to you. I understand the frustration of waiting for debris to be removed, trees to be cleared, or your area to receive attention.

But I need you to understand my frustration, too.

We are dealing with the massive, unprecedented impact of multiple severe storms, and our Village personnel and crews have been working tirelessly to help our entire community recover. This is not a situation where we can address one backyard, one block, or one neighborhood and move on.

We have an entire Village to recover.

When we are asked to repeatedly return to the same areas because there is still debris in a particular yard that was placed after the recovery attempt, it takes valuable time and resources away from residents still waiting for their first pass.

I ask each of you to please look beyond your immediate area and consider your neighbors. Your street is important, but so is every other street in Sauk Village. I would love to respond personally to every comment and every individual concern. Still, I cannot do that while simultaneously managing the Village's recovery and the many other responsibilities of municipal government.

Please continue to share your concerns. Keep recognizing and applauding the workers you see. And if you need to vent, I understand that too. But please also understand that your Village is working tirelessly to serve everyone.

I will continue providing updates because I believe in being open, transparent, and accountable to you.

Please continue to visit the Facebook Sauk Village E-News page and read the emails being sent so that you can BE AWARE. BE INFORMED. BE INVOLVED.

I am asking for patience, perspective, compassion, and, most importantly, a spirit of community.

We will get through this, but we must recover together.

Mayor Marva Campbell-Pruitt

Village of Sauk Village



Thank You

Sauk Village and 14 other surrounding communities were hit with severe storms/hurricanes July 27th and August 11th. As a long time resident I would like to say I have never experienced such devastation in such a short amount of time in our community. I was proud to see neighbors out helping neighbors and Red Cross and other organization bring in assistance and volunteers from state to state. Public Works worked around the clock to clear the streets for passage and ComEd was out en masse. Our first responders were very busy ensuring all residents were safe while other staff and board members worked to organize storm management through reaching out to community partners for assistance with clean up and food distribution.

It is times like this where everyone's true intentions and heart felt emotions about their community take the forefront of anything else. People were meeting people on their own block they never met before, me included.

I know we still have a long way to go but please be patient. I would venture to say that every block in Sauk Village was affected but Praise the Lord- no injuries and no fatalities.

If you are still in need of assistance please contact me. I will research any available avenue possible to help you.

If you would like to be included on the Clerk Community Connection email list, send your name and email address to dwilliams@saukvillage.org.

Respectfully,

Village Clerk Debbie Williams

708/753-5125



VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE ILLINOIS

2026 KEY ELECTION DATES

***** **GENERAL ELECTION** *****

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

BE INFORMED ★ BE INVOLVED ★ MAKE A DIFFERENCE

AUGUST 5	First day to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot.	
SEPTEMBER 24	Board of Elections begins to send out Vote by Mail ballots.	
SEPTEMBER 24	Early Voting opens at downtown Supersite location (137 S. State St.) and Board of Elections.	
OCTOBER 6	Last day to submit paper registration forms. Online and in person registrations remain available.	
OCTOBER 7	Same-Day Voter Registration opens downtown (137 S. State and 69 W. Washington).	
OCTOBER 18	Last day for online voter registration. (In person registration is available through Election Day.)	
OCTOBER 19	Early Voting & Same Day Registration opens for all.	
OCTOBER 29	Last day to apply for a Vote by Mail ballot.	
NOVEMBER 3	GENERAL ELECTION DAY (6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)	

Our Vote. Your Voice. Our Community. ★ **STRONGER TOGETHER A BRIGHTER SAUK VILLAGE**

Your Vote Matters!

IMPORTANT DATES for the Upcoming CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

STAY INFORMED ★ BE PREPARED ★ MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT

NOVEMBER 16 2026	November 16, 2026 First Day to File Candidate Petitions
NOVEMBER 23 2026	November 23, 2026 Last Day to File Candidate Petitions (by 5:00 p.m.)
DECEMBER 2 2026	December 2, 2026 Last Day to File Objections
DECEMBER 2 2026	December 2, 2026 Last Day to Change Simultaneous Lottery (if needed)
JANUARY 28 2027	January 28, 2027 Ballot Certification
FEBRUARY 4 2027	February 4, 2027 Last Day to File as a Write-In Candidate
APRIL 6 2027	TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2027 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

Get Involved ★ Support Your Community ★ Make a Difference

A STRONGER TOMORROW STARTS WITH YOU!



Assessment of Recent Storm Damage: National Weather Service Confirms 75–85 mph Straight-Line Winds Across Sauk Village

In the aftermath of the severe storms that swept through Sauk Village, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Chicago has provided a detailed assessment of the damage patterns observed throughout the community. After reviewing photos and reports from the field, meteorologists confirmed that the destruction aligns with **widespread straight-line winds estimated between 75 and 85 mph.**

According to the NWS, the breadth and consistency of tree damage - snapped trunks, large limbs down, and multiple utility poles broken, strongly indicate a high-end straight-line wind event rather than tornadic rotation. These findings match what residents and first responders witnessed across town: extensive debris, blocked roadways, and numerous trees falling onto homes, vehicles, and power lines.

Damage Patterns Support Wind Speeds Below 90 mph

One of the key observations noted by the NWS was the **absence of typical structural failures** that occur when winds exceed 90 mph. While many roofs were damaged by falling trees, meteorologists pointed out that there was **no widespread roof uplift, no garage doors punched inward, and no significant siding or window failures**, all of which are commonly seen once gusts surpass the 90-mph threshold.

The NWS explained that these structural indicators serve as important benchmarks when estimating peak wind speeds. Because they were largely absent in Sauk Village, forecasters concluded that the strongest gusts were “likely capped under 90 mph or so,” reinforcing the assessment of 75–85 mph straightline winds.

Tornado Sirens and Warning Protocols

During the event, some residents noted that tornado sirens were not activated. This was **appropriate and expected**, as Sauk Village was **not under a tornado warning** at any point during the storm. Outdoor warning sirens are triggered only when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning or when a confirmed tornado poses an imminent threat to the community.

It is also important to remember that **tornado sirens are designed for people who are outdoors**, not indoors. They are an outdoor alerting system meant to warn individuals who may not have access to phones, radios, or other communication devices. Residents should not rely on sirens as their primary method of receiving severe weather information while inside their homes.

How Residents Can Receive Severe Weather Alerts

To stay informed during rapidly evolving weather situations, residents are encouraged to use multiple reliable alerting methods, including:

- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)** on smartphones
- **NOAA Weather Radios** with battery backup
- **Local news and weather apps**
- **NWS alerts via text, email, or social media**

These tools provide immediate, location-specific warnings, often faster and more reliably than outdoor sirens, and ensure residents receive critical information even during overnight storms or power outages.

A Widespread, High-Impact Wind Event

The storm’s impact was felt uniformly across the community, with damage reported from IL Route 394 to Burnham Avenue. The uniformity of snapped trees, rather than shredded bark or stripped leaves, further supports the conclusion that the storm produced powerful, linear wind bursts rather than rotational tornadic winds.

For Sauk Village residents and emergency personnel, the confirmation from the NWS provides clarity on the nature of the event and underscores the seriousness of straight-line wind hazards. Even without tornado formation, winds in the 75–85 mph range are capable of producing extensive damage, long-duration power outages, and dangerous conditions for first responders.

Looking Ahead

As cleanup continues, the NWS assessment serves as a reminder of the importance of preparedness during severe weather season. Straight-line winds can be just as destructive as tornadoes, and the widespread damage seen in Sauk Village highlights the need for continued vigilance, timely warnings, and strong community coordination.

Respectfully,
Fire Chief Keith Damm

We are 1 FAMILY

DÍA DE LA INDEPENDENCIA

Let's celebrate September 16th!

5 PM – 8 PM

MUSIC | FOOD | FUN

COME CELEBRATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS!

SENIOR CENTER
21801 TORRENCE AVE.
SAUK VILLAGE, IL

Diane Sapp & Tonyia Winston

SEE YOU SOON!

Village of SAUK VILLAGE
PEOPLE • PURPOSE • PROGRESS
A STRONG COMMUNITY
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

SEPTEMBER 2026
COMMUNITY
COMPASSION
CONNECTION
CONTINUED PROGRESS

TRUSTEE STATEMENT
TRUSTEE MICHELLE STERLING

SURVIVING & STILL STANDING
CLEANING UP, HEALING, AND MOVING FORWARD

As we move through September, many of our residents are still cleaning up and recovering from the devastating storms. The damage to homes, trees, and property was significant, and the cleanup process has been long, stressful, and exhausting.

I know many residents are tired — tired of the process, tired of the delays, and tired of having to keep starting over. Please know that you are not alone. Your frustrations are valid, and your resilience is powerful.

We may still be cleaning up, but we are also still standing, still supporting one another, and still moving forward — TOGETHER.

Thank you to everyone who continues to work hard to restore their homes, help their neighbors, and keep Sauk Village strong.

A BEAUTIFUL SUCCESS!
COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER & FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

Our Community Baby Shower & Family Resource Fair, held on Saturday, September 5, was a tremendous success!

Families were able to receive diapers, baby items, resource information, and connections to valuable services. The event was filled with compassion, support, and community spirit. It truly showed what "It Takes a Village" means.

Thank You!

To everyone who donated, volunteered, participated, and supported this event — THANK YOU! Because of you, families felt seen, supported, and empowered.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
BE PREPARED. STAY INFORMED. STAY SAFE.

September is a great time to review or create your emergency plan. Severe weather, power outages, and unexpected situations can happen at any time. Being prepared helps keep you, your family, and our community safer.

TAKE TIME THIS MONTH TO:

- Review or create your emergency plan
- Keep an emergency kit (water, food, medications, flashlights, batteries, and phone chargers)
- Verify important phone numbers
- Check on your seniors and vulnerable neighbors
- Sign up for emergency alerts

SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS
YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Mental health matters. Life can feel overwhelming, but please remember — you are not alone. There is always help, there is always hope, and there are people who care.

- Check on your family, friends, and neighbors
- Be a listening ear
- Encourage someone today
- Remind them they are not alone
- Show kindness — it can make a difference

You're Not Alone

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP.
IT'S OKAY TO CHECK ON OTHERS.
TOGETHER, WE CAN SAVE LIVES.

630-921-1385 | msterling@saukvillage.org | Trustee Michelle Sterling

Save Money with the ComEd Whole Home Electric Offering!
A Smart Energy Solution for Income-Eligible Households

ComEd is excited to offer an opportunity for qualifying income-eligible customers!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
ED PAESAL COMMUNITY CENTER
2700 Kavelage Dr. • Sauk Village, IL 60411

Your Journey Starts Here!
Receive new heating and cooling systems and appliances at little or no cost. The Whole Home Electric offering will help replace old or inefficient electric heating equipment with high-performance electric systems.

Upgrading will help you increase comfort at home, lower carbon emissions and improve air quality across our communities while reducing your overall energy costs.

How to Get Started:

- Call 779-774-7680 to confirm your initial eligibility and schedule an appointment.
- Meet with a Whole Home Electric representative for a full assessment of your home.
- Receive a project plan to convert your existing electric heating and cooling system to a high efficiency air source heat pump, at no cost to you. Upgrades may also include weatherization services if applicable.
- Once you accept your customized plan, a ComEd Service Provider will install your home's FREE energy efficiency upgrades.

Benefits for Your Home & Family

- Greater Comfort
- Lower Energy Costs
- Cleaner Environment
- Improved Air Quality
- Energy Efficient Home

Free Low Energy Efficient Resources

One Gift Card per family to the first 50 attendees!

Light Breakfast Served!

CALL 708-921-3662 TO REGISTER TODAY!

Don't Miss This Opportunity to Save Money and Power a Brighter Future!

Susan G. Komen. We fight breast cancer. Together.

SAUK VILLAGE "Steps for A Cure" BREAST CANCER WALK & RALLY

OCTOBER 24, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
WELCH PARK
21801 S. TORRENCE AVE.
SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411

CSN SAUK VILLAGE
A COMMUNITY UNITED FOR HOPE.

WALK. RALLY. SUPPORT.
EVERY STEP BRINGS US CLOSER TO A CURE.

Be part of a movement that saves lives.

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
WELCH PARK
21801 S. TORRENCE AVE.
SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411

REGISTER OR DONATE TODAY!

Visit the link below to join, donate, or learn more about our team.

https://secure.info-komen.org/site/TR/DIYFundraising/General?pg=personal&px=27482520&fr_id=11064

JOIN US. MAKE AN IMPACT.
Change Lives.

LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED
[komen.org](https://www.komen.org)

Edit:

Please text your name and email to register.



BE TORNADO READY

Tornadoes...
can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris. Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground.

They can...

- happen anytime
- happen anywhere
- bring intense winds
- look like a funnel

TORNADO Emergency Plan

- Decide on a safe space in your home
- Store an emergency kit in your safe space
- Identify where to go if at work or school
- Complete your family emergency plan

If you are under a TORNADO warning...

 Find shelter right away. Go to a safe room, basement, or storm shelter

 Cover your head and neck to protect yourself from falling debris

 Move to the lowest level of a building or to an interior room without windows, like a closet or bathroom

 Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You're safer in a low flat location

Sign up for ALERTCOOK

888-777



Alert Cook

Simply text "AlertCook" to 888-777

VISIT WWW.READY.GOV FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



HOW TO STAY SAFE

when a **TORNADO** threatens

BEFORE	DURING	AFTER
Know Your Area's Tornado Risk • In the U.S. the Midwest and Southeast have a greater risk of tornadoes • Sign up for your community's warning system • Become familiar with your community's siren warning tones Know the Signs of a Tornado • Rotating funnel-shaped cloud • An approaching cloud of debris • Loud roars similar to a freight train Identify and Practice Going to a Safe Shelter	Take Additional Cover • Shield your head and neck • Place materials around you such as furniture and blankets • Shelter in a bath tub • Follow guidance of the local authorities Watch Out for Flying Debris • Stay away from windows • Stay in the center of a room away from potential debris • Remain indoors until the storm has passed Immediately Go to a Safe Location. Do Not Try to Outrun a Tornado	Follow the Guidance of your Local Authorities • Do not enter impacted buildings until told safe to do so • Save your phone calls for emergencies as power sources may be impacted • Be prepared to act If You Are Trapped • Cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to avoid breathing dust • Try to send a text, bang on a wall or pipe, or use a whistle instead of shouting First Aid • Check for injuries; if you are trained, provide first aid until emergency responders arrive • Watch out for post-tornado hazards • Check on family and friends, let them know you are safe Stay Clear of Debris, Broken Utilities and Fallen Power Lines





BE EXTREME HEAT READY

Extreme Heat...
happens due to dangerously high temperatures and is one of the leading causes of weather-related deaths among all weather disasters.

Potential Harm

- Can last two to three days
- Air quality can be a factor during extreme heat
- Elderly, children and disabled individuals can be at greater risk

EXTREME HEAT Emergency Plan

- Wear light clothing
- Limit time outside
- Use sunscreen
- Keep pets safe

If you are under an EXTREME HEAT warning...

 Find air conditioning if possible

 Watch for heat illness

 Drink plenty of hydrating liquids

 Never leave people or pets in a closed car

 Check on neighbors

Sign up for ALERTCOOK

888-777



Alert Cook

Simply text "AlertCook" to 888-777

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HOW TO STAY SAFE

when **EXTREME HEAT** threatens

BEFORE	DURING	RECOGNIZE + RESPOND
Learn the Signs or Heat Illness • Recognize and respond • Be aware of heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and sunburn • Stay hydrated • Stay informed Keep Your Home Cool • Cover windows with drapes or shades • Weather strip doors and windows • Install window air conditioners and insulate around them Find Places in Your Community Where You Can Get Cool	Stay Informed • Local cooling centers • Watch weather and local news reports • Follow guidance of the local authorities Stay Cool • Find places with air conditioning • If outside, find shade • Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated • Avoid high-energy activities Never Leave People or Pets Inside a Vehicle on a Warm Day	Heat Cramps • Signs: Muscle pain or spasms in the stomach, arms, or legs • Actions: Get to a cooler location, remove excess clothing, sip cool sports drinks with salt or sugar, and seek medical help if symptoms last for more than an hour Heat Stroke • Signs: Extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees) indicated by an oral thermometer; red, hot, and dry skin with no sweat; rapid, strong pulse; dizziness; confusion; and unconsciousness • Actions: Call 9-1-1 or get the person to a hospital immediately. Cool down with whatever methods are available until medical help arrives Heat Exhaustion • Signs: Heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting and fainting • Actions: Get to a cooler location, remove excess clothing, take a cold bath, sip cool sports drinks with salt or sugar, and seek medical help if symptoms last for more than an hour



SEP

21737 Jeffrey Ave Sauk Village, IL 60411
 Phone: 708-757-4771
 Fax: 708-757-3580
www.mcconathypubliclibrary.org
 New Library Hours

Mon. -Thurs. 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

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 Kid's crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	2 Craft Bag Pick-Up	3 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	4 Gamers Club 3:00p - 4:00p	5 Kid's Movie 11 am - 1 pm
6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 Kid's crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	9 Craft Bag Pick-Up	10 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	11 Bunco 5:00 pm \$5.00	12 Story Time & Craft 11:30 pm - 1:00 pm
13 CLOSED	14 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	15 Kid's crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	16 Craft Bag Pick-Up	17 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	18 Community Breakfast 10:30am - 12:00pm Gamers Club 3:00p - 4:00p	19 Kid's Movie 11 am - 1 pm
20 CLOSED	21 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	22 Kid's crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	23 Craft Bag Pick-Up	24 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	25 Lego Club 3:00p - 4:00p	26 Story Time & Craft 11:30 pm - 1:00 pm
27 CLOSED	28 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	29 Kid's crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	30 Craft Bag Pick-Up			

Library Card Sign Up Month! Apply for or renew your

UPCOMING EVENTS

MCCONATHY LIBRARY 2026

SEP
18

BETTER BREAKFAST 10 A- 11:30

OCT
3

PUMPKIN CARVING \$4.00 10:00 A- 11:00 A

OCT
11

ICE CREAM SOCIAL 4:00 P - 5:00 P

OCT
26

TRUNK OR TREAT 11:00 A - 2:00 P

NOV
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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING (RSVP NEEDED)

DEC
19

SANTA EVENT (SIGN UP REQUIRED)

HUGE GARAGE SALE

Crossroads Church
 23001 S Torrence Ave
 Sauk Village, IL

Saturday, September 12, 2026
8am - 2pm

Lots of clothes, home decor
 and miscellaneous items.

Good Stuff!

Bring a Friend!

GAME NIGHT!

Every 2nd & 4th Friday
4-8pm

at **Sauk Village Senior Center**
 21801 Torrence Ave
 Sauk Village, IL 60411

BREAKFAST BINGO!

Every 1st & 3rd Friday
11:00am - 1:00pm

Sauk Village Senior Center
 21801 Torrence Ave
 Sauk Village, IL 60411

Senior Fit

Every Tuesday & Thursday
10:30-11:30am
Sauk Village Senior Center
 21801 Torrence Ave
 Sauk Village IL 60411