Issue
October
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Village of Sauk Village
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Sauk Village, IL. 60411
708-758-3330

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Fire Department Press Release



As we move into midOctober, the Sauk Village Fire Department is preparing for one of the busiest transitions of the year. Cooler temperatures, earlier sunsets, and the start of fall activities bring a new set of firesafety concerns that we want our residents to keep in mind. I want to thank everyone for your continued partnership in keeping our community safe and for the support you show our Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics every day.

With furnaces, space heaters, and fireplaces beginning to see regular use, now is the time to check your heating equipment. Ensure your furnace has been serviced, keep space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn, and never leave them running unattended. If you use a fireplace, have your chimney inspected and cleaned to prevent dangerous buildup that can lead to chimney fires.

This season also brings an increase in outdoor burning and leaf disposal. Please remember that open burning is restricted, and any outdoor fire, whether a small recreational fire or a fire pit, must be constantly attended and fully extinguished before you leave the area. Dry leaves and brush can ignite quickly, especially on windy days, so keep debris away from ignition sources and dispose of yard waste properly.

As Halloween approaches, we encourage families to enjoy the holiday safely. Choose flameresistant costumes, use batterypowered candles in pumpkins, and keep walkways welllit to prevent trips and falls. Drivers should remain alert for children crossing streets during trickortreat hours, especially after dark. Finally, October is Fire Prevention Month, a reminder to test your smoke alarms, replace batteries if needed, and ensure every home has working alarms on every level. The Sauk Village Fire Department currently has free smoke detectors available for Sauk Village residents. The smoke detectors provided by the Sauk Village Fire Department in partnership with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance have a 10-year battery that does not require changing. Residents in need may contact the Fire Department to obtain detectors and request installation assistance if necessary. A few minutes of preparation can make all the difference in an emergency.

Our department remains committed to protecting Sauk Village with readiness, professionalism, and compassion. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and resilient community as we move deeper into the fall season.

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

Village of SAUK EST 1957 Village Pride and Progress

SAUK VILLAGE "Steps for A Cure"

BREAST CANCER WALK & RALLY



CSN Sauk Village

TOGETHER WE WALK. | TOGETHER WE HEAL. | TOGETHER WE END BREAST CANCER.

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

FOLLOW US | #KomenWalk | #MoreThanPink

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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

LISTEN | SERVE | ADVOCATE | SOLVE | MOVE FORWARD

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.

STRONG FAMILIES | HEALTHY CHILDREN | BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

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:

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

Prepared Today. A Safer Tomorrow.

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 | PEOPLE PURPOSE PROGRESS

A STRONGER SAUK VILLAGE • TOGETHER

SAUK VILLAGE TRUSTEE RAVEN JOHNSON PRESENTS

THRILLER NIGHT

5-9PM
AGES 3-12
FREE ENTRY

SAT
OCT 31ST

@ THE SAUK VILLAGE GYM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

CANDY GIVEAWAYS, GAMES, COSTUME CONTEST, FOOD & MORE

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY AITF

TEXT (773)503-2209 TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN

2700 KALVELAGE DRIVE, SAUK VILLAGE IL, 60411

HELP MAKE

THRILLER NIGHT

SWEET. SAFE. UNFORGETTABLE.

DONATE CANDY!



Help us create an amazing Thriller Night experience for our community! Your candy donations will bring smiles, fun, and spooky memories to kids and families.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE THRILLER NIGHT UNFORGETTABLE!

EVENT: THRILLER NIGHT

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 31

BENEFITING OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH

THE LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS IS OCTOBER 23RD!

PLEASE TEXT 773 503 2209

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT CASH DONATIONS ONLY WRAPPED CANDY

TRUSTEE RAVEN JOHNSON

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

VOTE

It is your privilege and your right!

We have two very important elections on the horizon!



Inside this edition of ***Sauk Talk*** you will find valuable information about the upcoming **November election,** including where and when to vote, which offices are on the ballot, and other important election details.

The rest is up to YOU!

Do your homework. Get informed. Take the time to thoroughly research the candidates, their qualifications, and where they stand on the issues that matter to you and your community.

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!

Make it count!



More on the **2027 Consolidated Election** in the next edition of ***Sauk Talk***, where we will be electing Village, School and Library Members.

BE INFORMED ★ BE PREPARED ★ EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

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.) VOTE

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

Your Vote Matters!

IMPORTANT DATES *for the Upcoming* CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

VOTE

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

GO TO YOUR TRUSTED SOURCE FOR ELECTION FACTS

GET ACCURATE, UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT:

- VOTER REGISTRATION
- WAYS TO VOTE
- KEY DATES AND DEADLINES
- POLLING PLACES AND EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

VISIT COOKCOUNTYCLERK.COM/VOTERINFO

CLERK

MONICA GORDON
COOK COUNTY CLERK



VOTER ASSISTANCE

★★★ IN YOUR LANGUAGE ★★★

SCAN HERE

SCAN HERE AND SCROLL DOWN TO VIEW:

- Voter's Bill of Rights
- Election Day Information and Services
- Provisional Voting Information
- Mail Ballot Information

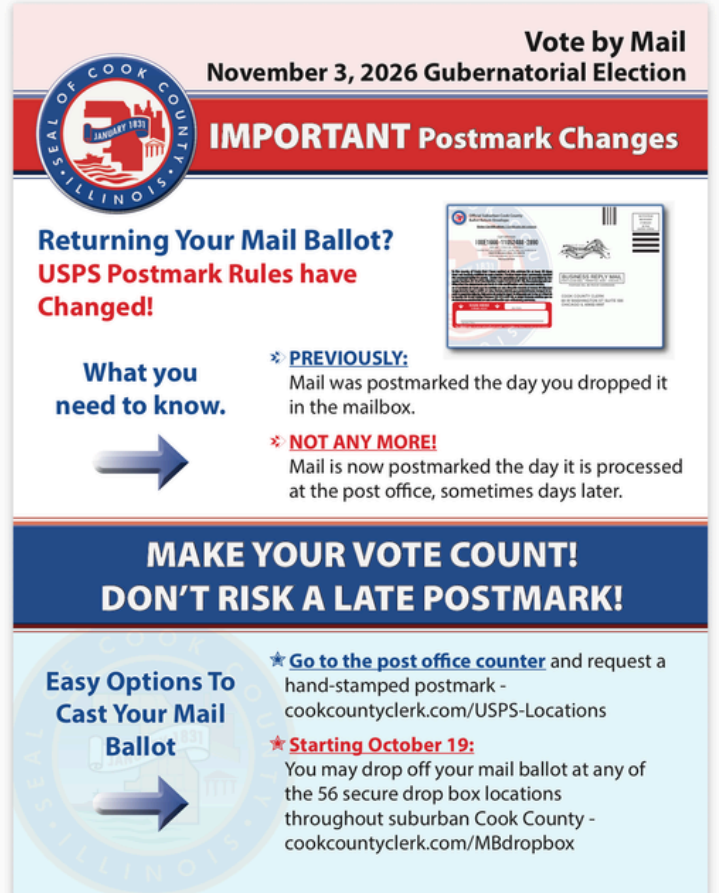
KNOW YOUR OPTIONS
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

REGISTER TO VOTE
Register online in just minutes.
cookcountyclerk.com/RTV

WAYS TO VOTE
Vote by Mail, Early Voting, or on Election Day.
cookcountyclerk.com/Vote

WORK ON ELECTION DAY
Serve your community as an Election Judge or Polling Place Technician.
EARN $250-$400.
cookcountyclerk.com/work





Prairie State College 202 S Halsted Chicago Heights	**Park Forest Village Hall** 350 Victory Dr. Park Forest	**Matteson Community Center** 20642 Matteson Avenue Matteson
Lynwood Senior and Youth Ctr 21460 E. Lincoln Hwy Lynwood	**South Chicago Heights Senior Ctr** 3140 Enterprise Park Ave. South Chicago Heights	**Markham Courthouse** 16501 S. Kedzie Markham

The early voting locations are all open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sundays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

SPECIAL NOTE: *Registration During Early Voting*

Early Voting extends the registration period by allowing voters to register and vote until the Monday before an election. Guidelines limit when and where Early Voting registrants can vote. During the Early Voting period, voters must register and vote in person at one of the Clerk's designated Early Voting locations.

Individuals wishing to vote during Early Voting must bring two pieces of identification, one with a current address, to register. Registrants must immediately cast their ballots after registering.

ELECTION DAY

November 3 (6 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

- Vote at the precinct and polling place found below
- Election Day Registration will be available. Visit cookcountyclerk.com/EDR to find out where

Scan this QR code for more information on Ways to Vote!

VOTE BY MAIL

Apply today for your Mail Ballot!

- Deadline to apply for a mail ballot is October 29th but best to apply as soon as possible to ensure timely receipt of your ballot.
- The Cook County Clerk's Office also offers voters a permanent Vote by Mail option.
- Go to cookcountyclerk.com/votebymail to get all the information you need.

CONTESTS ON YOUR BALLOT

2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
17TH SENATE DISTRICT
34TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
COOK COUNTY JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 17TH SUBCIRCUIT
6TH COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
BLOOM TOWNSHIP

The Cook County Clerk's office will send a postcard notifying you of the precinct and location of your Polling location. Please refer to the mailing as some polling locations have changed Note that there is no longer a Precinct 55. It is now Precinct 48

Precinct 7 First Apostolic Church 22709 State Street Steger, Illinois	Precinct 23 & 53 Ed Paesel Center 2700 Kalvelage Drive Sauk Village, Illinois	Precinct 27 McConathy Public Library 21737 Jeffrey Avenue Sauk Village, Illinois
Precinct 32 Grace UCC 2500 223rd Street Sauk Village, Illinois	Precinct 48 Rickover Junior H.S. 22151 Torrence Avenue Sauk Village, Illinois	Precinct 16 Lynwood Senior & Youth Ctr 21460 E Lincoln Hwy Lynwood, Illinois

Senior News


SAUK VILLAGE
ADVISORY COUNCIL
PRESENTS
Sneaker BALL
AGE IS JUST A NUMBER... STYLE HAS NO LIMIT!
GOOD MUSIC GREAT PEOPLE BRIGHT SNEAKERS
SAME GREAT SPIRITS A FRESH PAIR OF KICKS!
STEP ✦ DANCE ✦ SOCIALIZE ✦ SHINE
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 17
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
SENIOR CENTER
21801 S. TORRENCE AVE.,
SAUK VILLAGE, IL
MUSIC
FOOD
DANCING
SOCIALIZATION
PRIZES
PRIZES FOR LADIES' & MEN'S
BEST BLINGED OUT SNEAKERS!
RSVP BY OCTOBER 9
C. COLEMAN 773-426-0176
D. CONEY 708-710-4564
FRIENDSHIP ✦ COMMUNITY ✦ GOOD TIMES


GAME NIGHT!
Every 2nd & 4th Friday
4-8pm
at Sauk Village Senior Center
21801 Torrence Ave
Sauk Village, IL 60411
F U N


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

HOPE

IT'S IN OUR BLOOD

VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE BLOOD DRIVE

WHEN & WHERE

Thursday, October 29
02:15 pm - 06:30 pm

MUNICIPAL CENTER
21801 Torrence Avenue
SAUK VILLAGE, IL 60411



PROMOTION

Creep it real - blood donors save lives! When you donate blood this Halloween season, you'll receive this exclusive T-shirt as a thank-you for helping save lives!

"Photo ID Required"

Schedule your appointment
Or
Call 1-800-786-4483
Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome!

Village of SAUK Village

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Blood Cent


TRICK OR TREAT
JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!!
SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2026
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD INSIDE
McConathy Public Library
21737 Jeffery Avenue, Sauk Village, IL. 60411


CHICAGO HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT
DRIVE-THROUGH TRUNK or TREAT
A SAFE, FUN & FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN EXPERIENCE!
HAPPY HALLOWEEN
Join us for a fun-filled evening of Halloween excitement at our Drive-Through Trunk or Treat!
Families are invited to drive through a festive route where children can safely collect candy from creatively decorated trunks hosted by local businesses, churches, community organizations, and volunteers.
LIVE DJ MUSIC
FESTIVE DECORATIONS
FRIENDLY COSTUMED CHARACTERS
PLENTY OF HALLOWEEN SPIRIT
Come celebrate with us and make lasting Halloween memories!
BUSINESSES, CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS are invited to REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE!
wrodgers-spruell@chparkdistrict.net
DATE:
Saturday, October 24th
LOCATION:
East Golf Course
315 Glenwood Road/ Chicago Heights, IL
HOURS:
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
FEE:
FREE


CROSSROADS
CHILI FEST
A Night of Food, Fellowship & Fun!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
5 – 8 PM
CHILI COOK-OFF
GAMES
PRIZES
FOOD
FESTIVITIES
CROSSROADS CHURCH
23001 S TORRENCE AVE
SAUK VILLAGE, IL


VILLAGE OF
SAUK VILLAGE
TRICK OR TREAT HOURS!
Saturday, October 31, 2026
1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Please look for the children as they make their way through our neighborhoods enjoying Halloween festivities.
SAFETY FIRST!
Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!

McConathy Library News

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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 unless listed.

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				1 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	2 Craft Bag Pick-Up	3 Pumpkin Carving Event RSVP Only
4 CLOSED	5 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	6 Fire Prevention Week Touch a Truck 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	7 Gamers Club 3:00p - 4:00p	8 Chili cookoff 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	9 Bunco 5:00 pm $5.00 Craft Bag Pick-Up	10 Kid's Movie 11 am - 1 pm
11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED	13 Kid's crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	14 National Dessert Day Ice Cream Social 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	15 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	16 Craft Bag Pick-Up	17 Kid's Movie 11 am - 1 pm
18 CLOSED	19 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	20 Kid's crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	21 Gamers Club 3:00p - 4:00p	22 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	23 Craft Bag Pick-Up	24 CLOSED for Trunk or Treat 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
25 CLOSED	26 Senior Movie 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	27 Kid's crafts 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	28 Lego Club 3:00p - 4:00p	29 Kid's cooking 4:00pm - 5:00 pm	30 Craft Bag Pick-Up	31 Trick or Treat During Village Hours

Trick or Treat! October 24th 2026
11:00 am - 2:00 pm





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

Check out www.saukvillage.org for news you can use including current village board information , election updates, alerts and more.