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Mayor's Corner

Mayor David Hanks

"UCR" Criminal Activity in Sauk Village!!

The UCR (Uniform Crime Reporting) is a voluntary assessment of crime in a community that is reported to the Federal Government to evaluate crime across America.

UCR has eight major crime categories: Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. In Sauk Village these crime categories and their sub categories are/were historically entered into the Sauk Village Police Department's computer system to aid the Police in gauging criminal activity in the Village and to generate a monthly UCR report to the State Police. They in turn send an annual report to the FBI who oversees the UCR program.

As Mayor, I have been extremely and deeply concerned about reported crime in Sauk Village. Like you, I viewed the annual UCR report to the Federal Government, as factual. I did not understand how Sauk Village had so much crime and our neighboring Villages so much less.

In August of 2015, I hired Robert Kowalski, a former Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI, as Chief of Police. Shortly after Chief Kowalski came on board he reviewed the Village's past UCR reports. His expertise and years of service with the FBI immediately identified the crime problem in Sauk Village. **OVER REPORTING!** (Chart1) The Sauk Village Police Department was over reporting criminal activity. Whether the mistake was due to a lack of training or not understanding how to properly report UCR crime, the issue of excessive crime in Sauk Village is now solved! For that I thank Chief Kowalski and his years of experience with the FBI.

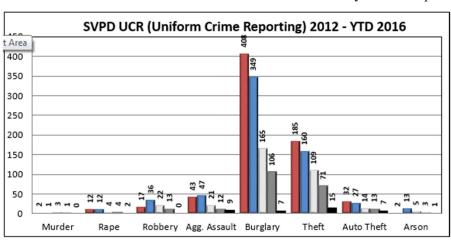


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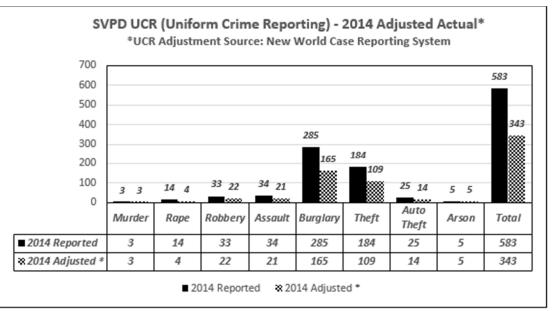


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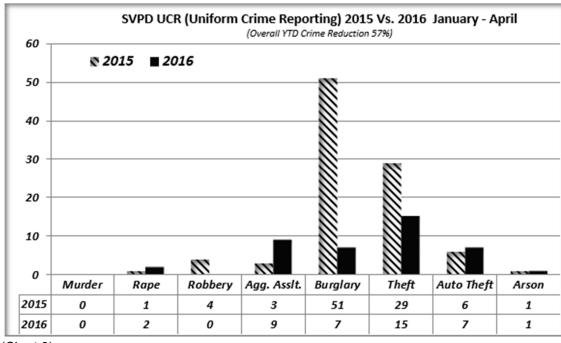
Mayor David Hanks

On behalf of Sauk Village, Chief Kowalski was able to file an adjusted 2014 UCR report (the 2014 monthly UCR's filed by the Police Department were 41% over reported) (Chart 2). The adjusted UCR reports will be made public by the FBI later this year (only one prior year is allowed to be adjusted).



(Chart 2)

I am not naïve, crime does exists is Sauk Village as it exist everywhere in America. But Sauk Village is not nor has it been an exception to the norm. Chief Kowalski and the Officers of his Department are dedicated first responders; through their efforts and now through factual reporting, crime in 2016 has been reduced by 57% over the same period last year (*Chart 3*). Finally, crime should be a concern for everyone not just the Police. Chief Kowalski is accessible; he is there to help us with whatever problem we have. When a problem arises call him!!



(Chart 3)

What's Happening Now!!!







NATIONAL NIGHT OUT- Tuesday, August 2, 2016 5-9 pm- Behind Village Hall-Community Night! Bring the family, lawn chairs, or blankets. Meet your neighbors and elected officials, Get Safety tips and see various demonstrations. Refreshments will be available for sale or bring your own. Contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams for more information.

3rd ANNUAL BOOK BAG GIVEAWAY & SAFETY RALLY- August 18, 2016 5:30 pm

Rickover Junior High School- 500 Book bags with school supplies will be distributed. Monetary donations or school supplies can be dropped off at the Village Hall Monday through Friday from 8am – 5pm. For more information contact Neighborhood Watch Chair/ Trustee Lynda Washington 708/753-5130.

INTERESTED IN-

WORKING ON THE SAUK VILLAGE 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE? How you can get involved in your community? Questions on Voter's Registration or being a poll watcher in the November election? Have comments or suggestions?

Please contact Trustee Rosie Williams or Village Clerk Debbie Williams for additional information at 708-753-5121.

Register for Free Sauk Village Email Alerts— at <u>www.saukvillage.org</u> and enroll now. (Must reply to confirmation email.)

THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO AND THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE ARE OFFERING FREE 55 GALLON RAIN BARRELS TO SAUK VILLAGE RESIDENTS.

SIGN UP NOW TO RESERVE UP TO FOUR FREE RAIN BARRELS.

NAME	
ADDRESS	
PHONE NUMBER	_
EMAIL ADDRESS	_
COLORS AVAILABLE: Indicate the amount requested	in each color.
Terra CottaBlue	
Black Expect delivery of your free rain barrel(s) in up to 1	2-14 weeks.

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Neighborhood Watch

Lynda Washington-House



Hello Sauk Village!!!

We are still raising money for our **500** Back to School **FREE** Book Bag Give Away. We are also looking for donations of supplies to fill the book bags. Donations can be dropped off at the village hall during normal business hours. Please remember all donations are due as soon as possible.

Our next big event will be on <u>Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Rickover Jr. High School at 5:30 p.m.</u> in conjunction with School District 168 Back to School Bash! We will be distributing the book bags at this event. This will be a great Safety Rally and book bag give away event! Inform all

your neighbors it's a first come basis to receive 2 book bags per family. Our committee is working hard for you. We are looking for volunteers please contact me today.

FINALLY, we are starting our summer program for Sauk Village. Our Jr. Neighborhood Watch program grades 6th – 12th! It will run the months of June, July and August. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at the Fire Station located at 1822 222nd Street, Sauk Village, IL. 60411. This will be a fun and informative program educating our youth to some facts about public safety. Please encourage your children to participate. Thank you in advance, I would love to see you at these events and please spread the word. Get involved and join us. Motto: Working together means winning together!



Senior Committee News

Rose Langston

The committee hosted a luncheon in appreciation of our village seniors on Saturday, May 21st to celebrate the 51st Anniversary of the Older Americans Month. It was a very successful event with an abundance of food . Sub-committee chair Barbara Stearns led her committee members (Rose Ketcham, Rose Langston, and Frank Williams) in donating the food dishes they prepared plus more. Although it was not a potluck, more food was provided by other seniors (Gladys Reese/cake, Linda Todd/cakes & cookies, and Debbie Williams/Taco salad & cake). Committee members Steve Shymkus did the set up and was the greeter (assisted by Debbie Williams) and Floyd Morgan (and his spouse Nadine Morgan) assisted with the preparation. Our youths (Abby, Benjamin, Ethan, and Rebecca) did a fabulous job volunteering to serve the seniors did not participate in the senior meal. Following the luncheon, 'Rummikub, game was played introducing more seniors to what game the seniors are addicted to on Fridays. Thank you to all who participated and helped with the clean- up. A copy of the proclamation was given to each senior.

All seniors age 50 years young or older are invited to the Senior Committee Open Senior Activity every Friday 12:30-3:30 p.m. with coordinators Steve Shymkus and Frank Williams. There is no meeting, no membership and no dues, just come and join the fun with your peers. Light refreshments and bottled water served. Recently, the committee approved a suggestion from the participants to hold an activity day one Saturday a month with a potluck dinner. Time and date to be determine.

The Bloom Township annual senior picnic is on Thursday, August 5th at Veterans Memorial Park, 19101 Halsted St., Glenwood from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets (\$4.00) are only on sale at the township office, NO tickets will be sold on the day of the picnic. FREE transportation to the picnic for township seniors only, call Bloom Township Senior Wheels at (708) 754-8200. See posted flyer for details. For further information, call (708) 754-9400 ext. 7270.

Girl Scouts of America



Want to be a Girl Scout leader?

Sauk Village Girl Scout Adult Volunteers Needed!!!!!!!

Join in the fun and register with Girl Scouts as an adult volunteer leader!!!!!

Lead a team of adult volunteers who will mentor girls through experiences in which they will develop their passions, make friends, try new things, explore their world, and broaden their horizons. Make memories that will last a lifetime.

Tammy Jones 708-272-2104

Police Department

Police Chief Robert Kowalski

On July 1st The Neighborhood Watch Program hosted a Public Safety Meeting for the businesses and citizens of Sauk Village. The event brought a guest speaker Chuck Dushane, Protective Security Advisor, from the Protective Security Coordination Division of the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Dushane spoke on the topic of "Active Shooter" and how homeland Security starts with hometown security. He focused his presentation on responding to a situation where you could be in an active shooter situation. The first response would be to EVACUATE the area; have an escape route and a plan in mind; leave your belongings and when approached by law enforcement keep your hands visible. If cannot evacuate then HIDE OUT; hide in an area out of the shooters view; be sure to block the entry to the hiding spot you're in, lock the door, turn out the lights and silence your cell phone. As a last resort TAKE ACTION only when your life is in imminent danger; attempt to incapacitate the shooter and act with physical aggression by protecting yourself however possible. These steps have been created and provided by the Department of Homeland Security.

Mr. Dushane also provided a handout which outlined four steps and how security starts with YOU as a business owner. The first step is to CONNECT to establish relationships. It recommended visiting the website dhs.gov/hometownsecurity to learn more about resources provided to you by the government especially the DHS Protective Security Advisor Program. It also recommends getting to know your local law enforcement, fire and EMS departments. Second PLAN to keep your employees and customers safe. Stay aware of potential threats and hazards to your business, including your computer systems and visit ready.gov/business to develop plans for the safety, security and continuity of your business. Third is TRAIN your staff to deal with potential threats. Teach employees to identify and report suspicious activity. The Sauk Village Police Department can help you with that or you can visitready.gov/business for training programs. The 4th and final step is one of the most important which is "If You See Something, Say Something".

Although the event was low in attendance the program information provided was interesting and useful as expressed by those in attendance. We will be planning more such events in the future as well as having this program again in the fall.

Sewer System Notice



July 12, 2015

Dear Sauk Village Resident:

In its ongoing efforts to improve the Village of Sauk Village's infrastructure, the Village will be conducting a program to identify locations where storm water is entering the sanitary sewer system. The study, being performed by the engineering firm Robinson Engineering, LTD, of Frankfort Illinois, includes smoke testing of the sanitary sewers in the areas noted on the map.

Smoke testing is a simple means of locating openings in the sewer system that allow surface rainwater runoff to enter the sanitary sewers. Air combined with non-toxic smoke is forced into the sewer lines to disclose the location of connections and leaks. Smoke will appear where there are defects in the main sewer line or laterals (connection between the main line and a building) or where there are other connections to the sewer system such as roof drains, patio drains, and footing drains.

Smoke should not enter buildings unless there are dried-up drain traps or an improper sewer connection. To help prevent smoke from entering your home, please pour water into sinks and floor drains. You should always feel free to call 911 in an emergency. However, if you believe smoke is entering your home from smoke testing, please contact a member of the Robinson field crew if they are still on your street. If the field crew is no longer in the area you may contact Robinson Engineering at (815) 412-2025.

The smoke is non-toxic, creates no fire hazard, leaves no residue, dissipates in about an hour, and is harmless. However, if someone in your home has respiratory problems, you may wish to take extra precautions on your own, such as leaving your home during the actual testing.

The smoke testing will begin on July 18th and is anticipated to be completed by July 22nd. Additional notification will be provided by door hanger cards before the smoke testing is to start in your area and signs will be posted at highly visible intersections when the crews are testing.

If you have any questions please call Rodney Phillippi at Robinson Engineering at (815) 412-2025.

Robinson Engineering, Ltd



Sewer System Notice Continued

NOTICE

SMOKE TESTING SEWER LINES

The Village of Sauk Village is conducting a smoke test of the sanitary sewers system.

Work crews will be in the area:

July 18 thru July 22

A "SMOKE TEST" survey will assist our inspection crews in locating breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, HAS NO ODOR, WHITE TO GRAY IN COLOR AND CREATES NO FIRE HAZARD.

The smoke should not enter your home unless the drain traps are dried up or there is defective plumbing.

It is advisable for the homeowner to pour a gallon of water into each floor drain prior to our testing. If you are not home and discover smoke when you return, please call us at (815) 412-2025.



Beautification Committee

HOOTSIE AWARDS coming again in August! To be included in this years judging, old awards must be removed from your landscape. Details will be available at the Village Hall, Library, Village Website and the Beautification Committee of Sauk Village, Facebook page.

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Water Quality Report

SAUK VILLAGE WATERWORKS WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2015

Sauk Villages WaterWorks vigilantly safeguards its well water supply. This brochure is a summary of the water quality provided to its customers last year. It is a record of the hard work, by our Certified Operator's and field personnel, to bring you water that is safe.

Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to the standards set by the regulatory agencies. Sauk Village WaterWorks is committed to providing you with information about your water supply, because customers who are informed are our best allies in supporting improvements necessary to maintain the highest drinking water standards.

On tap at the Sauk Village WaterWorks Distribution and Water Treatment improvements in 2015

We have two Class "A" and one Class "C" Certified Operators who continue their education to keep them up to date with the ever changing rules and technology in the water industry, to provide the public with safe water.

Our rehabilitation project of both Sauk Village water treatment facilities, which includes permanent air stripping systems and iron removal filter systems has been completed. Both sites are operational and pumping treated finished water to our system that tests ND, not detected, for Vinyl Chloride.

With the addition of the air stripping and filter systems our water quality has improved and greatly reduced our customer complaints for rusty water and taste and odor issues.

We continue to upgrade of our distribution system infrastructure with the replacement of fire hydrants, water main valves, and sections of water main that are deteriorating beyond repair.

Replacement and repair of residential shut off valves continued throughout 2015.

In addition to weekly flushing of key areas we also continue the flushing and maintenance of our fire hydrants, **weather permitting**, to provide a reliable system for the Fire Department in the event of an emergency.

Sources of Sauk Village's Drinking Water comes from three groundwater wells, two wells located at 2217 220th St. and one at 2050 Evergreen. They are drilled approximately 500' deep into the sandstone layer of the earth. This is water that is trapped within the sandstone and forms the water table. Groundwater is less likely to become contaminated than surface water, but is still mandated to be tested for chemical constitutes as outlined by the Illinois EPA and the USEPA.

2015 Water Quality Data

The tables listed below show the contaminant, Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG), and sources of contaminants. Some of the following abbreviations are used throughout this report and are defined as follows:

MCLG = Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

MCL= Maximum Contaminant Level or the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

AL= Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

 $\underline{\mathbf{ND}}$ = not detectable at testing limits, $\underline{\mathbf{NA}}$ = not applicable, $\underline{\mathbf{mg/1}}$ = milligrams per liter, or $\underline{\mathbf{p}}$ arts $\underline{\mathbf{p}}$ er $\underline{\mathbf{m}}$ illion (or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water), $\underline{\mathbf{ug/1}}$ = micrograms per liter, or $\underline{\mathbf{p}}$ arts $\underline{\mathbf{p}}$ er $\underline{\mathbf{b}}$ illion (or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water), $\underline{\mathbf{pCi/1}}$ = picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity

The "Level Found" column represents an average of sample result data collected.

The "Range of Detections" column represents a range of individual sample results.

The "<u>Date of Sample</u>" column. If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change.

Nitrate (as N) (mg/l)	10	10	ND	0.0 - 0.0	N	2015	Erosion of natural deposits; run-off from fertilizer use;	
Nitrite (as N) (mg/l)	1	1	.016	.016016	N	2015	leaching from septic tanks, sewage.	
Radioactive Alpha Emitters (pCi/l)	0	15	14.4	14.4 – 14.4	N	2015	Erosion of natural deposits	
Combined Radi- um	0	5	1.7	1.7 – 1.7	N	2015	Erosion of natural deposits	
State Regulated Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Level Found	Range o		ion Date o		
Manganese (ug/l)	150	150	32.3	32.3 - 32.	3 N	2015	Erosion of Naturally occurring deposits.	
		1					Erosion of naturally occur-	
Sodium (mg/l)	NA	NA	155	155 -155	5 N	2015	ring deposits; used as water softener.	

Microbial Contaminants	MCLG	MCL	Highest No. Of Positive	Violation	Source of Contamination
Total Coliform	0	1	0	No	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and					1
E-Coli	0	0	0	No	

Violation Summary Table

Violation Types

MNR Monitoring Violation (failure to Monitor)

MCL Maximum Contaminant Level (level found exceeded regulated standard)

Treatment Technique Violation (failure to meet treatment process)

RPV Reporting Violation (failure to submit results/required report by deadline)

Violations for Sauk Village Public Water Supply IL0312790

Violations Table: We had NO drinking water violations in 2015.

We are currently in compliance with the drinking water standard set by the IEPA.

We test monthly, all raw and finished water Produced. We are diligently working with the IEPA to ensure we meet all drinking water standards.

Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

Unregulated

Contaminants: A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health

effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist the USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contami-

nants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

<u>Iron:</u> This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state has set a MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a population of 1000 or more.

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Manganese: This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state has set a MCL for this contaminant for supplies serving a popula-

non of 1000 or more.

Sodium: There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are con-

cerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult your physician about this level

of sodium in the water.

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Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewerage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife;

Inorganic contaminant, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or the result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming;

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff and residential uses;

<u>Organic chemical contaminants</u>, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm-water runoff and septic systems;

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by the public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hot Line (1-800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

The Source Water Assessment for Sauk Village (facility # 0312790)

The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA.

To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of

Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey, published in 1992 by the Illinois EPA, two possible problem sites were identified within the survey area of well #3. Furthermore, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Section of the Illinois EPA indicated several additional sites with ongoing remediation's which may be of concern. With that, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Sauk community Water Supply's source water has a high susceptibility to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydro geologic data on the wells. It should be noted that while the above determination was made based on proximity and certain geologic conditions, the possibility still exists that Sauk's supply source could be impacted. Based on guidelines outlined in the U.S. EPA's Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Sauk Community Water Supply has a low susceptibility to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the village's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydro geologic barrier exists which prevents pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the village's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the susceptibility determination.

Customer Views Welcome

All Village residents are encouraged to participate in the decision making process concerning our drinking water by attending Village Board Meetings. Please contact the Village Hall for dates and times of meetings.

If you are interested in learning more about the Treatment and Distribution of the water system, or have any questions or concerns about this report, contact the Village Hall at 708.758.3330.

Winpak Expansion Project

Mayor David Hanks announces that "Winpak's" expansion project at Sauk Village's Logistic Center will provide 100 NEW JOBS!!

Through the efforts of Mayor David Hanks and in cooperation with the Chicago Southland Economic Development Corporation (CSEDC) and the South Suburban Mayor's and Manager's' Association (SSMMA) the Winpak expansion project is underway in Sauk Village. When completed the project will provide 100 New Jobs!!

Parking Lot Expansion



Location of New 348,000 square-feet Expansion



Winpak's Director of Manufacturing, Gary Tsao, stated that through the efforts of Mayor David Hanks and the cooperating associations Winpak is adding 348,000 square-feet of production and logistics space and an additional 15,000 square-feet of office space to their existing 267,000 square-foot structure. Currently, approximately 40 people are employed at the current Sauk Village facility. Winpak is a multi-national packaging company. The facility produces plastic cups and trays for food and beverages, most notably the KGM K-cups and creamer, margarine, applesauce and juice cups. Winpak's expansion is the first expansion of its kind since the Logistic Center was completed in 1997.





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SAVE THE DATE-

SAUK VILLAGE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JULY 2017



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911	SAUK VILLAGE HALL	758-3330
POLICE AND FIRE NON EMERGENCY	758-1331	SENIOR CENTER	753-5141
COMMUNITY CENTER	758-4115	BLOOM TOWNSHIP	754-9400
COOK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	210-4500	RESPOND NOW EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE	755-4357
COMMONWEALTH EDISON	1-800-3347661	NICOR	1-888-642-6748
REPUBLIC SERVICES DISPOSAL	708-385-8252	MCCONATHY PUBLIC LIBRARY	757-4771

VISIT US ON THE WEB: WWW.SAUK VILLAGE.ORG