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Sauk Talk

*Mayor's Corner*

*Mayor David Hanks*

**Happy New Year**

Linda and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and we hope your year was as blessed as ours.

Reflecting on the many years I have served as both Trustee and Mayor of Sauk Village, I have so many fond memories. I have worked hard to provide my family and your family a community you can be proud to live and work in. As I face retirement from political life in just a few short months, please know that I will continue to pray for Sauk Village and for the leaders in our community.

Sauk Village will celebrate their 60th Anniversary on March 12, 2017. Many positive events are in the planning stages. Log on to [www.saukvillage.org](http://www.saukvillage.org) and register for the Sauk Village email alerts to stay informed of upcoming events.

*News from the Village Clerk*

*Debbie Williams*

Every New Year comes with resolutions and plans for change. As always, this year my resolution is to continue to find ways to communicate with the residents. Through the years we have enhanced the website to include agendas, minutes, ordinances and financial information and created the Sauk Village email alert system and Sauk Village Information Facebook page in order to provide OFFICIAL information to our residents.

Realizing that not everyone uses social media and realizing that social media is not always accurate or representative of every event or occasion; I am seeking resident input on ways to communicate. Please be safe and use precaution during extreme weather conditions throughout the winter season!

Remember also that the Fire Station is available 24 hours a day in the event of extremely cold temperatures.



## APRIL 4, 2017 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

**Sauk Village candidates in the order they will appear on the ballot.**

### **Mayor (Vote for 1)**

Derrick Burgess

Rosie L. Williams-Baig

Lynda Washington-House

### **Village Clerk (Vote for 1)**

Debra “Debbie” Williams

Marva Campbell- Pruitt

### **Trustee (Vote for 3)**

Rodrick R. Grant

Bernice Brewer – Houston

Beth Zupon

Linda L. Todd

Edward P. Myers

Sene’ Garrett

### **KEY DATES**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Event</b>  |
|-------------|---|
| 1/4/2017    | First day to apply for a <u>mail ballot</u>                                       |
| 2/23/2017   | Statutory beginning of the <u>early voting</u> period                             |
| 3/7/2017    | Last day to <u>register to vote</u> by paper application                          |
| 3/8/2017    | First day of <u>grace period registration and voting</u>                          |
| 3/19/2017   | Last day to register to vote by online application                                |
| 3/20/2017   | First day of <u>early voting</u>  |
| 3/30/2017   | Last day to request a <u>mail ballot</u> , including military and overseas voters |
| 4/3/2017    | Last day of <u>early voting</u>   |
| 4/3/2017    | Last day of <u>grace period registration and voting</u>                           |
| 4/4/2017    | Last day <u>mail ballots</u> can be postmarked                                    |
| 4/4/2017    | Election Day  |

**Look for additional information in upcoming email alerts and the March Sauk Talk. Please encourage others to register for OFFICIAL Email alerts at [www.saukville.org](http://www.saukville.org)**

**VOTER REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8AM-5PM  
SAUK VILLAGE MUNICIPAL CENTER  
21801 S. TORRENCE AVE**

**Please contact Village Clerk Debbie Williams for additional information 708/351-8922**

### **Register to Vote**

Registering to vote allows you to participate in the electoral process and gives you the power to make a difference in deciding who will serve in elected office. Registering to vote has never been easier or more convenient. You can register online, in person or you can download registration forms and register through the mail. Below you can find information for each of the four ways to register during the standard voter registration period. Please make sure to check the specific deadline for the form you select as dates differ depending on the method of registration.

#### **1. Online**

##### **Deadline of March 19 for the April 4 Consolidated Election**

If you have an Illinois driver's license or state ID, you may register online through the Illinois State Board of Elections website.

#### **2. PDF**

##### **Deadline of March 7 for the April 4 Consolidated Election**

If you do not have a driver's license or state ID, fill out a form online at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com), print, sign and mail it in.

#### **3. Paper**

##### **Deadline of March 7 for the April 4 Consolidated Election**

If you don't have a driver's license or state ID, download a mail-in voter registration card online at [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com), print, fill out, sign and mail it in.

##### **Deadline of March 7 for the April 4 Consolidated Election**

Eligible suburban Cook County residents can also register to vote in person with a certified registrar by going to:

One of the Cook County Clerk's six locations

A village, city or township clerk

An Illinois Secretary of State's driver's license facility. You can register to vote when you obtain or renew your driver's license or state identification card at any of the license facilities. Registration is also available at other state government offices, including public assistance offices and military recruitment offices.

Deputy registrars: Trained volunteer deputy registrars may register you to vote.

#### **When to re-register**

Your registration is permanent unless you move or change your name.

#### **Address changes**

If you have moved within suburban Cook County, you must transfer your registration by re-registering. You may choose to write your new address on the back of your voter identification card and mail it to the Clerk's downtown Chicago office. You must re-register with the new local election authority or county clerk if you move to an address outside suburban Cook County.

#### **Name changes**

Voters who legally change their name, but not their address, do not have to re-register. If you have changed your name, you can vote after updating your information at the polls.

## Neighborhood Watch

Lynda Washington-House

*You Don't Want to Miss This!!!*

**SAUK VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE**

**PRESENTS: UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY**

January – March 2017

Dear Residents,

We would like to take this opportunity to say Happy New Year to you and your company. Partnering with companies like you is the bloodline for success for our youth and community. The Neighborhood Watch Committee is excited about another opportunity to bring residents together! Please be informed Sauk Village Neighborhood Watch Program is sponsoring a **FREE** Concert! The theme is: ***Unity in the Community***, and it will be held on **Friday, March 10, 2017**. The Location is Rickover Jr. High School, 22151 Torrence, Sauk Village, IL. 60411 from **6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Sharp! General seating is available on a first come basis. We are going to have a great time.

We want to welcome our Host and Mistress of Ceremony, a Stellar Award Winner, **Mrs. Darryl King**, from 102.3 FM W.Y.C.A. We will have various entertainers including child star celebrity **Willie the Entertainer!** He has been featured on Windy City Live, Ellen and various other television shows, including opening for the Michael Jackson tribute in Gary, IN. This program is design to bring everyone in Sauk Village together, to promote **UNITY**, regardless of religion, gender, age, ethnicity, or creed.

Please know that we would appreciate any amount of donation you would like to contribute to help defray the cost of this great Village wide event! Everyone is welcome, bring the entire family. ***Please make checks payable to:*** Sauk Village and in the Memo Section: Neighborhood Watch. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (708) 753-5130. Thank you for your support in advance. Programs that bring churches, schools, and residents together is always a win-win. Pastors, Elect Officials, Village Staff, Community Leaders, all organizations and neighboring communities are ALL welcome. **Working together means winning together.** We are our youth best example. See you there, Spread the Word.

Sincerely,

Trustee Lynda G. Washington-House, Chair

Trustee Ed Myers, Co- Chair



## Senior News

Rose Langston

Happy New Year to all! A very belated thank you to our 13th Annual Senior Spaghetti dinner volunteers: Flora Haynes (sold advanced tickets), Gary Holcomb (printed flyers), Chris Johnson (clean-up), Bob Ketcham (set-up, selling pop & bottled water), Chris Turner (kitchen), Nadine Morgan (set-up, kitchen & clean-up), Shirley Rowley (sold advanced tickets), village clerk Debbie Williams (relief at door & clean-up), McConathy Library director Nan Wargo (relief at door & clean-up). Committee members welcome their help in making our annual event a huge success. We thank professional instructor Flora Haynes for instructing and leading the line dancers and The Morgan Family's wonderful musical entertainment. Congratulations to all the winners of door prizes, raffle prizes, and 50/50 prizes, especially big prize winner village resident Linda Dykas. Special thanks to Ralph Goesky for his special raffle prize donations, and committee members who went the extra steps (cutting down on our expenses) with their generous donations: Rose Langston, Floyd Morgan, Barbara Stearns, and Frank Williams. Kudos to committee member Steve Shymkus, who was recently out hospitalized, for cooking pasta all afternoon with just one delay time.

The Senior Citizens of Sauk Village a.k.a. Sunshiners are holding their annual nominations of officers. All seniors 50 years and older are invited to join this group meeting on the first and third Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Leisure Timers meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. welcome seniors age 50 years and older. The SV Fun Club meets at 3:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Sundays, also looking for new members. Ceramics Group meets from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. every Wednesday welcomes new members, Every Sunday evening from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. SV Blue Grass provides Blue Grass, Country and Gospel music, no dues, just a free will donation to cover cost.

Committee members Stephen Shymkus and Frank Williams, coordinators, invites all seniors every Friday from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The SV Senior Committee Open Activity meets with no membership, dues or cost to all seniors citizens 50 years and older, regardless of residency. On the fourth Saturday at 5:00 p.m. the Open Activity includes sharing of appetizers and finger type foods. Door opens at 4:00 p.m.

The Senior Committee meets every second Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

# Police Department

Police Chief Robert Kowalski

There are many tools available to law enforcement officers to utilize in their duties to protect the public. One such tool is the K-9 and their handling Officer. We have seen many times where the K-9 protects the lives of not only the Officers but the citizens as well. Just recently in Lake County Indiana a K-9 took several shots from an assailant who was going to shoot the K-9's handling Officer. Luckily the K-9 Blade was injured but survived. This is just one of many good deeds you hear about a K-9.

Just recently our own K-9 Officer Chad Frederickson received another letter of commendation from another Police department that he and his K-9 Falco assisted on a search and arrest. The letter is as follows:

Dear Chief,

I would like to again extend our appreciation for the K-9 services provided by K-9 Officer Frederickson and his partner Falco. They assisted my officers with a narcotics/weapons search warrant on January 6th ,2017. Due to the high risk circumstances we also utilized the services of the South Suburban Emergency Response Team to secure the residence, then your officer and K-9 searched the residence for hidden contraband. Through this partnership the entire incident was handled professionally and safely for everyone involved. As a result a suspected drug dealer was removed from the streets and is currently incarcerated facing felony criminal charges.

In addition prior to the execution of this search warrant, SSERT and investigators conducted a meeting utilizing space at your police department. We also appreciate the professionalism and support that was extended by your staff. I feel it is critical that local police departments share resources in order to better serve our communities in a time of need, especially when struggling with limited budgets.

Please extend my appreciation to K-9 Officer Frederickson and K-9 Falco for their professionalism. If there is ever an opportunity that the members of the Steger Poiite Department can help, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best regards,  
Chief Ken Boehm

Also recently during a traffic stop that a Sauk Village Officer was attempting to affect the vehicle in question was involved in an accident and all the offenders fled from the scene. The south suburban K-9 Officers were training in the area and our K-9 Officer along with Matteson PD K-9 officer responded to assist. The Matteson Officers K-9 Jayda assisted in apprehending one of the offenders. The SVPD was appreciative for the assistance and sent the following letter to the Officers Chief:

Dear Chief Jones,

I would like to extend our appreciation for the K-9 services provided by K-9 Officer Jim Strappazon and his partner Jayda. They assisted my officer in the apprehension of several subjects on January 9th, 2017 who were allegedly involved with stealing a vehicle in our town. The offenders fled from officers when the officers attempted to affect a traffic stop. Through this partnership with Ofc. Strappazon who happened to be training that particular day with the south suburban K-9 Units he didn't hesitate to assist in helping with the apprehension of the subjects. I would like to note one of the subjects was armed with a handgun.

We appreciate the professionalism and support that was extended by your Officer. I feel it is critical that the local police departments share resources in order to better serve our communities in a time of need.

Please extend my appreciation to K-9 Officer Strappazon and K-9 Jayda for their assistance and most importantly their professionalism. If there is ever an opportunity that the members of the Sauk Village Police Department can help, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best regards,  
Chief Bob Kowalski  
Sauk Village Police Department

We appreciate all the work that Officer Frederickson and his K-9 Falco does for the citizens of Sauk Village. Keep up the good work.



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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