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217-529-0255 (non emergency)

Emergency
911

Sangamon Co Dispatch
217-753-6666
Request a Southern View Officer

City Water Light and Power
217-789-2121 (electric)
217-789-2323 ext 2 (water)

Ameren Illinois
800-755-5000

Locate our social media presence at
www.southernview.us
facebook.com/villageofsouthernview



SOUTHERN VIEW PARK

Exciting news for the Village of Southern View! Thanks to an OSLAD grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, we will be upgrading and installing new playground equipment, including a poured-in-place rubberized surface for enhanced safety, along with new swing sets, all to be completed by the end of June. The updated playground and swing sets will be ADA compliant, allowing parents to swing alongside their children. This is a fantastic addition that will provide an accessible and enjoyable space for all families in our community!

During construction, the playground area will be closed. We kindly ask that you avoid the area until the project is finished.

DRAINAGE

We ask that you always keep your ditches clean of debris, as this helps the water travel. DO NOT burn, pile leaves, pile sticks or limbs, or garbage in the ditch.

FINES IF DEBRIS IS IN YOUR DITCH

With all the repairs that the Public Works crew is doing for our drainage issues, it is important to **remind residents not to place ANYTHING in your ditches**. Debris in your ditch no matter what the size or what it is, stops the water from flowing where it needs to go. On June 23, 2020, the Village Board passed an Ordinance that revised the fines for littering in the Village. Littering as defined in Ordinance 20-06-02 includes but is not limited to depositing grass clippings or other debris in the ditches along village streets. A person found to be in violation shall be fined not less than \$250 and no more than \$1,000. **Please remember to keep your ditch clean of all debris!** Doing so helps you and your neighbors!

GARBAGE CANS

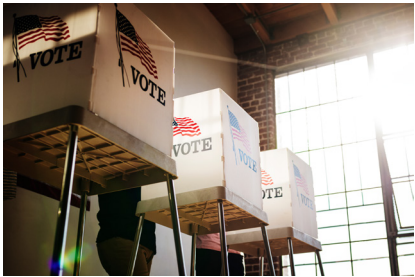
There is a village ordinance that prohibits garbage cans being left in front of your residence. Garbage cans are prohibited from being in front of your home. When trash is collected, the empty cans **must be moved** to the rear of your home within 24 hours of collection and should not be moved to the front until the next scheduled pick-up.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Village of Southern View Board meets once per month. The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

The remainder meetings for 2025 are as follows:

March 25th
April 22nd
May 27th
June 24th
July 22nd
August 26th
September 23rd
October 28th
November 25th
December 23rd



YOUR VOTE COUNTS
The Village of Southern View was asked to hold the elections in our Village Hall in 2020. The Village Hall worked well for the election judges as well as the public in attendance. There is no early voting at the Village Hall. All early voting is at the Sangamon County Complex. The next election is April 1, 2025, mark your calendars, the Village has 3 Trustee positions up for election.

MUNICIPAL RENTALS
The Village of Southern View has a large room that is available for rent for your next party or get together. The rental hours are 8 am to 10 pm. Residents receive a discounted rental rate of \$100.00. There is an additional deposit of \$100.00 that is returned once the building is clean, no damage and the key is returned to the Office. If you are planning a party on a major holiday, there is an additional \$50.00 rental fee for holiday rentals. **The Village does not accept credit cards.** Payment must be made by cash or check. Call 217-529-3352 to reserve your date!

PARK RENTALS
The Southern View Park is open for your recreational activities. For rentals of the pavilion please contact the Village office at 217-529-3352. The Martin Pavilion rents out an entire day for \$50.00 and the East and West Pavilions rent for \$25.00 each.

LIMB REMOVAL
Limb pickup begins the first Monday of every month starting in April and goes to October. We ask that you DO NOT put limbs out at the curb until the weekend before pickup and never in your ditch. The Village Public Works Crew will pick up the following:

- Limbs or branches that have fallen from the trees and bushes.
- Only limbs or branches that have been trimmed from trees and or bushes as it pertains to normal tree maintenance.
- Limbs or branches must be less than 6 feet long and 4 inches in diameter.
- Restriction on the actual pile size is 6' x 4' x 4'
- We will not pick up whole trees that have been cut down.

If you have your limbs out by the first Monday of the month, don't worry, the crew will get them picked up, occasionally there are things that come up that may put the guys back a few days.

VETERAN
Are you a veteran? We would like to create a list of all village veterans. Call our office at 217-529-3352 to be added, or you can send an email to office@southernview.us. We would love to acknowledge your service.

DANCE IN THE PARK
Join licensed WERQ instructor Cari Piper for a weekly workout in the park! Tentative start date is 5/5, weather permitting (rain cancels). Mondays, from 5:30-6:30 pm \$5.00 per class.

Classes will be held on the blacktop just north of the pond. Bring a water bottle, towel and a smile!

- * Waivers will be signed prior to first class.
- * Ages 13+ are welcome but an adult must be present to sign a waiver.

Cari, Heather Wise, and her daughter Camille Mably, Village residents, will hold a special Mother's Day class on Saturday May 10, 2025, at 11:00 am. This class will be donations based on all proceeds going to Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery. All ages welcome with a participating adult.

Additional pop-up classes that include strength and mobility periodically throughout the summer and will post them on the Village Facebook page. WERQ is a wildly addictive cardio dance fitness class set to charting pop and hip hop music. Don't let the word "dance" intimidate you - WERQ is for everybody and every BODY... and no dance experience is needed! Levels and modifications are given so that you can make this the best workout for YOU. Come to burn calories, leave the stress behind and have fun! For more info, check out WERQ on social media (YouTube, FB, IG and TikTok)

WE WILL HAVE A SPRING PICK UP
The Village is planning on a Spring pick up this year. May 5th, 2025, the Public Works Department will begin picking up YOUR unwanted treasures. There will only be one pickup. Please be respectful of this service offered solely to Village residents. Do not invite nonresidents to bring their unwanted treasures in for the Village Pick up. Public Works will only pick up once at your residence. Please ensure that all items are out on Monday, May 5th for pickup. A New Rule: a limit of two (2) toilets per household will be picked up and they must be busted up and boxed for Public Works.

Safety guidelines are as follows:
All items must be in either a bag, box, carton, or some type of container. If the "pickers" go through your items and scatter them across your yard or ditch it is your responsibility to pick up these items and place them back in a container for our crew to remove them. Our crew will not pick up household garbage, feces, electronics, appliances, paints, tires, and landscape wastes just to name a few. A complete list is at the office of unacceptable items given to us by the Sangamon Valley Landfill. If any of these items are in your pile, they will be left by Public Works, and you will need to dispose of them yourself. An example of unacceptable items are waste oil, tires, batteries, yard/landscape waste, appliances, electronics, televisions, fluorescent light bulbs, septic tank waste, bulk liquids, paint, medical/hospital waste, flammable or volatile substances, explosives/ammunition, regulated infectious waste, hazardous wastes, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB), radioactive materials just to name a few.

Mattresses
The Village will pick up your unwanted mattresses during the Spring Pick up but only if they are in a sealed bag. Only one item per bag.

GRASS CLIPPINGS
Did you know that it's ILLEGAL to leave your grass clippings on the roadway? Not to mention it is very dangerous for any motorcycle riders, it is like driving on black ice for them. Please remove your grass from the roadway. If not, you could receive a fine!

NOTARY SERVICES
If you are in need of a notary for any of your important documents, contact the Village Office at 217-529-3352 for arrangements.



VILLAGE IMPORTANT DATES

May 2nd & 3rd, 2025	Village Wide Garage Sales
May 5th, 2025	Spring Pick up Begins
May 26th, 2025	Memorial Day
June 14th, 2025	Cops & Bobbers
End of June, 2025	Playground Complete
August 5th, 2025	National Night Out

SANGAMON ALERT MESSAGING SYSTEM (SAM)
Sangamon Alert Messaging System or SAM sends alerts to your mobile device or your landline via text message, phone call, or email if an emergency is happening in your neighborhood. Sign up to receive emergency alerts from your local Office of Emergency Management. Texting; SAM to 99411, will take to you directly to the SAM Community Notification Enrollment form.

Features & Benefits
Sangamon Alert Messaging (SAM) will allow County officials to be able to more effectively communicate time-sensitive messages using the SAM's robust dialing infrastructure that is entirely managed by its parent company, OnSolve. This access will allow calls to be delivered seconds after public safety officials launch a message. Additionally, the County will have the ability to better target notifications geographically, only notifying those community members impacted by an alert.

Personal Contact Information
Contact information accessed through Sangamon Alert Messaging (SAM) will only be used by Public Safety Officials for emergency notification purposes your information will not be shared or sold.

If you do not have a cell phone or a computer and would like notices called directly to your home phone call the Southern View Hall at 217-529-3352 and we will be happy to sign you up through the internet for you!

ENROLL TODAY!

SAM
SANGAMON ALERT MESSAGING

Get COVID-19 Vaccination Alerts sent directly to your phone!
Plus all other Sangamon County notifications.

SIGN UP: co.sangamon.il.us/SAM OR text SAM to 99411

stay safe  **save lives**
Sangamon County Department of Public Health | www.scdph.org



COPS CORNER

The Southern View Police Department continues its commitment to the community with 24/7 coverage. Our department is continuing to accept applications for future vacancies and establishing an eligibility list.

Continuing this year, I continue to host “Coffee with a Cop” held on the first Saturday of every month at 10am at Brezies Roasted Beans 3351 S. 6th Street. We have seen some great conversations, History of the Village and answered questions regarding public safety. We share some coffee and talk about their expectations of the police department and its service to the village. I look forward on continuing the program to really stay in touch with the village and its residents. I invite all residents to have some coffee and pastries “on me” to sit down and have great conversations.

As far as the operation/training side goes we restructured the department so we can continue to serve the Village effectively. Our Officers attend regular training to keep them updated on new information and keep the skills in tune with the expectations set by the department, residents, and village.

We have a Deputy Chief to aid in operations, a Lieutenant in charge of training and development and a newly promoted Sergeant to help with day-to-day operations to ensure our department is meeting the expectations set by the village.

As your Chief, you can continue to expect continued service, dedication and communication with the residents and know this department has the best interests of the Village, residents, and business owners in mind. It continues to be a great day in Southern View and the department continues to find ways to get involved with the village and residents.

It’s my honor and privilege to protect and serve this community every day and I am proud to show off the Southern View Pride.

Respectfully,
Chief Roy Maki

POLICE EVENTS

Southern View Police Department will be hosting the annual National Night Out on August 5, 2025. The Police Department and the Southern View Neighborhood Watch Committee with the help of the volunteers from Neighborhood Watch will work for a successful night out for Village residents. Mark your calendars now for this event, you won’t want to miss it!



COPS AND BOBBERS

June 14th, 2025 9:00 am – 11:00 am All age children are welcome to join the Southern View Police Officers for a day of fishing in our pond at the Southern View Park. The Cops and Kids Foundation created this program **“to connect police officers and the youth of their communities” “Officers work side by side with kids, helping them bait, cast, hook and release fish all while bonding and learning that they are not so different from each other after all.” “Fishing teaches patience, ingenuity, preparation and humility.** This is a great way for the kids of the village to meet our officers and fish. The Village will provide everything necessary to fish, just bring yourself for a fun afternoon at the park. Please email rmaki@southernview.us to register!

MICROCHIP CLINIC

The Police Department hosts a pet microchip clinic each year. If you are needing your pet microchipped this is a perfect opportunity to bring your pet to the event and have a microchip implanted by an approved technician. The date has not been confirmed with the veterinarian but once that has been confirmed, the Police Department will send out a postcard with all the details.



VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Village will be sponsoring a village wide garage sale this spring. Although residents may choose to host a garage sale any time, the Village sponsored garage sales are scheduled for Friday and Saturday May 2nd and 3rd , 2025 starting at 8:00 am.



ROAD WORK

Our Village Engineer, Kevin Kuhn, with Kuhn & Trello has applied for a federal grant to repair the drainage on 4th Street. If the Village is lucky enough to receive these funds, the Village

will update the drainage for that area and will be able to replace 4th street’s road starting just South of County Market’s back entrance heading South. This grant does not apply to roadwork but it does allow roadwork to be done after the drainage is repaired. The Village has also reached out to various Senators and Representatives to obtain additional funding for road repairs. Most of the roads in the Village need attention and the Village does not receive enough funding to repair them. It requires the Village to save as much funding as possible for several years in order to complete a road repair. An example is for one hundred block of new road is over \$175,000.00.

TRUCK RENTAL

The Village provides the use of the red dump truck for disposal needs. If you have debris or junk that you would like to have removed, the Village offers a rental of \$25.00 for the truck rental and we will drop the truck off to your residence on a Friday and you have until Monday morning to fill that truck up with your items to be taken to the landfill. Once the truck is weighed, the Village will issue you a total owed from the landfill along with the \$25.00 rental fee that you would be required to pay within 2 weeks. The fees have ranged between \$130.00 to \$250.00. If you have debris that you would like removed, this is a great option. It is not free, but it is a reasonable cost to remove it. Contact Public Works at 217-529-8576 to schedule a time for the truck rental.

BUILDING PERMITS

Thinking of changing a few things to your property? Before you alter any structure or make any changes contact the Village Office at 217-529-3352 or at office@southernview.us



BURNING RULES

Burning is allowed on Wednesday and Thursday of each week and the first and third Saturday of each month between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm or dusk whichever is first. The fire must be constantly attended until it is extinguished and have a garden hose readily available. Burning is not allowed if the wind speed is 20 mph or more. Burning barrels are prohibited. No person shall burn trash, rubbish, papers, garbage, general household waste, commercial waste, construction, or demolition debris. No burning on the following holidays: New Year’s day, July 4th, Veterans Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Violations of this Ordinance can result in a fine of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00.

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

If you see something that isn’t quite right, please make a call to 217-753-6666 and report it to a Southern View Police Officer. Our neighborhood will remain safe with the help of us all, look out for your neighbors, know the children on your block, if not by name at least by sight. We need each other. The Police Department wants to know of any suspicious activity, it is not a waste of time, **please CALL.**

ORDINANCES

The Village has received the codification of the Village Ordinances. All ordinances have been codified and are accessible online. A link is located on the Village website at www.southernview.us

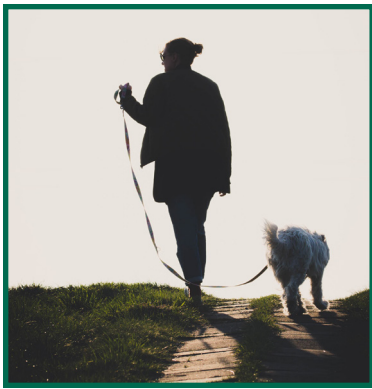
With the codification the Village will strengthen the ordinances to ensure a peaceful neighborhood for all.

PUBLIC SAFETY REMINDER



Unfortunately, it is that time of year when residents become a victim of car burglaries. Don’t be a victim. Please remember to remove valuables from your vehicles and lock your doors at night. Thieves tend to go through vehicles that are easy targets even in your driveway.

It wouldn’t hurt to make sure your garage, sheds, home, and vehicles are locked and secured. Thieves have been known to shatter your window to get to your valuables. Please make every effort to remove them. **Do not post on social media.** The Police Department does not monitor nor will they take a report on social media. If you see something suspicious please contact the Police Department at 217-529-0255 or Sangamon County Dispatch at 217-753-6666. You will not bother them, they want you to call, the safety of our Village residents is their number one priority. As always, if there is an emergency dial 911.



PETS

Remember there is a Village Ordinance that requires you to put your pets on a leash when walking your pets off your premises. Whether you are walking down the street or walking your pet in the Village Park it is imperative that you have control of your animal. There are people that walk in our parks and roadways that are afraid of animals. Please be respectful and courteous to others.

DO NOT let your dog out unattended to relieve themselves in your neighbors' yard or in Southern View Park. Pick up your dog's droppings. This is your responsibility!! If not picked up, you could be faced with a fine by our Village of Southern View Police Department.

SECURITY CAMERAS

The Village of Southern View Police Department would like to know if your property has security cameras, examples include a ring doorbell, video surveillance system or other system like blink cameras on your property. The Police Department does not want access, nor will they share with anyone or entity if in fact you have cameras. This information will only be used by the Police Department in an event that is deemed necessary to capture individuals coming to or from a crime scene, maybe they may have caused damage or stolen property of your neighbors. It is another avenue the Police Department can help fight crime in our neighborhood. You can reach out to the Police Department directly at 217-529-0255 or by sending an email to southernviewpd@southernview.us. Remember they will not share that information with anyone, it is strictly for aiding the Police to solve crimes. Knowing where the cameras are allows them to save valuable time when working their case to arresting the criminals. If you see something suspicious always call 217-753-6666 and report it to a Southern View Officer. The Police Department hears all the time that residents don't want to bother them, PLEASE BOTHER US, WE WANT TO KNOW! You will not waste our time!

MOSQUITOS

The more each resident can do to stop the spread around their homes will help us all defeat them. Southern View Public Works Dept would like to remind residents that you can help prevent the spread of mosquitoes by a few simple preventive measures at home. Help us by ensuring that you have eliminated any breeding grounds on your residence. The list below will help you determine what to look for on your property to stop the spread of these pesky insects.

- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house.
- Fill in any low places in the yard that puddles accumulate.
- Dispose of any tires.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers and garbage containers.
- Clear roof gutters of debris.
- Clean pet water dishes regularly.
- Empty out children's toys that have water accumulated.
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets.
- Change the water in bird baths at least once a week.
- Canoes and boats should be turned over.
- Avoid water collecting on pool covers.
- Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles.
- Plug tree holes.
- Do not allow water to collect in any containers. They can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes (*bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage lids etc.*).

COFFEE WITH A COP

The Chief of Police, Chief Maki hosts "Coffee with a Cop" one Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. Currently the location is Brezies Roasted Beans. Chief Maki posts the event on Facebook for the day and location a few weeks in advance. Typically, Coffee with a Cop is either the first or second Saturday of the month, depending on schedule availability. Chief Maki hosts this event to engage with the residents of the Village to discuss various topics concerning residents and to visit with our Southern View Police Department. This is a great opportunity to come and chat and ask questions and meet the Village officers. Questions call Chief Makiat 217-529-0255



DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

Maybe you have just moved into the Village, or you don't remember seeing anything about a certain topic come through your mail. The Village is utilizing the website at www.southernview.us to keep residents informed by real time. The Village also posts regularly on the social media networks like Nextdoor and the Facebook group and Facebook page. The

Village will continue to send out newsletters twice a year by the US Post office. If there are other events or notices the Village will send out postcards. All materials are on the website in case you did not receive them or simply misplaced it. Please feel free to check our website for questions you may have anytime day or night. As always, you can call the office at 217-529-3352 during normal business hours.

LAND OF LINCOLN HONOR FLIGHTS

The mission of Land of Lincoln Honor Flight is to celebrate America's World War II, Korean Era and Vietnam Era veterans by inviting them to share a day of honor at our nation's memorials in Washington DC. This day of honor is provided absolutely free of charge to our veterans.

We offer one-day flights departing from Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport (Springfield) to Reagan National Airport in Washington DC. Venues visited include the World War II Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, the Lincoln Memorial, the US Marine Corps Memorial (Iwo Jima), the US Air Force Memorial, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Virginia and Arlington National Cemetery for the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flight serves a territory of approximately 25,000 square miles. Included in this area are the key central and southern Illinois cities of Bloomington-Normal, Urbana-Champaign, Decatur, Alton, Carlinville, Clinton, Danville, Effingham, Havana, Jerseyville, Lincoln, Litchfield, Mattoon, Rantoul and Springfield as well as surrounding areas.

The flight schedule for 2025 includes 4 flight dates, April 15, June 3, September 9 and October 21. They have over 300 vets waiting to fly and their volunteers are busy filling flights, training guardians and tending to details. For information on the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, contact them directly at 1523 South Willemore Ave; Springfield, IL 62704. 217-652-4719; jmb4604@aol.com



SOUTHERN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE EVENTS

Southern View Neighborhood Watch Committee has scheduled the following events for residents in 2025.

April 12th Spring Fling and Easter Egg Hunt @ the Southern View Park (rain date April 13th, hunt only)	May 6th Mental Health Awareness 6 pm @ Southern View Hall	September 10th CPR and First Aid 6pm @ Southern View Hall
April 13th - 17th Texas Roadhouse Fundraising Event	June 17th Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser 4pm - 7pm @ Southern View Hall	

LARGE ITEM PICK UPS

Please continue to use the very successful Sangamon County Large Item Pick-up Program, the program allows eligible residents to schedule pick-up or drop-off of large items not typically accommodated by regular waste management services.

All eligible residents qualify for free scheduled residential curbside pick-up of up to six items per calendar year. Pick-ups can be divided into two transactions. Eligible items include furniture, appliances, mattresses, and other bulky household objects. Restricted items include hazardous materials, tires, TVs, and other electronic goods. A complete list of eligible and restricted items can be found at SangamonIL.Gov/Habitat.

Upon scheduling a pick-up, residents will receive detailed instructions and guidelines for preparing their items for collection. The program prioritizes environmentally friendly disposal methods, including recycling, repurposing, or appropriate disposal at designated facilities, in alignment with Sangamon County's commitment to sustainable waste management practices.

Residents must schedule pick-ups and drop-offs in advance by contacting Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County at 217-523-2710, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or by scheduling service online at habitatsangamon.vonigo.com/external/.





Easter Week Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13 at 10:00 am

Spiritual Communion

Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm

Experience the physical, historical, metaphysical,
and spiritual aspects of the Last Supper.

Good Friday

Friday, April 18 at 12:00 pm

A meditative service metaphysically interpreting
the seven last words of Jesus.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20 at 10:00 am

Come and bring your whole family and friends as
we celebrate the risen Christ within us!

Special celebratory music!

417 E. Cordelia, Springfield
in Southern View

unityofspringfieldIL.org

