

### 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 Village of Southern View Office at 217-529-3352 and we will be happy to sign you up through the internet for you!

### ATTN ALL VETERANS

With a heavy heart, the Village of Southern View Board of Trustees has decided that it is still too risky to our Veteran Residents to meet in person and share a meal for Veterans Day. As much as we miss you all and want to honor you for your service and sacrifice, we do not want to risk anyone's health by getting together. This was not an easy decision for any of us. We cannot wait to be able to celebrate with each of you when this crisis is over. As always, if you have not done so already, call or email [office@southernview.us](mailto:office@southernview.us) your name, address, branch of service and years served so that we may honor you for all you have sacrificed in serving in the United States Armed Forces.



### HALLOWEEN

Halloween Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 31, 2021, from 4pm to 8pm. Remember to turn on your porch light for trick or treaters if you will be passing out candy. Remind children of the Rules of Halloween: Do not go to any home that does not have their porch light on, respect personal property, only knock or ring the bell once, don't forget to use the magic words, please and thank you, and don't eat any candy until an adult has checked your treats.

### HAUNTED HOUSE

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Mombie's Madhouse Haunted House will be closed this year. However, Mombie's will still have the yard display and will be handing out candy on Halloween during trick or treat hours. Mombie's will be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Southern View food pantry. The display will be up the entirety of October with added visuals and effects the night of Halloween. You can find them at 3421 S. Spring Street. Stay spooky!

**ENROLL TODAY!**



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**REMINDER OF THE NEW POLLING PLACE**

As a reminder, Sangamon County Clerk Don Gray reached out to the Village of Southern View to ask if our Village hall would be available to hold the Elections. If you are used to going to the Unity Church to vote, you will now vote at the Village hall. Social distancing and masks are recommended. There is no early voting at the Village Hall. All early voting is at the Sangamon County Complex. Recent legislation passed in June of 2021 has moved the primary voting date from March 15th to June 28, 2022.

**ADDRESSES**

The Chief of Police would like to remind you to have your house number visible from the street. There are quite a few of our residences that do not have any house number. Displaying your number is VITAL in an emergency situation. Please make every effort to ensure your house number is visible from the street. This is an on going effort to ensure each home has their home number visibly displayed. Please make every effort you can to help our emergency services protect you.

**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.

**SNOW**

The Village Public Works Department is responsible for clearing the streets and salting them to allow drivers access outside of the Village. A friendly reminder when there is more than 2 inches of snow predicted, we want to remind residents to move their vehicles off the street. It is a hazard for our Public Works Department to clear the street and spread salt on our roadways if there are vehicles they must avoid. If there are 2 inches or more that has fallen and there is a vehicle on the street, it will be towed, and you will be responsible for the tow fee. Please be courteous.

**BOARD MEETINGS**

In 2021, the Village of Southern View Board decided to limit the number of Board meetings to one meeting per month. This meeting will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The Board meets in the Municipal Building at 6:00pm.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

The Village of Southern View Office has changed their hours of operation. Monday through Friday the office will be open from 8:30am to 2:30pm. The office will not close for lunch. Please call 217-529-3352 to make an appointment outside of the regular business hours of operation.

**MISSING EVENTS**

The Village of Southern View wants to let all residents know we miss you! The last few years have been tough on everyone, and we hope that by spring we will be able to all come together again for some much-needed events and get together! Continued prayers for health, peace, and prosperity!

**DRAINAGE**

You may have noticed that the Public Works Department has been very busy working on the drainage issues in the Village. Public Works have unclogged the main drains going out of the Village, and throughout the Summer and into the Fall they are digging out ditches that have filled up over the years and have also replaced various culverts to help the drainage. Have you noticed flags of different colors in front of your home? If so, JULIE has been called to mark underground utilities. Do not remove the flags. Of course, they have hit the problem areas first, but rest assure this is a project that takes time to complete. Some ditches may not need that much attention, but they are very few in the scope of this project. Residents will see a difference when the rains come, and the water is traveling out of the Village. Please be patient. We ask that you keep your ditches always clean of debris, as this helps the water travel. DO NOT burn, pile leaves, pile sticks or limbs, or garbage in the ditch. It is important to remind residents not to place ANYTHING in your ditches.

**DITCHES**

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!

## MUNICIPAL RENTALS

At this time, the Village Board has opted to meet the month before to access whether it is safe to rent the hall in the upcoming month. No rentals were reserved for the month of October. They will evaluate every month as needed to ensure safety of our guests. The Southern View Municipal Building has openings for residents to reserve a space for their next get together. Call the Office at 217-529-3352 to reserve your party for next year!

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## LIMB REMOVAL

Limb pickup begins the first Monday of every month, April through 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
  - Limbs must be laid parallel with the street to allow our backhoe to pick them up
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## 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 [rwiese@southernview.us](mailto:rwiese@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 hear all the time that residents don't want to bother them, PLEASE BOTHER US, WE WANT TO KNOW! You will not waste our time!



## 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's like driving on black ice for them. Please remove your grass from the roadway. If not, you could receive a fine!

## PARK RENTALS

The Southern View Park is open for your recreational activities. Restroom facilities are available until the end of October. Public Works will winterize the restroom facilities once the weather changes. Please always enjoy our wonderful Park for all your recreational needs and remember to social distance. Residents can rent the pavilions for their outdoor get togethers at the Southern View Park. The Martin Pavilion rents for \$50.00 and the East and West Pavilions rent for \$25.00 for the residents. The rates for nonresidents are slightly higher.

## BUILDING PERMITS

Thinking of changing a few things to your property? Before you alter any structure or make any changes contact Trustee Greg Bourland at 741-5787 for any of your Residential Building Permits. Commercial Building Permits are issued through the Village Office at 217-529-3352.

## LEAVES

The Village of Southern View has a fall leaf collection program, which allows residents to remove their leaves without using a bag and paying the usual \$1.50 per sticker on each bag. Rake your leaves to the edge of your yard, NOT IN THE DITCH, and then Public Works Crew will pick up and dispose of your leaves for free. The truck we use for this process has one huge hose to vacuum up the leaves. This hose is located on the right side of the vehicle and its design only allows it to be used for one side of the street at a time. When that one side is done and the truck is full, they must drive to the dump for disposal prior to any additional pickups. Please help by raking any other debris little twigs or limbs from your pile of leaves as only leaves can be vacuumed with this equipment. Again, these leaves should be placed at the end of your yard, NOT IN THE DITCH!

## 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 7am and 7pm 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 wind speed is 20mph 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 Years 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.

## MOSQUITOS

The Southern View Public Works Dept would like to remind residents that you can help prevent the spread of mosquitos by a few simple preventive measures at home. The Public Works Dept has repaired the sprayer that we use throughout the Village for vector control to help eliminate the mosquito problem. This year, we have begun using a water based eco-friendly spray that does not put a huge fog into the air. This chemical is supposed to work more efficiently and is better for the environment as the previous chemical. There is a difference in the spray that comes out. 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 boars should be turned over
- Avoid water collecting on pool covers
- Empty water collected in tarps around the yard or on woodpiles
- Plug tree holes
- Don't allow water to collect in any containers. They can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes (*bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage lids etc.*)

## CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Hard to believe we are talking about Christmas in October, but the Public Works Crew will begin the Complimentary pick up and disposal of your Christmas Tree from December 26th to January 14th, 2022. The very last day the Public Works Crew will make only one trip on January 14th, 2022 to pick up the remaining real trees, make sure you have yours out by 7am on that day.

## GARAGE SALES & FALL PICK UP

Unfortunately, the Village will not be sponsoring a Village Wide Garage Sale. Residents may choose to host a garage sale at any time. The Village will not be doing a fall pick up this year. In 2019 when we did the last Fall Pick Up, the leaves were coming down and the snow was falling before the Public Works Dept was able to pick up all the items from the Fall Pick Up. They were unable to "suck" up all the leaves to keep our culverts clear of debris, which caused drainage issues in the springtime. To rectify this issue, the Village will only do Spring Pick Ups for the near future. As always, the Village has a dump truck that any resident can utilize for a modest fee of \$25.00, the Public Works crew will drop it off in your driveway on a Friday, and you can fill it up over the weekend. They will then pick up the truck on Monday and take it to the dump. Once there the Village will be charged by the tonnage and a bill for the truck rental and the dump fee will be mailed to you from the Village. This is a great alternative if you have items you want to dispose of prior to the Spring Pick Up.

## 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 roam free.** DO NOT let your dog out unattended to relieve themselves in your neighbors' yard. The Village has received more complaints this year of dogs running loose and relieving themselves in residents flower gardens and even on roadways. Pick up your dog's droppings. This is your responsibility!! If not picked up, you could be faced with a fine up to \$750.00 by our Village of Southern View Police Department.

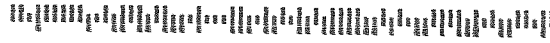




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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

The Village of Southern View Police Department is spearheading the Neighborhood Watch. A meeting was held on September 30th at 6pm. A total of 20 residents was in attendance and was an informative meeting, Officer Dorsey with Sangamon and Menard Crimestoppers spoke alongside Chief Wiese. More events will be planned in the future. If you are interested in becoming a block captain or want more information on the Neighborhood Watch call the Village Office at 217-529-3352 and we will have someone, contact you. We live in a great village and we all should keep an eye out for each other!

**QUESTIONS**

We understand as residents you probably do not know what all the Village is responsible for. There may be issues that you are aware of near your property that maybe you feel the Village has neglected. Please reach out to us either by phone or by calling a fellow Trustee or attend a board meeting. We are here to help. The Village will not engage in battles on Facebook or Nextdoor. The Village posts to both apps in the spirit of keeping the village residents aware of any changes that come up, not to engage in argumentative views. Each board member and employee of the Village want to make a positive difference in your way of life. We all chose to live in this wonderful community, and it does take a Village to keep it that way. Stay humble and be kind. These are tough times for us all. A little kindness could make the difference. We truly need to help one another and show compassion. A simple gesture could really make a difference in someone's life. We will get through this!

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

We want to keep residents informed in the Village and one way to do this is through social media. The Village of Southern View has a website, Facebook page, and we use the Nextdoor app to get the word out as quick as we can. If you haven't done so already, please sign up for the Nextdoor app. Nextdoor is similar to Facebook but you do not need to be friends with anyone to see what is posted in your neighborhood. It is a great tool that we have used to send news out to the residents of the Village. You can download this app through your Google Play store and it creates an icon on your mobile device.

**Important Numbers**

Village of Southern View Hall 217-529-3352  
Village of Southern View Police 217-529-0255 (non-emergency)  
Emergency 911  
Sangamon Co Dispatch 217-752-6666

**Locate our social media presence at**

[www.southernview.us](http://www.southernview.us)  
[facebook.com/villageofsouthernview](https://facebook.com/villageofsouthernview)  
Nextdoor app

# HALLOWEEN

Find and cross out all the listed words. The words may go horizontally, vertically, diagonally, not backwards. Ignore spaces, dashes and diacritics, if any.  
The remaining letters will spell a secret word.

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BOGEY	M	S	Z	N	A	B	O	O	T	S	A	M	H	A	I	N	O
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CANDIES	M	P	K	U	P	Y	G	E	O	N	B	O	A	O	K	R	E
CANDY CORN	A	S	O	S	R	I	B	K	F	U	L	L	M	O	O	N	A
COOL	S	G	W	O	N	P	C	E	U	E	S	R	P	M	L	O	N
COSTUME PARTY	K	A	H	O	K	I	L	P	A	G	A	E	I	S	A	C	D
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MUMMY	PRANK	SCARE CROW	SPOOKY	WITCH
NIGHT	PUMPKIN	SKELETON	TRICK OR TREAT	WORM
OCTOBER	PURPLE	SKULL	TUTU	ZOMBIE