



Village of Southern View

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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 6:00 pm.

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.

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	217-753-6666

Locate our social media presence at

www.southernview.us
facebook.com/villageofsouthernview
Nextdoor app

ATTN ALL VETERANS

The Village will be hosting a Veterans Day Dinner this year. Our neighbors at the Route 66 Hotel and the owners of the new restaurant, Kicks Route 66 Diner located inside the hotel has graciously offered their location with food and beverages for the Veterans and their families from 3pm to 6pm. In order to have the right amount of food, please call or email the office as to how many will be in attendance. The Village is very excited about doing something GRAND this year to show our appreciation for the veterans sacrifices and those of their families. It's been a long two years and we are excited to see everyone again! As always, if you have not done so already, call 217-529-3352 or email 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.



NEW BUSINESS

Kicks Route 66 Diner has opened in the Route 66 Hotel. Hours of operation currently is 6 am to 2 pm. Generous portions, fast service and great food. There are plans to extend the hours once enough staff has been hired. They also plan to have the drive through open and the possibility of delivery in Southern View. Give them a try, you wont be disappointed.

HELP

Chief Wiese can not stress enough that the Southern View Police Department is here for YOU! If you see something suspicious no matter what it is, a suspicious person is in the neighborhood, a strange car, anything unusual call and report it. If your gut tells you that something is OFF, trust those instincts. The Police Department can not help if you do not call, they do not know that you were a victim or an almost victim if you don't report. They need ALL and as much information as they can get to keep the Village safe as a whole. Call 217-529-0255, if no one is at that number you can be connected automatically to Sangamon County Dispatch and they will put you in touch with the officer on duty by choosing option 1.

OFFICE HOURS

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

HALLOWEEN

Halloween Trick or Treating on Monday, October 31, 2021, from 4pm to 8 pm. 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.



TRUNK OR TREAT

The Village will be hosting a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 30, 2022 from 5pm to 7pm at the Southern View Park. If you would like to participate and host a trunk please call 217-529-3352 or email office@southernview.us.

REMINDER OF THE NEW POLLING PLACE

As a reminder, if you are used to going to the Unity Church to vote, you will now vote at the Village hall. There is no early voting at the Village Hall. All early voting is at the Sangamon County Complex.

ADDRESSES

This bears repeating that 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.



DON'T BE A VICTIM

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Village of Southern View Police Department is spearheading the Neighborhood Watch. The next meeting scheduled for the Neighborhood Watch is Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6:00pm and Wednesday, January 18, 2023. 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!

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.

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.

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. 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 has done 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

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 a date! Rental rates for a resident are \$100.00 a day with an additional \$100.00 deposit that is returned if the building is clean, no damage and you return the key! Rental hours are 8 am – 10 pm. The rates for nonresidents are slightly higher.

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. 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.

LIMB REMOVAL

Limb pickup begins the first working 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

HOME 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. 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 the footage you have could aid the States Attorney in prosecuting the offender, they may ask for a copy. If you see something suspicious always call 217-529-0255 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!

CONTEST

The Village would love to start "living" again so what better way than to decorate for the holidays. Back again this year will be a decorating contest for Halloween and for Christmas! If you have the spirit within you let it show on your property!

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.

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 for a 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 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 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 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 27th to January 13th, 2023. The very last day the Public Works Crew will make only one trip on January 13, 2023 to pick up the remaining real trees, make sure you have yours out by 7 am on that day.

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.

ENROLL TODAY!



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

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!

VILLAGE REPORTS

The Village has gone through some changes during the last several years. As with many of you, the Village has had some good and bad times. We are happy to report that the Village is resuming all the activities that we have had in the past. Covid was not something any of us had thought of and it did take its toll on us all. We have had some personnel changes in Public Works and the Police Department. It is always an adjustment when knowledgeable employees leave but we believe we are going to see great things with the current employees we have working for the Village. Our only request for our residents is please be patient, they are learning their new roles and that does take time. We are very excited to see what the future holds. During the last few years, the Village Board has strived to complete items that they felt needed to be accomplished for the Village and their employees, updating the Employee Manual, revisiting the needs for each department, streamlining the spending and being accountable to the residents of the Village.

The Village has enrolled in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for their employees, this pension program will hopefully encourage employees to stay with our Village and eventually retire from here with a pension. The Village has saved thousands of dollars by switching the health insurance for the employees, the liability insurance, removing maintenance contracts that were unnecessary, created agreements with various vendors that allows for discounted purchasing and streamlined the spending (of course Covid helped with this by not having any events).

Here is a short list of each department:

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Remodeled the inside of the Police Department
- Added siding and gutters on the Police Department
- Ordered new signage on the Police Department
- Replaced the HVAC unit in the Police Department
- Itemized all evidence in the Evidence Locker
- Updated the computer systems in the office and cars
- Purchased new car cameras and body cameras that are worn by all officers while on duty
- Updated the radios to allow constant contact with Dispatch
- Cleaned up and removed all abandoned vehicles in the tow lot

PUBLIC WORKS

- Public Works has been working on the drainage issues within Southern View by digging out ditches to help the water flow
- Upgraded the backhoe
- Performed mechanical maintenance on all vehicles
- Purchased a utility vehicle that can be used in the Park and the Municipal complex
- Cleaned up the back lot and are installing bays for dirt and rock
- Obtaining bids to replace the salt storage bin
- Upgrading the street signs with the proper retroreflectivity signage required

ADMINISTRATION

- Upgraded the locks to a master key system
- Installed a bulletin board for displaying information to residents
- Installed fiber optic cables to network all three buildings together
- Installed a new phone system that allows calls to be transferred
- Raised the rental rates for non resident which has allowed residents to access the hall easier

PARK

- Purchased 2 riding lawn mowers to maintain the park
- Installed metal roofs on the East bathroom and the West Pavilion
- Purchased a new fountain and bubblers for the pond
- Added 3 new picnic tables around the playground for families to enjoy
- Upgraded 6 new benches throughout the park
- Upgraded the fence covers on the two fields
- Purchased new bases for the fields
- Purchased a self leveling drag for the fields
- Purchased two sets of bleachers to add to the soccer field
- Cleaned and sealed the Park path and hockey and basketball court
- Installed drain pipes around the East side of the park to help with the drainage