



Village of Southern View

3410 South 5th Street
Southern View, Illinois 62703

Pre-Sort
Standard
U.S. Postage
PAID
Springfield, IL
Permit No. 500

Village of Southern View

2022

Volume 1

SOUTHERN VIEW NEWS



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!

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!

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

IMPORTANT DATES

May 13 & 14, 2022 **Village Garage Sales**
May 16th, 2022 **Spring Pick up**
May 31st, 2021 **Memorial Day**

Locate our social media presence at

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

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Village of Southern View Board now meets once per month. The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The June 2022 meeting has been moved to June 29th, 2022 due to the primary elections being held at the Village hall.

The remainder meetings for 2022 are as follows:

April 26th

May 24th

June 29th

July 26th

August 23rd

September 27th

October 25th

November 22nd

December 27th

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. 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. The primary election is June 28, 2022, mark your calendars.

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.

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. You may have noticed this fall that the Public Works Department had 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. 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. Hopefully by this fall we will have this project complete. **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.**

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!

MUNICIPAL RENTALS

The Village of Southern View has opened back up for rentals! We are looking forward to hosting your events in a safe manner. 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!

CENSUS

We wish to thank all the Village residents that had responded to the US Census of 2020. With your support our official number is 1,596 residents living in the Village of Southern View.

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.

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 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

The Southern View Neighborhood Watch meetings will be held on May 11th, July 13th, and September 14th, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Village hall. On May 11th, Springfield Fire Department will be speaking on the importance of fire safety. Speakers will be announced on the Village website as they are secured. Please check the website for the information at www.southernview.us, under contact us, Neighborhood Watch.

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.**



DANCE IN THE PARK

Join licensed WERQ instructor Cari Piper for a weekly workout in the park! Tentative start date is 4/7, weather permitting (rain cancels). Thursdays, 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.

WERQ is the 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 & TikTok)

LEAF & GUMBALL PICKUP

The leaf pickup is only October - December, weather permitting. The Village will only dispose of leaves during that time. If residents have any leaves that need disposed of you will need to place them in bags with a sticker placed on them for your waste hauler to dispose of. Please contact your waste hauler for pickup or if you choose so, you may burn them during allowed burning hours.

BUILDING PERMITS

Thinking of changing a few things to your property? Before you alter any structure or make any changes contact the Residential Building Permit Trustee Greg Bourland at 217-741-5787 or at gbourland@southernview.us

GARBAGE CANS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ROADWAY WITHIN 24 HOURS.

ORDINANCES

The Village will be codifying the Village Ordinances and during the codification the Village will strengthen the ordinances to ensure a peaceful neighborhood for all.

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. 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.



MOSQUITOS

The Village will be spraying for mosquito when conditions are favorable. 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 mosquitos by a few simple preventive measures at home. The Village has been 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.
- Do not allow water to collect in any containers. They can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes (*bottles, barrels, buckets, overturned garbage lids etc.*).

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.

COPS CORNER

The Village of Southern View Police Department is now 24 / 7. Southern View Police Department is fully staffed with an enormous amount of expertise and years of experience. Police Officers are in high demand throughout Sangamon County at each municipality, it really speaks volumes about our great community that we have a fully staffed police department when other villages are struggling.

The Chief of Police would like to remind you to have your house number visible from the street. There is an ordinance which states you must have your address numbers prominently displayed conspicuously on the front of your house. Displaying your number is VITAL in an emergency. It helps Law Enforcement, Fire and Ambulance find your house quickly in case of an emergency. Please check to see if your numbers are visible from the street. Help us help you. There are quite a few of our residences that do not have any house number. Please make every effort to ensure your house number is visible from the street.

Our agency is participating in the Illinois Department of Transportation Grant program enforcing seat belts, DUI, speeding, and distracted driving. We have a Law Enforcement Liaison who keeps track of our activity and has, in our last conversation we are proud to say, called us a top tier (top five) performing agency out of the 39 agencies he manages.



WE WILL HAVE A SPRING PICK UP

The Village is planning on a Spring pick up this year. May 16th, 2022 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 non residents 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 16th for pickup. **A New Rule:** *limit of two (2) toilets per household will be picked up and they must be busted up and boxed for Public Works to remove.*

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.

The Village will pick up mattresses and box springs if they are in a Village approved bag. The Village sells the bags for \$10.00 each. Only one item per bag. Call the Village Hall at 217-529-3352 to arrange a time to pick up a bag. Cash or checks only.



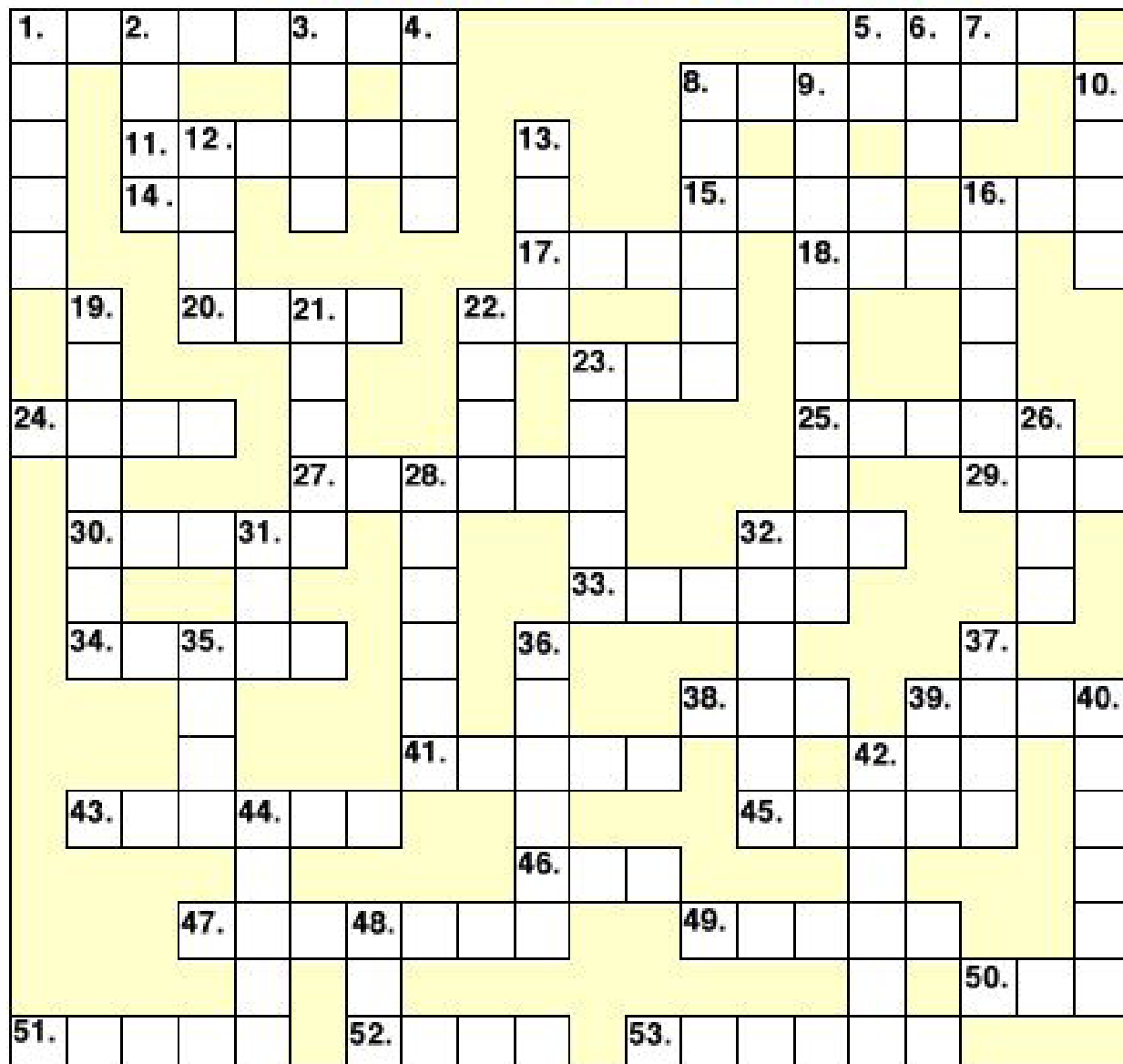
VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE

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 13th and 14th, 2022 starting at 8:00 am. The Village of Southern View has decided due to Mother’s Day being the first Sunday of the month of May we moved the garage sales to the next week to allow Mothers time to relax with their families.

MATTRESSES

The Village will pick up your unwanted mattresses during the Spring Pick up but only if they are in approved bags provided by the Village. Only one item per bag. Bags are \$10.00 each, cash or check only. The bags will cover up to a King size mattress.

JUMBO CROSSWORD



- Down:**
1. Part of a flower
 2. What you scratch
 3. ___n' roll
 4. Opposite of future
 5. Hot ___ cold
 6. Fox's home
 7. Take ___ or leave ___
 8. Easter _____
 9. Easter treats
 10. Jesus was buried in this
 12. Speed competition
 13. Spring month
 16. Hare
 19. Appears after the rain
 21. You play these
 22. Look for
 23. Spring month
 26. Easter flower
 28. A season
 31. Shake head
 32. Easter colour
 35. Tidy
 36. Goodies
 37. Beginning of leaves
 39. Boy's name
 40. Reach destination
 42. Easter hat
 44. ___ and field
 48. Baby goat

Across:

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. One bit of water falling from the clouds | 22. Opposite of she | 41. Spring colour |
| 5. Garfield's dog friend | 23. Spring month | 42. Resting place |
| 8. Confidential | 24. Discover | 43. Baby cat |
| 11. Early spring flower | 25. Spring month | 45. Forests |
| 14. Laughing sound | 27. Spring holiday | 46. Bath _____ |
| 15. 12:00 p.m. | 29. _____ top | 47. Easter or picnic _____ |
| 16. Outer edge | 30. Jelly _____ | 49. Hides eggs |
| 17. Be in want | 32. Opposite of no | 50. Colouring agent |
| 18. Coca _____ | 33. Easter bunny does this with eggs | 51. Baby chicken |
| 20. Easter bunny hides these | 34. Breezy | 52. Water bird |
| | 38. Ginger _____ | 53. Passes out momentarily |
| | 39. Musical instrument | |