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## SOUTHERN VIEW NEWS



### 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. 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. Most information on social media is incorrect, please reach out to the Village office for any and all questions.

### 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

<a href="http://www.southernview.us">www.southernview.us</a>
<a href="https://facebook.com/villageofsouthernview">facebook.com/villageofsouthernview</a>
Nextdoor app

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### Robert Eskew

I am a Trustee of the Village of Southern View Board and I serve as the liaison between Neighborhood Watch and the Village of Southern View Board. I have lived in the Village for over 10 years and I love living in Southern View. I have 5 children and 3 stepchildren and countless grandchildren. I am self-employed and enjoy helping others. I was asked by President Patsche to revamp the Neighborhood Watch during Covid. During that time, I organized all the Neighborhood Watch meetings and spoke to residents about forming a committee to promote safety and a strong sense of community. I am very passionate about the Village and facilitating community involvement for the benefit of all residents.

#### Cyndi Tavernor

Hi I have been a resident of SV for over 30 yrs. My husband Mike and I have raised three children here and had been a part of the Neighborhood Watch Program back in the beginning. I'm excited to be apart of it again. I look forward to getting to know and working with the wonderful residents of Southern View again. If anyone need wants to join as a block captain, share some ideas or concerns please let me know or email the Neighborhood Watch Committee. We are always here for the residents.

#### Brayden Maybury

Hi I have been a resident of Southern View for the past 4 years! Since the 1st week of moving here I have always been interested in the neighborhood watch program and have wanted to see it succeed and grow as much as it can. My main concern being on this Neighborhood watch program is safety and our village as a whole coming together and helping out one another! No one should be living in fear at their homes and in my personal opinion people should know their neighbors and be encouraged to talk to neighbors about events in the village... I think the group we have now is going to truly bring safety and communication to this village and have citizens understand how important neighborhood watch is to keep a safe and informed community. Don't ever be afraid to reach out to one of us you will always remain anonymous, and your privacy will be kept secret if you see an issue arise that needs to be discussed with other neighborhood watch members! I thank you for your time and

effort and can't wait to see where this program goes! God Bless you All!

**Rick Allen** – My parents moved to the village of S.V. in 1968. My wife grew up out here. We have been residents of Southern View for the past 38 years. We have 3 grown children that were raised out here. Many years ago, I got involved with the neighborhood watch program and have been a block captain for several years. We hope to encourage people to become involved with the program and keep a keen eye out for anything out of the ordinary. This is a safe village, and we hope to keep it that way. I try to get to know my neighbors and

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

The Southern View Neighborhood Watch is off to a great start. All Village residents are welcome to attend. Neighborhood Watch is still in need of block captains, and they are determined to keep Southern View a safe place to call home. The Neighborhood Watch Committee has set several meetings and events over the next few months as follows:

**Weiner Roast** October 21, 2023  
6:00pm – 8:00pm, Martin Pavilion  
Hotdogs, s'mores, & hot chocolate

**Trunk or Treat** October 28, 2023  
5:00pm – 7:00pm, Trunk or Treat at the Village Park

**Self Defense** November 13, 2023  
6:30pm, Village Hall

**Cookies with Santa** December 17, 2023  
1:00pm – 2:30pm, Village Hall

**Christmas Lights Holiday Contest**  
For Christmas, there is a most traditional, most unique and the "Griswold" award  
**Deadline for the contest is December 20, 2023**

**Disaster Preparedness** January 16, 2024  
6:30pm, Village Hall

**TBD** February 20, 2023  
6:30pm, Village Hall

## THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS *CONT.*

keep an eye on the goings on around my block. As a grandparent of 8 I want to do my part in keeping our future and our village clean, safe, and aware. We welcome all input from our village residents. Feel free to come and join our community in a safe environment.

### **Anna Parsons-Berkley**

I have lived in the 3400 block of South Spring since 1986. My husband Jerry and I have raised two children, Adam and Sarah. Thru the years I have been PTC president, room parent and Girl Scout leader at Southern View School. I have been on the Neighborhood Watch Committee for over 30 years through the time I've lived here. I've also served on committees in the village. We love living here. Please feel free to reach out to me with any ideas, concerns or just to say hi.

### **Patty Tucker**

I have lived in Southern View Village since 1955 in 5 different houses on 3rd St. (3 different blocks) 5th, and now 1st, all within a few blocks of each other. I have one adult son. My husband, Don, and I have 5 grandchildren between us. I went to Southern View School myself and then helped with activities at the school when my son went there. I was also co-leader with Cub Scouts when my son was involved with that. Several years ago, I was a part of the Neighborhood Watch in the early years of its existence and then after dropping off the committee for a few years, I was asked to come back this past year. We're striving to keep our community as safe as possible and hope that we can all work together to achieve that goal. We welcome your suggestions, if you ever have ideas, you'd like to share with us.

### **Chris Baughman**

My wife Iza and I have lived in Southern View for over five years. One of our first community events was attending a Neighborhood Watch dinner. We appreciate the sense of community in Southern View, like knowing my neighbors, and utilize the park's walking path and open space regularly. We hope that more residents get involved with the community and Neighborhood Watch in the years to come.

Please check the website for the information at [www.southernview.us](http://www.southernview.us), under contact us, Neighborhood Watch. All residents are encouraged to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program, come out and meet your neighbors! The Neighborhood Watch has developed a Facebook group and a separate email address for keeping residents informed of programs and events they will be sponsoring. The email address is [neighborhoodwatchsv@gmail.com](mailto:neighborhoodwatchsv@gmail.com). Any questions please contact them directly at that email address. Neighborhood Watch works independently of the Village Board. The Village Office is more than happy to ask for someone to call you from Neighborhood Watch if you prefer to call the Village Office at 217-529-3352.

The Neighborhood Watch is partnering with a local resident to establish a food program. If you or one of your neighbors would benefit in a sponsored food program please send your name and address and your neighbor's name and address and email it to [neighborhoodwatchsv@gmail.com](mailto:neighborhoodwatchsv@gmail.com) or you can call the Village Office at 217-529-3352 and someone will reach out to you.

If you see something that isn't quite right, please make a call to 217-529-0255 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.**

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Village of Southern View Board meets once per month. The remainder meetings for 2023 are as follows:

- September 26th
- October 24th
- November 28th
- December 19th

The Southern View Board meeting is on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The Board meets in the Municipal Building at 6:00 pm.

## IMPORTANT DATES

October 6th & 7th 2023, 8:00 am  
**Village Wide Garage Sales**

October 21, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00pm  
**Neighborhood Watch Weiner Roast**

October 28, 2023, 5:00 - 7:00pm  
**Trunk or Treat at the Park**

October 31, 2023, 4:00 - 8:00pm  
**Halloween Trick or Treating Hours**

November 11, 2023  
**Veterans Day Meal**  
for all Veterans and their families

November 13, 2023, 6:30 pm  
**Neighborhood Watch Meeting**

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## 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. **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.

## 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](mailto: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!

## BUILDING PERMITS

Thinking of changing a few things to your property? Before you alter any structure or make any changes contact Trustee Robert Eskew at 217-503-0323 for any of your Residential Building Permits. Commercial Building Permits are issued through the Village Office at 217-529-3352.

## 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!

**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](https://co.sangamon.il.us/SAM) OR text SAM to 99411

**stay safe** **save lives**

Sangamon County Department of Public Health | [www.scdph.org](http://www.scdph.org)





## COPS CORNER

The Southern View Police Department continues its commitment to the community with 24/7 coverage. Our department is still looking to fill one full-time position, since Rick Wiese, former Chief, resigned from the department. The department has a new chief, who was the former Sgt.-Chief Roy Maki has taken the reigns and is continuing the Mission Chief Wiese started.

As you can see, the Chief has updated our Police Vehicles with new markings. He completed all maintenance issues on our fleet, and we are ready to continue our service to the community.

Chief Maki, as indicated in the last newsletter, was a former Chief of Police in Moweaqua, but has found Southern View his new home. As the Chief he has been actively meeting the needs of the Community, intensified enforcement for persons who “travel through” the Village and has taken ownership of the Department and has high expectations of his Officers, who have stepped up and demonstrated this Village has the finest and bravest Officers around.

To run the department Chief Maki promoted Detective Towsley to Lieutenant who will assist in Operations and Administrative duties assigned by the Chief.

Lt. Bridges the Training Officer has developed a training agenda to meet all State Mandates and will continue to educate all Officers with the most updated training many smaller departments don't receive.

As your Chief you can expect Continued Service, Dedication and Communication with the residents and know that this Department has the best interests of the Village, residents, and Business Owners in mind. It's a great day in Southern View and it's my honor and privilege as the Chief to serve and protect this fine community.

Respectfully,  
Chief Roy Maki

## FACEBOOK

The Southern View Police Department would like all residents to call Dispatch directly at 217-753-6666 if they see something suspicious. Calling for a Southern View officer allows the Police Department to initiate a conversation whether it is someone soliciting at your door, walking through yards, garage broken into, vehicles ransacked, etc. They do not monitor Facebook. They cannot do anything about it if they find out hours later. Your first call should be to contact them and give the officers a chance to investigate properly. Let's think like a criminal, the Facebook group is visible to anyone, putting information on there as to a resident's health, mobility, living alone could cause that resident to be more vulnerable and a possible target. Be mindful of what is shared and let's give our Police Department access to ensure the safety of our Village.



## ATTN ALL VETERANS

The Village is planning its annual Veterans Day Meal on Veterans Day November 11, 2023. More information will be coming to you closer we get to the date. We look forward to celebrating all Veterans and their families on November 11, 2023. 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.



## VILLAGE WIDE GARAGE SALE

The Village will be sponsoring a village wide garage sale this fall. Although residents may choose to host a garage sale any time, the Village sponsored garage sales are scheduled for Friday and Saturday October 6th and 7th, 2023 starting at 8:00 am. **THERE WILL BE NO FALL PICKUP!** Residents will need to dispose of any debris themselves. If debris is left on the curb it could result in a fine by the Village.



## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## HALLOWEEN

Halloween Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 31, 2023, from 4pm to 8 pm. Remember to turn on your porch light for trick or treaters if you are 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.

## MOMBIE'S MADHOUSE

Every Halloween, The Great Pumpkin rises from the pumpkin patch to dispense treats to all. This year, however, he is playing the ultimate trick on humans and cursing all the pumpkins! Please join Mombie's Madhouse Halloween night during trick or treat hours and see if you can break the curse! We will be accepting monetary donations for the Organization for Autism Research (OAR) and non-perishable food donations for the Southern View Food Pantry. Candy will be handed out to all kids and non-scary characters will be around for the really little ones. Mombie's Madhouse is located at 3421 S. Spring Street.

## ADDRESSES

Chief Maki 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.

## 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.

## MICRO PANTRY

The Village of Southern View has the honor of having a micro pantry located in the WFMB/WCVS parking lot at 3055 S 4th Street. The micro pantry helps serve residents that may be in tough times and cannot afford to purchase food. Please consider donating some of what you already have or pick up some items the next time you are at the store to donate. No one should go to bed hungry.



## 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 has done and is continuing to do 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. 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 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. Restroom facilities are available until the end of October. Public Works will winterize the restroom facilities once the weather changes.

## 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](mailto:office@southernview.us). We would love to acknowledge your service.

## 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.

Please be courteous and have all your limbs out by the first Monday of the month. We ask this as we have had residents put more limbs out after the Public Works crew has picked up the residents' pile. To ensure the Village looks clean of debris we ask that you wait to put limbs out until the weekend before. 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.

**It looks to be an early fall, after the final limb pickup of the year in October, the Village will be changing over the equipment for leaf and snow removal.**

## LEAF PICKUP

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 the 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!



The leaf pickup is only **October – December**, weather permitting, which means the Village will continue to pick up until we have snowfall. The Village will only dispose of leaves during that time. If residents have any leaves that need disposed of after this time 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.

The Village experienced some difficulties last fall during the leaf pickup, and we have strived to ensure smooth sailing this year. This summer the leaf vac received much needed maintenance, and a new hose should arrive any day now. Public Works is looking forward to getting out there and seeing how the machine does this year.

## 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.



## 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. The Village Board has received numerous complaints on this issue and is working on installing signs at the Village Park to remind everyone to pick up after your pet and keep them on a leash.

**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 hefty fine up to \$750.00 by our Village of Southern View Police Department.**

## **ORDINANCES**

The Village is in the process of codifying the Village Ordinances. During the codification the Village will strengthen the ordinances to ensure a peaceful neighborhood for all.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL**

Hard to believe we are talking about Christmas already, but the Public Works Crew will begin the Complimentary pick up and disposal of your Christmas Tree from December 26th to January 15th, 2024. The last day the Public Works Crew will make only one trip on January 15th, 2024 to pick up the remaining real trees, make sure you have yours out by 7 am on that day.

## **STORM DAMAGE**

The Village suffered severe storm damage on Thursday, June 29, 2023. The damage left trees and power lines down across the Village and Sangamon County. The Public Works Department, Chief Maki, Lieutenant Towsley, Trustees Robert Eskew and Mike Tavernor and President Patsche worked that afternoon to ensure all roadways were clear of debris and residents could get in and out of the Village. The next day Public Works started picking up the debris. Public Works hauled away 135 loads themselves. The Village hired two separate contractors to help with the large trunks of debris that unfortunately, our crew nor equipment could remove, 10 piles out on the streets and one large pile behind the municipal building that was dumped by a tree removal company. The Village would like to thank the Public Works Department, the Police Department, and contractors Joe Rechner and Tyler Lufkin for all their hard work on removing the debris and making Southern View look great again. This storm has damaged a lot of our aging trees, some are lopsided or could have broken branches stuck up in the tree that will eventually fall when the leaves are gone. Please take a look at your property and make sure that your trees are in good condition. If there are trees in the easement and you feel that it could be a danger, please reach out to the Village office at 217-529-3352 and report the tree. Safety is our number one priority with our aging trees, and we could see a lot more come down due to this storm.

## **STORM COSTS**

With 135 loads of debris, the Village took a big hit on the removal. Illinois Emergency Management applied for disaster relief to FEMA on behalf of multiple counties and municipalities. To be declared a disaster the event must have suffered over \$23 million dollars of damage. Southern View along with other municipalities, Sangamon County and the City of Springfield have applied together for the relief. The Village anticipates the costs of just removing the debris to be \$17,500 – \$20,000 and that does not include the man hours spent, equipment, or the subcontractors. The Village met with IEMA at the end of July when we estimated at that time the Village was 60% done and have estimated with FEMA total damages of \$51,285.42. The Village is still awaiting the final numbers as there are some trees that still need attention. If FEMA approves the disaster, the Village will be able to recoup 75% of the costs of the storm damage. Those funds will not be immediate. The federal government is slow at processing the funds so it could be 2 years before the Village recoups any funds.

## **DONATIONS TO THE VILLAGE**

Resident Dan Braughton was presented a certificate of appreciation for his generous donation of a micro-chip scanner for animals at the August 22, 2023, meeting. Dan is an avid animal lover and donated to the Southern View Police Department a scanner to help reunite pets with their owners in the Village and hopefully save the Village and the owners the costs of calling Animal Control to pick up loose animals. The Village appreciates the generous donation!

Before the August 22, 2023, meeting, Dan also brought in a donation to start a microchip fund for residents of Southern View. Dan's donation of funds has created an opportunity for a microchip clinic that will help ensure we can microchip our four-legged residents for little to no charge for the owners. Pets are family and this is another way to reunite our furry friends. The Southern View Neighborhood Watch (SVNW) is spearheading a microchip clinic and is seeking a vet tech to help administer the microchips. If you know anyone willing to help with the clinic, please call the office at 217-529-3352 with information and it will be forwarded to SVNW. Once a date is set, notice will be sent to all residents of Southern View. The Village truly appreciates the generosity Dan has given to this important issue within the Village. Thank you just does not seem to be enough.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 1, 2023, the Southern View Neighborhood Watch (SVNW) sponsored the National Night Out at the Village Park. What a tremendous turnout! The food consisted of pulled pork, potato salad and coleslaw. The food was wonderful and was donated by Route 66 Hotel and Weebles. Chips, snow cones, popsicles, water, and juice boxes were also there for residents free of charge. Three separate bounce houses, face painter, power wheels derby, K-9 presentation, big trucks, various vendors we could go on and on with all the fun activities there that night, definitely something for everyone! SVNW put many hours in creating this fun night and we thank everyone who came out, there was so many folks there we lost count of how many people attended the event. SVNW hopes that those that attended the event enjoyed themselves and we look forward to seeing you at the next event! For a more complete list of sponsors for this event look at [www.southernview.us](http://www.southernview.us)

## NEW BUSINESS OPENING

The Village has verified that the dispensary will be open on September 25, 2023. This business will provide the Village of Southern View with a new revenue source to ensure growth and stability to our Village. There are many projects that need to be completed within the Village and as we all know the roads need attention. Finding different revenue streams and applying for grants to upgrade our roadways is our top priority.

# fall word search

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