



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. 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

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

THE END OF COVID MEANS EVENTS ARE BACK!!

We can all admit the last few years have been rough, especially with COVID-19. It has been announced that COVID is classified as an endemic not a pandemic, what that means is that it is now considered flu-like. With that official announcement, we are thrilled that we can bring back the events for the Village.

Saturday April 1, 2023 Easter at the Park

Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 am & Take a Plant

*Enjoy the outdoors? Enjoy plants or gardening? Let's celebrate Earth Day by giving back to mother nature! Planting Station: This activity is for adults and children to pick a flower, vegetable or strawberry seed. Learn how to plant the seed and the at-home care needed for your plant to thrive. **Please bring a container or pot to use.** Soil, seeds and instructions will be supplied. Donations of any gardening supplies are always appreciated.*

Saturday May 20, 2023 Spring Picnic

Let's swing into Spring at our Southern View Park!

Bring a dish to share and meet some neighbors

Saturday June 17, 2023 Cops and Bobbers

All age children are welcome to join the Southern View Police Officers for a day of fishing in our pond at the Southern View Park. The Cops and Kids Foundation created this program "to connect police officers and the youth of their communities" "Officers work side by side with kids, helping them bait, cast, hook and release fish all while bonding and learning that they are not so different from each other after all." "Fishing teaches patience, ingenuity, preparation and humility." This is a great way for the kids of the village to meet our officers and fish. The Village will provide everything necessary to fish, just bring yourself for a fun afternoon at the park.

Tuesday, August 1, 2023 National Night Out

National Night Out is a yearly tradition to encourage camaraderie of community and police to ensure a caring & safe village for Southern View. Visit the official National Night Out website www.natw.org to learn more! The children are encouraged to bring their bicycle for a "wash" & decoration contest along with bicycle safety obstacle course and information. Fire station #2 will be visiting with their fire truck and equipment. Southern View Police will be handing out useful information and fingerprinting kits for the children. More details to come.

September 2023 Fall Festival

Will announce in the Fall of 2023

Saturday, October 28, 2023 Trunk or Treat

Will announce in the Fall of 2023

Saturday, November 11, 2023 Veterans Brunch

Will announce in the Fall of 2023

December 2023 Cookies with Santa

Will announce in the Fall of 2023

Volunteers Needed:

If you would like to help with any of these events, please reach out to rlarussa@southernview.us

DRAINAGE

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

FINES IF DEBRIS IS IN YOUR DITCH

With all the repairs that the Public Works crew is doing for our drainage issues, it is important to remind residents not to place ANYTHING in their 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!

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

The Village of Southern View will vote at the Village hall. There is no early voting at the Village Hall. All early voting is at the Sangamon County Complex. The next election is April 4, 2023, mark your calendars, the Village has 3 Trustee positions up for election along with the President.

MUNICIPAL RENTALS

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

PARK RENTALS

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

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.

BUILDING PERMITS

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

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Village of Southern View Board meets once per month. The meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The December 2023 meeting has been moved to December 19th, due to the holidays. The remainder meetings for 2023 are as follows:

- March 28th
- April 25th
- May 23rd
- June 27th
- July 25th
- August 22nd
- September 26th
- October 24th
- November 28th
- December 19th

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 1st, 2023
Easter at the Park
- May 5th & 6th 2023
Village Wide Garage Sales
- May 20th, 2023
Spring Picnic
- June 17th, 2023
Cops N Bobbers
- August 1st, 2023
National Night Out

WILL THERE BE A SPRING PICK UP?

The Village would love to have a Spring pick up this year. Unfortunately, when the Village Office contacted Woodside Township to receive the dump tickets necessary to dispose of the junk that had been picked up, the Office was told that the contract between Sangamon County and the Owners of the Landfill had expired. The contract was good for 20 years and that contract had provided a total of 8,000 tickets, of which 5,000 tickets going to the City of Springfield, 1,000 tickets going to Springfield Township and 2,000 tickets for the other townships to pass out to the municipalities. The County and the landfill are still negotiating the contract. It does not appear that this would be settled before the May Garage Sales. The Spring Junk Pick Up will be addressed at the March 28, 2023 meeting to hear from the Board members if the Village can pay for the dump fees directly. This can be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$7,000 just for the Spring pickup alone. Depending on the result of that meeting we may or may not have a Spring junk pick up.

PARK NEWS

In September of 2023 the Village was able to repave the park path. New tables were installed under trees near the playground area along with new updated benches around the path. The Village installed a new fountain along with bubblers for your enjoyment in the pond. New fence covers were installed on the ball fields. The East bathroom and the West Pavilion roofs were replaced with metal roofs. The park bathrooms were freshly painted, and hot water tanks were installed for your comfort. Bleachers have arrived and are built and will be installed around the soccer field. The Village also installed a drainpipe from the East bathroom towards the pond to help alleviate the flooding. More work is needed in the east parking lot that will be completed this year. A big THANK YOU to Trustee Jack Pierce and Resident Mike Carnduff for your work on the drainage in the park.

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 OR text SAM to 99411

stay safe save lives

Sangamon County Department of Public Health | www.scdph.org

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.

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COPS CORNER

The Village of Southern View Police Department has 24/7 coverage. 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 Police Department had a few officers resign which set back the 24 hour coverage during the fall. The Police Department has been very busy the last few months replacing the officers who resigned with quality

officers that hit the ground running. We are back to our 24 hour seven days a week schedule to have 100% coverage since November of 2022

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We have gone through the evidence room and now have a comprehensive list of everything that's in there and what case it's attached to. A few months ago, we were able to get rid of 44 boxes of old reports that could be purged.

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We have hired a former police chief from Moweaqua, IL who has 20 plus years of experience. He has been recently promoted to Sergeant. We have begun a comprehensive training program for our officers in line with the new mandates by the state of Illinois. This program is run by a retired Lieutenant from the Springfield Police Department who was at one time in charge of their training Academy. Our Lieutenant is also part time. We are fortunate to have him with the amount of experience that he has.

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We have a dedicated detective who works part time on our investigations and various other projects. He is a retired detective from Springfield Police Department with a 27 years of experience in police work and investigations.

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

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.

LIMB REMOVAL

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

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

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

LEAF 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.



During the fall of 2022, the Village Public Works crew had some major setbacks regarding leaf pickup. The Village's Big Red dump truck had several issues and it seemed that it was in the shop every other week, combining that with the issues on the 40-year-old leaf vac our crew was consistently set back on removing the leaves. The Public Works crew was all new to the job this fall, and Dave Cole was out for surgery. At the end of December, Trustee Eskew and Dave had devised a plan to have the Public Works crew go out and remove the leaves that were still out and that did not get picked up prior to the snow arriving in December. Once the temperature was above freezing, the crew was out picking up the leaves. The Village appreciates your patience and understanding during this time. The leaf vac is scheduled to be maintenance and the blades sharpened to be ready for next fall. The Village of Southern View Public Works Department consist of Dave, Dante, Kyle and Dom.

THANK YOU!

Trustee Greg Bourland has decided not to run for reelection this year. Greg has spent many years representing the residents on the board and as a Trustee over Residential Building Permit. Greg has a wealth of knowledge of the Village of Southern View and will be missed. The Village would like to extend their thanks to Trustee Greg Bourland for all your years of dedicated service to the Village.



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.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

The Southern View Neighborhood Watch meetings are going very well. The Neighborhood Watch Committee met to select the block captains throughout Southern View. Last year the meetings had numerous speakers that touched on many different aspects. Some of these were fire extinguisher maintenance, how to put out a fire with an extinguisher, Sangamon County Crimestoppers, Identity Theft Prevention, and an emotional presentation of Distracted Driving. Neighborhood Watch had sponsored 2 potlucks at the Village hall and 1 meeting at the new Route 66 diner. For the year 2023, 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. Once dates are set for the upcoming meetings a postcard will go out to all residents. All residents are encouraged to participate in the Neighborhood Watch program, come out and meet your neighbors!

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.**



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 5th and 6th, 2023 starting at 8:00 am.



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.

MOSQUITOS

The Village will be spraying for mosquitoes 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 than 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.).

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!

