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911

Sangamon Co Dispatch
217-753-6666
Request a Southern View Officer

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217-789-2121 (electric)
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Locate our social media presence at
www.southernview.us
facebook.com/villageofsouthernview
Nextdoor app

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 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!

SOUTHERN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Saturday April 13, 2024 Spring Fling
10 am to 4 pm

Saturday June 15, 2024 Cops and Bobbers

July 19-21, 2024 Southern View 85th Anniversary

Tuesday, August 6, 2024 National Night Out

October 5, 2024 Fall Fling

The Southern View Neighborhood Watch Committee meets several times a year to plan and organize the years upcoming events for the Village of Southern View. The Committee holds Neighborhood Watch meetings that spotlights topic of interest for the residents of the Village. All residents are encouraged to attend any and all events or meetings to meet your neighbors, have some fun or share some ideas. If you are interested in becoming a block captain, or want to be more involved with Neighborhood Watch please reach out to Cyndi Tavernor at 217-523-4430 or Trustee Eskew at 217-503-0323 or email at neighborhoodwatchsv@gmail.com

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.

CHIPPER TRUCK

The Village has purchased a used chipper truck along with a chipper to chip up limbs. This will produce quite a bit of mulch. The Village will use this mulch at various locations around the Village but will have some to spare. If you are interested in having some mulch at your residence, please contact the Village Office at 217-529-3352 or at office@southernview.us to place an order! Mulch will be provided free of charge as long as supplies lasts.

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 2024 meeting has been moved to December 17th, due to the holidays. The remainder meetings for 2024 are as follows:
- March 26, 2024
- April 23, 2024
- May 28, 2024
- June 25, 2024
- July 23, 2024
- August 27, 2024
- September 24, 2024
- October 22, 2024
- November 26, 2024
- December 17, 2024

Craft Fair, Car Show, Food Truck

Great way for the kids of the village to meet our officers and fish. Just bring yourself for a fun day at the park.

More details to come

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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!

DANCE IN THE PARK

Join licensed WERQ instructor Cari Piper for a weekly workout in the park! Tentative start date is 4/3, weather permitting (rain cancels). Wednesdays, 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 and TikTok)

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.

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!



WE WILL HAVE A SPRING PICK UP

The Village is planning on a Spring pick up this year. May 6th, 2024, 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 6th for pickup. A **New Rule**: a limit of two (2) toilets per household will be picked up and they must be busted up and boxed for Public Works.

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 bagged. The Village sells the bags for \$10.00 each. Only one item per bag. If you are unable to come in to the Office between 9 am and 1 pm please call the Village Hall at 217-529-3352 to arrange a time to pick up a bag. Cash or checks only. The Village has limited supplies and once we are out, it will be the resident's responsibility to wrap the mattresses and box springs in plastic for pick up.

LARGE ITEM PICK UPS

Sangamon County has announced the start of the Large Item Pick-up Program, catering exclusively to residents living outside the City of Springfield Corporate Limits. Beginning October 2nd, the new program allows eligible residents to schedule pick-up or drop-off of large items not typically accommodated by regular waste management services. The Sangamon County Board unanimously approved the partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County at its September Board meeting.

All eligible residents qualify for free scheduled residential curbside pick-up of up to six items per calendar year. Pick-ups can be divided into two transactions.

Eligible items include furniture, appliances, mattresses, and other bulky household objects. Restricted items include hazardous materials, tires, TVs, and other electronic goods. A complete list of eligible and restricted items can be found at SangamonIL.Gov/Habitat.

Upon scheduling a pick-up, residents will receive detailed instructions and guidelines for preparing their items for collection. The program prioritizes environmentally friendly disposal methods, including recycling, repurposing, or appropriate disposal at designated facilities, in alignment with Sangamon County's commitment to sustainable waste management practices.

Residents must schedule pick-ups and drop-offs in advance by contacting Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County at 217-523-2710, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. or by scheduling service online at habitatsangamon.vonigo.com/external/.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 13, 2024	Spring Fling	May 27th, 2024	Memorial Day
May 3rd & 4th 2024	Village Wide Garage Sales	July 19-21, 2024	Southern View's 85 th Anniversary
May 6th, 2024	Spring Pick up	August 6, 2024	National Night Out



IDOT EXPANSION

The Village of Southern View was contacted in 2011 regarding an expansion of the Business I-55/South Sixth Street. IDOT at the time had stated that this was a project 10 years out. In 2022, the Village, some residents and several business

owners were approached with IDOT's plan to "purchase" land necessary to complete the project. IDOT hired appraisers to be sent out to all parties and turn in the amount of value of the land was worth in order to move forward. IDOT has stated this is phase I of the project and it is fully funded and is moving forward. The plan will change what we are used to seeing and new roads will be going in. Frontage Road entrances on both sides of 5th and 6th street will change. There is a lot of moving parts to make this all possible so no definite date on construction beginning but it does appear to be by the end of 2024. Phase I starts at the I55/I72 corridor and goes all the way to Thorntons entrance. At Thorntons heading North all the way to the overhead railroad trestles are phase II. Phase II is in the design stage currently.

Business I-55/South Sixth Street is located at the southern end of Springfield and Southern View in Sangamon County, Illinois, and serves as a major gateway into both jurisdictions providing a direct connection to I-55 from the east and south and I-72 from the west. What is unique about this roadway

corridor is that it not only serves as a major commuter/transportation thoroughfare providing a connection to many of the area's significant sites, but it is also a destination point for many motorists due to the densely populated commercial and retail businesses lining the corridor, along with residential neighborhoods within the project area.

The anticipated limits of the project will extend from the I-55/I-72 interchange to the north, terminating at the Stanford Avenue intersection for an approximate project length of 1.5 miles. This project will be coordinated with the City of Springfield's Stanford Avenue improvement planning process as well as the Illinois Department of Transportation's I-55 corridor/interchange studies currently underway. In addition, with ongoing rail studies being conducted for the Springfield area, the fate of the existing Illinois Central grade-separated rail crossing immediately south of Stanford Avenue is unknown and the potential impacts are to be identified as part of this project.

IDOT has provided to the Village a map showing the various changes that are planned that will affect the Village entrances. The map is available during office hours between 9 am and 1 pm Monday through Friday. The map will also be available at the Village regular meetings. To learn more about the Springfield South 6th Street Expansion please go to www.springfieldsouth6thstexpansion.com and www.idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system/transportation-management/featured-projects/sangamon-county

ADDRESS

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.

MATTRESSES

The Village will pick up your unwanted mattresses during the Spring Pick up but only if they are in a bag. Only one item per bag. Bags are \$10.00 each, cash or check only. The bags will cover up to a King size. The Village has limited supplies and once we are out, it will be the resident's responsibility to wrap the mattresses and box springs in plastic for pick up.

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!



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 3rd and 4th, 2024 starting at 8:00 am.



YARD MAINTENANCE

With warm weather approaching this serves as a friendly reminder to keep your grass and weeds trimmed down. The Village has an ordinance that allows them to issue fines in the event of grass and or weeds exceeding 8 inches tall. As a resident of the Village this is your responsibility. Please mow the front, side and back yards weekly to help beautify the Village of Southern View! The Village has ordinances on the treasures in your yard also, please do your best as warmer weather approaches to ensure a peaceful environment for you and your neighbors!

BEAUTIFICATION OF SOUTHERN VIEW

With all the updates that are being planned throughout the Village of Southern View and the 85th Anniversary of the Village coming up, we want to challenge you! Let's put some color down the streets! Do you have a green thumb? Would you like to sponsor a flower garden in the Park? Would you like to sponsor the flowers around the entrances of the Village? As a resident, if you are interested in any of these activities let us know! We want YOU! If you only have time for your own residence, that is ok too, we want to challenge each residence to show your colors this spring, summer and fall. Wouldn't it be awesome to walk down the street and see all the amazing floral arrangements you can dream up throughout the neighborhood? Something to show pride of ownership, pride of being a resident of Southern View! What do you say? Are you IN?

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 The Village of Southern View Board adopted the 2018 International Building Codes and the 2018 International Residential Codes last fall. With the adoption of these codes, the Village will be implementing a Residential Permit that will require all repairs, updates and additions to any residential home to obtain a permit prior to any work. This change will be effective on June 1, 2024. Any and all repairs must have a permit before work can begin. Please keep this in mind for the future as it changes the way Southern View has required permits in the past. Fencing, roofing, siding, windows, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, structural will all require a permit effective June 1, 2024. The permits will be available online at www.southernview.us under the documents/forms tab. Penalties will be assessed if work has started prior to obtaining a permit. The Village wants to protect its residents from unlicensed and/or poor workmanship. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Village Office at 217-529-3352 or at office@southernview.us

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.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH DEPENDS ON YOU

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.**

ORDINANCES

The Village has completed the process of codifying the Village Ordinances. The Village Ordinances are now available online on our website www.southernview.us

GARBAGE CANS

There is a village ordinance that prohibits garbage cans being left in front of your residence. When trash is collected, the empty cans must be moved back to the side or rear of your home until the next pickup day. No one wants to see trash cans in front of your home every day! Please move them back!





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 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 boats 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.).

COFFEE WITH A COP



The Chief of Police, Chief Maki hosts "Coffee with a Cop" the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am at the Village Hall. Chief Maki provides donuts and coffee free of charge. Chief Maki hosts this event to engage with the residents of the Village to discuss various topics concerning residents and to visit with our Southern View Police Department. This is a great opportunity to come and chat and ask questions and meet the Village officers. Unfortunately, April 2nd, 2024, there is a conflict, but April 9, 2024, is the next Coffee with a Cop and will meet the first Tuesday of each month, following April at 10:00 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 Southern View 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.

GREAT NEWS FOR OUR VILLAGE!

The Village applied for the OSLAD grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. OSLAD stands for Open Space Land Acquisition and Development. At the end of January 2024, it was announced that the Village of Southern View received a total of \$280,620.00 grant funds to enhance our playground equipment at the Village Park. This grant will allow the Village to remove and replace the outdated and worn-out equipment that is currently located in the park. The Village is awaiting on the final documents from the State of Illinois on the requirements necessary and we will begin the planning stages! This is very exciting to improve our Park for all residents and visitors.

The Village has also applied for a grant through the Sangamon County Hazard Mitigation Task Force and Illinois Emergency Management from federal dollars to purchase and install a generator at the Village Hall. Trustee Eskew and Treasurer Cave represented the Village of Southern View on the Sangamon County Hazard Mitigation Task Force. The task force met over 8 times during the last year, completing the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan with various municipalities throughout the County in assessing what is needed for each community. Our hopes are that we will never have to experience any devastation but in the case like we had with the loss of power last summer, but in the worst-case scenario we will be able to provide residents a safe place to go to if needed. It would allow the Village Hall to be a shelter, warming and cooling center and a large enough space to provide vital emergency services to our residents. Purchasing a generator for the building has been a dream for many years and our hopes is that we will be able to be awarded this grant for the generator purchase and installation. The Village has applied, and we are awaiting the news of the award.

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.



COPS CORNER

The Southern View Police Department continues its commitment to the community with 24/7 coverage. Our department is accepting applications for future vacancies and establishing an eligibility list.

As we start the New Year Chief Maki developed "Coffee with a Cop" held on the first Tuesday of every month at 10am at the Village Hall Community Room. "I have seen a great interest among residents to sit down, share some coffee and talk about their experiences in the village and have given me a history lesson" said Chief Maki and he is looking forward on continuing the program to really stay in touch with the village and its residents.

As far as the operation/training side goes, we continue to train our Officers to keep them updated on new information and keep the skills in tune for the expectations set by the department, residents, and village.

As your Chief you can continue to expect continued service, dedication and communication with the residents and know this department has the best interests of the Village, residents, and business owners in mind. It continues to be a great day in Southern View and the department continues to find ways to get involved with the village and residents. It's still my honor and privilege to protect and serve this community every day and I am proud to show off the Southern View Pride.

Respectfully,
Chief Roy Maki

SUMMER STORM DAMAGE OF 2023

With the derecho that hit the Village in late June of 2023 the Village experienced quite a bit of expenses to remove all the debris in the Village. Treasurer Cave worked with IEMA and FEMA to complete the reimbursement of funds that were spent during the disaster. The total costs of the disaster was \$102,397.70. The Village is anticipating insurance reimbursement totaling \$20,754.78 and FEMA reimbursement totaling \$61,232.19. For a grand total of reimbursements of \$81,986.97. With all things from the Federal Government, it will take time to get the reimbursement, but this will help replace the amount the Village spent in cleaning up the damage caused by the disaster.

HOLIDAYS

The Village Office and Public Works Department will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- May 27, 2024
- June 19, 2024
- July 4, 2024
- September 2, 2024
- November 11, 2024
- November 28 & 29, 2024
- December 25, 2024.