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Emergency
911

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

City Water Light and Power
217-789-2121 (electric)
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www.southernview.us
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SOUTHERN VIEW NEWS

REMINDERS FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH TRUSTEE

Please remember if you have dead trees in your yard, they need to be removed or cut down enough to not cause damage to neighboring properties. This is part of maintaining your property.

Several ditches in the neighborhood have not been mowed. This causes problems with water drainage. Please mow your ditches on a regular basis.

If you have vehicles, campers or trailers on your property, they must have current licensing. We want the Village to look great. Please call the office at 217-529-3352 if you see a property that is deteriorating. As a Public Health Trustee, I drive around weekly but things can get missed, any help is appreciated.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

The Village of Southern View Board meets once per month. The remainder meetings for 2026 are as follows:

September 22nd
October 27th
November 24th
December 22nd

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

REAR EASEMENTS

Half of the rear easement is your responsibility. Cleaning this area up and keeping weeds and grass cut will help the utility service that may need to make repairs. If you are aware of any area that needs to be cleaned up, please reach out to the office at 217-529-3352.

REVISION TO THE GRASS AND WEEDS ORDINANCE

In order to have all properties looking cared for in the Village, the Village has passed an ordinance to allow the Village to give residents a hand delivered notice of a violation. A violation occurs when your weeds or grass is taller than 8 inches. The notice gives the resident 7 days to cut the grass and or weeds on the property. If the violation is not remedied after those 7 days, the Village will send out a company to address the violation and the resident will be sent a bill from the Village to pay for that service and the Village will file a lien on the property for the work being done. Any subsequent violations will be abated without further notice.

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!

GARBAGE CANS

There is a village ordinance that prohibits garbage cans being left in front of your residence. Garbage cans are prohibited from being in front of your home. When trash is collected, the empty cans **must be moved** to the rear of your home within 24 hours of collection and should not be moved to the front until the next scheduled pick-up.



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.

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 to village residents.

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.



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.



ATTN ALL VETERANS

The Village is planning its annual **Veterans Day Meal** on Veterans Day November 11, 2026. We look forward to celebrating all Veterans and their families on November 11, 2026. Happy Hour begins at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm Buffet Dinner. Please RSVP to attend the Veterans Day Meal so we may ensure there is plenty of food. Route 66 Hotel & Conference Center will continue to host this event this year in the Illinois Banquet Hall. We appreciate their dedication to our Veterans and families. As always, if you have not done so already, call or email office@southernview.us your name, address, branch of service and years served so that we may honor you for all you have sacrificed in serving in the United States Armed Forces.

HALLOWEEN



Halloween Trick or Treating on Friday, October 31, 2026, 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

This year Mombie's Madhouse Haunted House takes you deep into the asylum where the staff may or may not have been patients! Beware, they saved a room just for you! Mombie's Madhouse will be accepting monetary donations for the Organization for Autism Research (OAR), non-perishable food donations and personal hygiene items for Intricate Minds. Candy will be handed out to all. Mombie's Madhouse is located at 3421 S. Spring Street and will be open Halloween night during trick or treat hours.

SOUTHERN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE EVENTS

October 17, 2026 3:30pm – 5:30pm Park	Trunk & Treat Southern View
December 5, 2026 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Lunch with Santa Southern View Municipal Bldg

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, 2026 to January 11th, 2027. On the last day the Public Works Crew will make only one trip on January 11th, 2027, to pick up the remaining real trees, make sure you have yours out by 7 am on that day.

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.

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.

TRUCK RENTAL

The Village provides the use of the 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 or the Village Office at 217-529-3352 to schedule a time for the truck rental.



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

ORDINANCES

The Village has received the codification of the Village Ordinances. All ordinances have been codified and are accessible online. A link is located on the Village website at www.southernview.us

With the codification the Village will strengthen the ordinances to ensure a peaceful neighborhood for all.

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

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.**

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. Thieves have been known to shatter your window to get to your valuables. Please make every effort to remove them. 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.



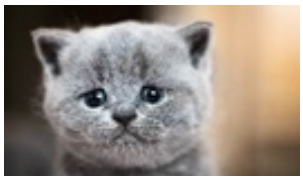
SECURITY CAMERAS

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. 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!

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.



LARGE ITEM PICK UPS

Please continue to use the very successful Sangamon County Large Item Pick-up Program, the program allows eligible residents to schedule pick-up or drop-off of large items not typically accommodated by regular waste management services.

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/.